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**Metabolites profiling and antimicrobial activities in roots and leaves of neptunia oleracea**

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**Abstract**

*Neptunia oleracea* (*N. oleracea*) or known as water mimosa is a local aquatic plant that has been widely used in food recipes. Besides the taste, it is reported to have therapeutic values in reducing diseases such as diabetes mellitus, inflammation and fever. However, the justification of *N. oleracea* practice have not been extensively supported by published studies hence, the aim of this research is to identify the metabolites of leaves and roots of *N. oleracea*, investigate the antioxidant and antimicrobial activity in the leaves of *N. oleracea*. The leaves and roots of *N. oleracea* were separated and extracted using methanol as solvent. Qualitative studies were done using Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) analysis. Meanwhile phytochemical screenings were carried out in identification of reducing sugar, alkaloids, glycosides, flavonoids, protein, terpenoids, phytosterols, and tannins in the samples. Investigation of antimicrobial activity of leaves of *N. oleracea* with concentration of 10mg/ml, 50mg/ml and 100 mg/ml was done against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Candida albicans* to provide insights of this study. TLC results shows the leaves and roots of *N. oleracea* extracted constituted of polar compounds and phytochemical screening reveals presence of flavonoids in leaves and roots extract of *N. oleracea* while tannins and alkaloids only found the in leaves extract of *N. oleracea*. NMR spectroscopy showed presence of compound at aliphatic and sugar region for both leaves and roots extract of *N. oleracea* while presence of peak at the aromatic region only seen in leaves extract of *N. oleracea*. Antimicrobial study reveals significance ( $p < 0.05$ ) activity against *C. albicans* only in leaves. Presence of certain metabolites in *N. oleracea* may contributes to its antimicrobial and antioxidant activities that beneficial in managing and preventing development of diseases. © 2020, Advanced Scientific Research. All rights reserved.

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