



# Bioactive composition, antifungal, antioxidant, and anticancer potential of agarwood essential oil from decaying logs (*Gyrinops* spp.) of Papua Island (Indonesia)

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## ABSTRACT

Decaying logs of *Gyrinops* spp. are an important agarwood source originating from Papua Island and have been exploited since 2004. It is well known as the resinous heartwood used as a pharmaceutical resource and was listed under the trading name “*filaria*” before 2020. The bioactive and chemical composition of agarwood essential oil (AEO) from decaying logs (*Gyrinops* spp., M1) was studied to ensure its potential in comparison with AEO from a 1.5-year-old inoculated agarwood tree (M2) and that of ordinary commercial AEO (M3). The chemical composition analyzed by the retention index showed that M1 had quite a similar profile to that of M2, while M1 was different from M3. Ten compounds in M1 were responsible for determining specific agarwood odor: agarospirol, dehydrojinkoh-eremol, baimuxinal, selina-3,11-dien-9-ol, selina-3,11-dien-14-al, selina-3,11-dien-14-ol, selina-4,11-dien-14-al, guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-ol, dihydrokaranone, and guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-al. The AEO of M1 had higher inhibition to the growth of *Fusarium solani* and showed the highest antioxidant activities compared to AEO of M2 and M3. Furthermore, all AEOs showed anticancer properties against breast cancer (MCF-7) in the range from 0.8% to 15.1% at the concentration of 0.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>. This study indicated that decaying logs (*Gyrinops* spp.) had antifungal, antioxidant, and anticancer potentials and could be further used as pharmaceutical resources.

## INTRODUCTION

Agarwood, locally known as gaharu in Indonesia, is the name for the impregnated heartwood resin produced by the genera *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops* (Gong and Guo, 2009). It has been in high demand due to its special usage in premium perfume ingredients, aromatherapy, pharmaceuticals, herbal medicines, and religious ceremonies for centuries. Six from the total of 29 species in the genus *Aquilaria* (Saikia and Khan, 2013; Soehartono and Newton,

2001) and seven from the total of nine species in the *Gyrinops* genus are known to grow naturally in Indonesia (Barden *et al.*, 2000). In Indonesia, the central site of agarwood trade has been shifted based on the abundance of wild agarwood extraction in certain locations. In the years 1918–1925 (Dwiprabowo *et al.*, 2016; Perdanahardja, 2008), agarwood trade was located at Tanjung Selor and Tarakan (North Kalimantan), Tanjung Redeb, Pekanbaru and Siak Indrapura (Riau-Sumatera), Belitung Island, and Kumai Pontianak. Nowadays, the center of agarwood trade has been shifted to the eastern part of Indonesia, specifically Sulawesi and Papua Island, with the product coming from the genus *Gyrinops* spp. (Mulyaningsih and Yamada, 2007), and the trading name is known as “malakensis” and “*filaria*” (Turjaman *et al.*, 2016).

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In Papua Island, the eastern part of Indonesia, it was reported that agarwood originated from two parts of the island, Northern and Southern Papua, and they were identified as *Aquilaria filaria* and *Gyrinops* spp. (Boissière *et al.*, 2004). The Jayawijaya Mountain Belt separates the island into two parts and those may be the cause of different species growing in different parts (Mulyaningsih and Yamada, 2007). Since 2000, the population of *A. filaria* originating from the southern part of Papua has been recorded to decline sharply for a number of reasons (i.e., overexploitation, high demand from consumers, and good livelihood for the forest communities). Related to the occurrence of *A. filaria*, there were three periods of agarwood harvesting in Southern Papua (Semiadi *et al.*, 2010): (1) agarwood harvesting by clear-cutting all standing trees which were practiced before 1999, (2) collection of residual tree pieces left in the field from previous periods of harvesting which were practiced during 1999–2003, and (3) digging up a burden stump, also known as a decaying log, from the average depth of 100–200 cm which has been practiced since 2004 up to the present time. Based on the legal document record of agarwood production issued by BBKSDA Papua (Forest Resource Conservation Agency of Papua, Ministry of Environment and Forestry), the volume of agarwood originating from decaying logs for the *kemedangan* tree class (lowest grade) can reach 100 tons/year. Before 2020, definitive species for traded agarwood from Papua have been unidentified and only listed by their trading name “*filaria*.” Based on the latest species identification (Sugiyanto *et al.*, 2018), decaying logs originated from the genus *Gyrinops*, with the quota export for Indonesia given by CITES reaching up to 1,000 tons/year.

Agarwood essential oil (AEO) is an oil extracted from the agarwood tree. It is obtained by distillation and is the most principal ingredient for premium perfumes due to its unique fragrance and long-lasting odor. Several studies have been previously conducted to determine AEO qualities (Ismail *et al.*, 2014), to enhance AEO yield by several pretreatments (Yoswathana *et al.*, 2012), and to investigate its phytochemical constituents and their bioactive properties (Abdullah *et al.*, 2007; Ahmaed *et al.*, 2017; Azah *et al.*, 2008; Chen *et al.*, 2012; Dahham *et al.*, 2015; Hashim *et al.*, 2014; Hoque *et al.*, 2018; Ibrahim *et al.*, 2011; Ismail *et al.*, 2014; Radzi *et al.*, 2018; Tajuddin and Yusoff, 2010; Thuy *et al.*, 2019; Wang *et al.*, 2018; Zhang *et al.*, 2014a). On the contrary, there is no record of the study on AEO originating from decaying logs (*Gyrinops* spp.). However, there were reports on several *Gyrinops* species that produced agarwood resin, i.e., *Gyrinops walla*, *Gyrinops salicifolia*, and *Gyrinops versteegii* (Faizal *et al.*, 2020; Subasinghe *et al.*, 2012), which led to the necessity for further investigations. This study was conducted to evaluate the chemical composition and bioactive potential of AEO from decaying logs (*Gyrinops* sp.), as well as to make comparisons of AEO from 1.5-year-old inoculated *Aquilaria malaccensis* and that commercial AEO available in the common market.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Plant materials and chemicals

A decaying log (M1) of agarwood from the forest of Asmat District, Papua, was collected for this research (Fig. 1). A comparison was carried out with other AEOs from different

sources, namely M2 AEO and M3 AEO. The agarwood was obtained from 1.5-year-old inoculated *A. malaccensis*, while the AEO was distilled from its unaffected heartwood samples of the 1.5-year-old inoculated *A. malaccensis* (M2) which were considered to have the lowest agarwood qualities. The common commercial AEO (M3) of *A. malaccensis* was purchased from agarwood farmers in Lingga Island, Riau Archipelago, originating from the hydrodistillation process of 3-year-old inoculated agarwood. Chemicals including alcohol, potato dextrose agar (PDA), glycerol 20%, Folin–Ciocalteu, dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), methanol, and 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) were used at commercial grades.

### Water distillation extraction

The air-dried agarwood samples (100 g) were processed to become powder, then sieved using 60-mesh sieves, and soaked overnight in water. The agarwood oil was obtained by hydrodistillation according to the Zhang *et al.* (2014a) methods. The extracted essential oil then was separated and stored at  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a freezer prior to further analysis.

### Chemical constituent analysis

The chemical constituent of the AEO was identified using gas chromatography (Shimadzu, GC-FID model 2014). Chemical constituent separation was carried out with a TC-5 capillary column (30 m, id  $\times$  0.25 mm). Helium was the carrier gas and was delivered with a column pressure of 100 kPa, at a constant flow rate of 1.5 ml  $\text{minute}^{-1}$  and temperature of interface at  $280^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The initial temperature was  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ , was followed by an



**Figure 1.** Decaying log, *Gyrinops* spp., used for extracted AEO (M1). Harvesting (A) and grading (B) process.

increase from 10°C minute<sup>-1</sup> to 280°C, and then was kept at 280°C for 10 minutes. The injector temperature was maintained at 280°C and the injection volume was 2 ml. The identification of individual components was carried out by comparing and analyzing their retention times with some authentic samples and retention indices related to the n-hydrocarbons series (Hübschmann *et al.*, 2009).

#### Antifungal assay

The AEO antifungal activity was carried out using an agar medium assay according to Philippe *et al.*'s (2012) method with slight modifications. The AEO was diluted with DMSO to obtain the final range concentrations of 50, 500, and 5,000 mg l<sup>-1</sup> which was 5 ml of PDA in glass Petri dishes (5 × 1.5 cm). An agar disk (5 mm diameter) of *Fusarium solani* was inoculated and incubated at room temperature for 7 days. The negative control (without AEO) was treated with the same procedure. The experiments were carried out in triplicate. The growth inhibition percentage was determined by mycelial growth inhibition using the equation

$$\text{Inhibition (\%)} = [(Jc - Jt) / Jc] \times 100.$$

where *Jc* is radial covered for control and *Jt* is radial covered for the treated sample.

#### Antioxidant activity assay

The antioxidant activity of AEO was determined according to previously published methods with slight modifications (Hidayat *et al.*, 2019). The extract was diluted using a series of test tubes with ethyl acetate to obtain a range of concentration of 0.25 ml of DPPH (1 M) and was added with methanol to obtain 2.5 ml of final reaction volume. After incubation at room temperature for 30 minutes; the absorbance was monitored at 517 nm. The ethyl acetate solution without extracts was selected as the control. All experiments were conducted in triplicate. The inhibitory activity was analyzed and calculated from  $[(A_0 - A_1) / A_0] \times 100$ , where *A*<sub>0</sub> is the control absorbance and *A*<sub>1</sub> is the extract or standard absorbance. The antioxidant activity was expressed as inhibitory concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>), namely the necessary amount of sample for reducing the concentration of initial DPPH by half.

#### Cytotoxicity assay

Cytotoxicity evaluation of AEO was carried out using the 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-Diphenyltetrazolium Bromide (MTT) assay as described by Mosmann (1983). The exponential growth phase of MCF-7 cells (1 × 10<sup>5</sup> per ml of cells) was cultured in a 96-well polystyrene-coated plate containing 100 mg l<sup>-1</sup> of agarwood oil and was incubated at 37°C for 48 hours in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. After being incubated for 48 hours, 100 µl of the MTT reagent was added to each well and continued to incubate until 4 hours. Ethanol was used for dissolving formazan crystals in each well, and absorbance immediately was monitored at 595 nm. The wells containing MTT reagent and complete medium and nanoparticles without cells were used as blanks. Positive control was obtained by using doxorubicin.

#### Statistical analysis

All results were presented in their mean values and analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (version

15) for Windows. The identification results of the individual compounds of AEO were displayed in a heatmap and biplot graph. The biplot analysis was conducted using two principal factors (F1 and F2) for each AEO compound, while the AEO spectrum was analyzed using JMP statistical software (version 15) for Windows.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Agarwood essential oil (AEO)

Agarwood is a resinous heartwood from the Thymelaeaceae family deriving from a wounded part caused by both physical injury and pathogens infection (Jong *et al.*, 2014; Turjaman *et al.*, 2016). The formation of agarwood could be triggered by natural and artificial induction processes. Natural agarwood formation occurs in a very slow process and may take several decades (Jong *et al.*, 2014; Turjaman *et al.*, 2016). Artificial agarwood induction by using a proper technique and formula will produce high-grade agarwood with a quality that closely resembles those obtained from the natural source only in several months or years (Tan *et al.*, 2019). A decaying log (M1) has been identified as the genus *Gyrinops* based on wood anatomy structures: 1) Wood had cambial variants in the form of scattered insertion of bark, 2-6 multiple oval-shaped vessels with an average diameter of 90.11 ± 2.59 µm. There were recesses between the vessels with opposite radial position. No tylosis found in the part containing agarwood resin. The apotracheal parenchyma was scattered while the paratracheal was sparse. Axial parenchyma 2 – 5 cells per strand; 2) Heterocellular radius type with a width of 1 – 2 series and an average height of 225 µm. The frequency of the radius was 9.1 mm<sup>2</sup> and the recesses have dots (Sugiyanto *et al.*, 2018). M1 AEO was originated from a decaying log where agarwood formation might result from a natural process. However, the exact time of agarwood formation itself was still unclear. There were two possibilities for the starting point of formation: (1) the induction occurred when they were still standing trees and then they were cut down and buried under the soil surface or (2) the standing trees were cut down and found to have no agarwood formation and then the abandoned falling trees were slowly buried, and agarwood formation started to occur when they were buried under the soil surface.

In this study, M2 AEO was obtained from 1.5-year-old artificial induction of an *A. malaccensis* tree with the endophytic fungus of *F. solani*. Agarwood formation induced by *F. solani* has also been reported in *Aquilaria microcarpa*, *A. malaccensis*, *Aquilaria crassna*, and *Aquilaria beccariana*, as well as *Gyrinops* spp. (Sitepu *et al.*, 2011; Turjaman *et al.*, 2016). The yield of AEO obtained by hydrodistillation of M1 and M2 was 0.079% (w/w) and 0.084% (w/w). The AEO for M1, M2, and M3 (control) showed different colors and states at room temperature. At the concentration of 1,000 ppm, M1 and M2 were clear to yellow, aromatic, and paste, while M3 was yellow to brown, aromatic, and liquid at room temperature. The yield of M2 AEO was quite high in volume compared to that of M1. The hydrodistillation employed was the conventional method with some disadvantages such as low yield (Yoswathana *et al.*, 2012). However, it was easily operated by many farmers because it was simple and easy. The differences in M1 and M2 yield were important results because it depended on raw material resin qualities and its compound

contents (Naef, 2011; Zhang *et al.*, 2012), as well as pretreatments extraction (Yoswathana *et al.*, 2012).

### Chemical composition of AEO

The volatile constituent of AEO was obtained by hydrodistillation as presented in Table 1. From all different AEO sources, a total of 63 chemical constituents were identified consisting of several aromatic, sesquiterpenes, and fatty acids. The abundance of each compound was sourced from sesquiterpene groups (30.90%–46.39%). Fifty-eight compounds were determined in M1 (Table 1), representing 48.53% of the total relative amounts, with the dominant compounds being isoaromadendrene epoxide (2.59%), 1,5-epoxy-nor-ketoguaiene (2.27%), dehydrojinkoh-eremol (2.06%), and  $\alpha$ -bisabolol (2.06%) for sesquiterpene groups and 2-hexadecanone (1.74%), tetradecanal (1.57%), and pentadecanal (0.66%) for fatty acid groups. Fifty-one compounds were also identified in M2 (Table 1), representing 49.99% of the total relative amounts, with higher compounds being isoaromadendrene epoxide (2.66%), agarospirol (4.17%), 4,4,11,11-tetramethyl-7-tetracyclo[6.2.1.0(3.8)0(3.9)]undecanol (2.82%), baimuxinal (2.17%), and guaia-1(10),11-dien-9-one (2.33%) for sesquiterpene groups and tetradecanal (1.32%), and tetradecanoic acid (0.61%) for fatty acid groups. Fifty-six compounds were identified in M3 (Table 1). AEO was available in the market as a positive control, representing 36.63% of the total relative amounts. The abundance of compounds was 2,6-dimethoxyphenol (0.74%), 3,4-dimethoxyphenol (1.24%), and vanillin (1.46%) for aromatic groups; drima-7,9(11)-diene (5.52%) and  $\alpha$ -bulnesene (2.52%) for sesquiterpene groups; and pentadecanal (0.69%) for fatty acid groups. 9,11-Eremophiladien-8-one was only present in M1, and rotundone was only present in M3 as a positive control. Although some compounds found were minor or a trace, at least 41 compounds were found in all observed AEOs, such as vanillin, aromadendrene, agarospirol, dehydrojinkoh-eremol, baimuxinal, selina-3,11-dien-9-ol, selina-3,11-dien-14-al, guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-ol, and guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-al, while the others were only present in the essential oil of M1 and M2, M1 and M3, or M2 and M3.

Generally, the profile chemical constituents in M1 had a quite similar profile to those in M2, while M1 was different from M3 (Fig. 2). The differences between the essential oils of M1 and M3 were showed in their colors and forms, 12 compounds, 2 aromatic groups (*p*-vinylanisole and 2-butanone 4-phenyl), 8 sesquiterpene compounds (4-epi-*cis*-dihydroagarofuran,  $\beta$ -guaiene,  $\gamma$ -gurjunene,  $\gamma$ -muurolene, eudesm-7(11)-en-4 $\alpha$ -ol, rotundone, 9,11-eremophiladien-8-1, and eudesmol), and 2 fatty acid groups (tridecanoic acid and tetradecanoic acid); and the total relative content of the chemical constituent in M3 for all total chemical groups was the lowest except for aromatic groups. Furthermore, there were 12 compounds present in M2 or M3. Those were benzylactone, 2,6-dimethoxyphenol, 4-epi-*cis*-dihydroagarofuran, drima-7,9(11)-diene,  $\beta$ -guaiene,  $\alpha$ -muurolene, eudesm-7(11)-en-4 $\alpha$ -ol, 9,11-eremophiladien-8-one, selina-3,11-dien-14-ol, dihydrokaranone, pentadecanal, and hexadecanol. The important finding in this study was that at least 10 compounds had been identified to be responsible for a specific

agarwood odor, such as agarospirol, dehydrojinkoh-eremol, baimuxinal, selina-3,11-dien-9-ol, selina-3,11-dien-14-al, selina-3,11-dien-14-ol, selina-4,11-dien-14-al, guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-ol, dihydrokaranone, and guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-al. These results revealed that the raw material of M1 containing agarwood resin had different chemical constituents from M3.

Although there were differences in the chemical composition found in M1, M2, and M3, they were closely related to previous studies explaining the variation of chemical composition found in AEO. It was determined that M1 AEO had major sesquiterpene components produced by the mitogen-activated protein kinase, signaling pathways which led to the expression of sesquiterpene synthase genes (Rasool and Mohamed, 2016; Xu *et al.*, 2013). In all AEO assays from different sources, 63 compounds could be identified and 58 of them were found in M1 AEO. All of the detected compounds were commonly found in agarwood from different qualities and sources (Ahmaed and Kulkarni, 2017; Chen *et al.*, 2012; Naef, 2011; Tajuddin *et al.*, 2013; Thuy *et al.*, 2019; Wetwitayaklung *et al.*, 2009; Yusoff *et al.*, 2015).

In the market, the AEO quality and grade depend on physical appearance, fixative characteristics, odor, color, and consumer perception, which can only be determined by a trained person (Ismail *et al.*, 2014). This is a conventional method and has been debatable considering its subjectivity, large labor expense, poor reproducibility, and time consumption (Ismail *et al.*, 2014). Other methods to determine AEO grade or quality are by evaluating its chemical composition characteristics (Ishihara and Tsuneya, 1993a, 1993b). Furthermore, Ismail *et al.* (2014) summarized the component based on the characteristic of the AEO itself. The high quality of the AEO was determined by its high content of  $\alpha$ -guaiene, (-)-guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-al, (-)-selina-3,11-dien,9-one, (+)-selina-3,11-dien,9-ol, eudesmane,  $\beta$ -agarofuran (the most important compound),  $\alpha$ -agarofuran, 10-epi- $\gamma$ -eudesmol, and sesquiterpene groups (major). The chemical compounds mentioned above were detected to be present in all studied AEOs (M1, M2, and M3), except (-)-selina-3,11-dien,9-one, and 10-epi- $\gamma$ -eudesmol. The relative amount of  $\beta$ -agarofuran in M3 (0.589%) was higher than that of M1 and M2, as well as  $\alpha$ -guaiene with a relative amount of more than 0.05%. This indicated that both the AEO of M1 and M2 showed high similarity in the form of grade or quality as shown in Figure 2. Among all AEOs studied, M3 AEO was considered to have higher quality. Although the key compounds responsible for classifying AEO quality had been determined in M1, M2, and M3, the positive correlation results with conventional methods were still undecided.

### Bioactive activities

The antifungal, antioxidant, and cytotoxicity capabilities of M1, M2, and M3 AEO are displayed in Table 2. Antifungal activity was tested against *F. solani*, a plant pathogen and a biological agent for agarwood formation (Sitepu *et al.*, 2011; Turjaman *et al.*, 2016). The antifungal activity of AEO was evaluated by the percentage of minimum growth inhibition (MIG<sub>50</sub>) values. All AEOs inhibiting the growth of *F. solani* with MIG<sub>50</sub> ranged from 0.5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> to 6.9 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>. The strongest antifungal activity was obtained from M1, whereas M3 showed the weakest

**Table 1.** The heatmap of relative contents of chemical compounds of AEO of M1, M2, and M3.

No	Compounds	Heat map of relative content (%) <sup>a</sup>			Retention index (RI) <sup>b</sup>	Sources
		M1	M2	M3		
	Aromatics	0.283	0.133	3.978		
1	<i>p</i> -vinylanisole				1,159	RI (Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2014a)
2	<i>p</i> -metoxyphenol				1,195	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
3	2 butanone 4 phenyl				1,206	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
4	Benzylactone				1,260	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2014a)
5	2,6 dimethoxyphenol				1,302	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
6	3,4-dimethoxyphenol				1,310	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
7	Vanilin				1,419	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
	Sesquiterpenes	42.835	46.390	30.904		
8	$\beta$ -Maaliene				1,414	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
9	$\gamma$ -selinene				1,437	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
10	$\alpha$ -guaiene				1,440	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
11	Aromadendrane				1,445	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
12	Humulena				1,446	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
13	4 epi cis dihydroagarofuran				1,452	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
14	Drima-7,9(11)-diene				1,458	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
15	$\beta$ -guaiene				1,467	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
16	Valencene				1,469	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
17	$\gamma$ -gurjunene				1,471	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
18	$\beta$ -agarofuran				1,473	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
19	$\gamma$ -muurolene				1,487	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
20	$\alpha$ -selinene				1,493	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
21	$\alpha$ -muurolene				1,495	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
22	$\gamma$ guaieene				1,501	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
23	$\alpha$ -bulnesene				1,510	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
24	$\alpha$ -elemol				1,523	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
25	$\alpha$ -agarofuran				1,534	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
26	Elemol				1,552	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
27	Epoxybulnesene				1,574	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
28	Caryophellene oxide				1,595	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
29	Isoaromadendrene epoxide				1,607	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
30	Hinesol				1,612	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
31	1,5-epoxy-nor-ketoguaieene				1,617	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
32	Agarospinol				1,636	RI (Ahmaed <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
33	Jinko-eremol				1,642	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
34	Kusunol				1,648	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
35	$\alpha$ -eudesmol				1,653	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
36	Bulnesol				1,660	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
37	Eudesm-7(11)-en-4 $\alpha$ -ol				1,665	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)

Continued

No	Compounds	Heat map of relative content (%) <sup>a</sup>			Retention index (RI) <sup>b</sup>	Sources
		M1	M2	M3		
38	Dehydrojinkoh-eremol				1,670	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
39	6-Isopropenyl-4,8a-dimethyl-1,2,3,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-2-ol				1,676	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
40	$\alpha$ -bisabolol				1,681	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
41	4,4,11,11-tetramethyl-7tetracyclo[6.2.1.0(3.8)0(3.9)]undecanol				1,690	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
42	Rotundone				1,704	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
43	Baimuxinal				1,708	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
44	Selina-3,11-dien-9-ol				1,722	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
45	Selina-4,11-dien-14-oic acid				1,725	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
46	Selina-3,11-dien-14-al				1,736	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
47	9,11-eremophiladien-8-one				1,740	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
48	Selina-3,11-dien-14-ol				1,747	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
49	Guaia-1(10),11-dien-9-one				1,754	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
50	Selina-4,11-dien-14-al				1,757	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
51	Guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-ol				1,769	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
52	Dihydrokaranone				1,796	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
53	Guaia-1(10),11-dien-15-al				1,810	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
54	Oxo-agarospirol				1,824	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
55	Eudesmol				1,882	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
	Fatty acid and alkanes	5.412	3.376	1.744		
56	Tetradecanal				1,590	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
57	Pentadecanal				1,696	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
58	2-hexadecanone				1,782	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
59	Hexadecanol				1,855	RI (Yusoff <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
60	Tridecanoic Acid				1,646	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
61	Tetradecanoic acid				1,773	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
62	Pentadecanoic acid				1,841	RI (Wetwitayaklung <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
63	cis-5-Dodecenoic acid				1,858	RI (Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2012)

<sup>a</sup>Highest percentage of relative content of the compounds is shown as dark-brown color, while lowest percentage is shown as clear-brown color. Relative content of the compounds were calculated from the peak area relative to the total peak.

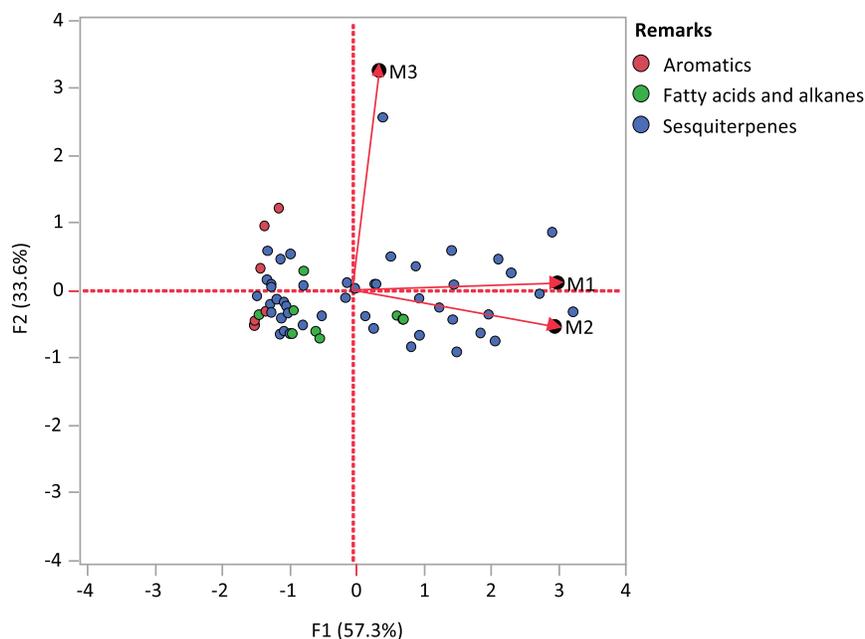
<sup>b</sup>RI values according to Hübschmann *et al.* (2009).

<sup>c</sup>Scale of heatmap color: 

one. Based on these results, it was clear that the AEO from the decaying log demonstrated a high capacity for inhibiting the growth of *F. solani*. Agarwood formation is closely related to damage or physical wounding of an agarwood-producing tree by cutting, injury, microorganism, fire, pest or insect attack, and chemical (Dai *et al.*, 2009; Rasool and Mohamed, 2016; Tan *et al.*, 2019). The wounding and infection will trigger a defense mechanism to produce the major component of agarwood (i.e., sesquiterpenes and chromones) in parenchyma cells. Sesquiterpenes have been considered to contribute to physical restriction and chemical inhibition of microbes within vessels, consequently avoiding their spread (Zhang *et al.*, 2014a, 2014b). This study confirmed that the growth of *F. solani*, a plant pathogen and an inducer of agarwood formation (Sitepu *et al.*, 2011; Turjaman *et al.*, 2016),

was inhibited by M1 (MIG<sub>50</sub>, 0.5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>), M2 (MIG<sub>50</sub>, 3.2 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>), and M3 (MIG<sub>50</sub>, 6.9 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) AEOs. These results showed a positive correlation between sesquiterpene contents on each AEO sample.

The antioxidant activity of AEO was conducted by using the DPPH assay and the results are presented in Table 2. This method was widely practiced because of its low cost, simplicity, reliability, reproducibility, and wide practice (Hidayat *et al.*, 2018). The antioxidant activities (IC<sub>50</sub>) for all samples ranged from 7.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> to more than 200 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>. The IC<sub>50</sub> value of M1 was higher than that of M2 (> 200 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) and M3 (7.8 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>). According to this result, M1 and M3 AEOs showed their potential inhibition capacity for free radical molecules of DPPH. However, the inhibition capacity was categorized as very weak (> 0.2 mg



**Figure 2.** Biplot based on principal component analysis for the AEO compounds and the first (F1) and second (F2) principal components of the AEO GC spectrum.

**Table 2.** Potential bioactive assay of AEO as antifungal, antioxidant and anticancer.

Bioactive potential of AEO		Samples					
		M1		M2		M3	
		Antifungus					
0.05	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	38.1	%	42.5	%	26.4	%
0.5	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	54.0	%	47.1	%	37.9	%
5	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	58.7	%	50.6	%	48.3	%
	MIG <sub>50</sub>	0.5	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	3.2	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	6.9	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>
		Antioxidant					
0.4	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	10.4	%	5.6	%	10.6	%
0.5	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	12.9	%	6.6	%	11.2	%
0.6	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	16.1	%	6.9	%	16.3	%
	IC <sub>50</sub>	7.1	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	>100	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	7.8	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>
		Anticancer					
0.1	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	0.8	%	8.1	%	15.1	%
0.001 <sup>a</sup>	mg ml <sup>-1</sup>	91.9	%				

<sup>a</sup>Doxorubicin as the positive control.

ml<sup>-1</sup> or > 200 µg ml<sup>-1</sup>) (Hidayat *et al.*, 2018). The AEO originated from *Aquilaria sinensis* had been previously studied (Wang *et al.*, 2018), in which the antioxidant activities (IC<sub>50</sub> > 60 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) were much weaker than vitamin E and butylated hydroxytoluene as well as AEOs used in this study. The antioxidant activities increased when purification was conducted to a single component of AEO. Purification of AEO from *A. crassna* that yielded β-caryophyllene showed high antioxidant activity with that equal to the value of ascorbic acid (Dahham *et al.*, 2015).

The cytotoxicity of AEO was evaluated against MCF-7 cells using the MTT assay. The inhibition percentage was analyzed, and the results are shown in Table 2. The highest

value of cytotoxicity activities (15.1%) for all the samples at 0.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> was found in M3. The cytotoxicity of all samples was lower compared to the positive control (91.9%). It indicated that all AEOs used in this study showed weak cytotoxic effects against MCF-7. The potential of anticancer properties from AEOs had also been previously studied (Dahham *et al.*, 2015; Hashim *et al.*, 2014; Ibrahim *et al.*, 2011). The anticancer activity of AEO from *A. malaccensis* was determined in the range of 0.004–0.9 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> towards breast cancer (MCF-7) and human colon cancer cells (HCT116) (Hashim *et al.*, 2014; Ibrahim *et al.*, 2011). In this study, all AEOs showed anticancer properties against MCF-7 in the range of 0.8%–15.1% at the concentration of 0.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>.

The AEO also contained some bioactive properties such as antifungal (Wetwitayaklung *et al.*, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2014a), antibacterial (Chen *et al.*, 2012; Hoque *et al.*, 2018; Wang *et al.*, 2018; Wetwitayaklung *et al.*, 2009), antioxidant (Dahham *et al.*, 2015; Wang *et al.*, 2018), and anticancer (Dahham *et al.*, 2015; Hashim *et al.*, 2014) properties. Several other studies had also identified AEO compounds containing bioactive properties, such as  $\beta$ -caryophyllene for its antioxidant, antimicrobial, and anticancer properties (Dahham *et al.*, 2015);  $\alpha$ -guaiene showed antimicrobial and antiviral properties for influenza A (H2N2) virus (Swamy *et al.*, 2016); gurjunene, eudesmol, and muurolene showed antiviral against avian influenza A virus, H5N1 (Ibrahim *et al.*, 2015; Swamy *et al.*, 2016); and gurjunene, muurolene, humulene, and eudesmol showed a potential to treat SARS-CoV-2 (Silva *et al.*, 2020). The results of this research supported previous findings and highlighted that AEO from the decaying log of the genus *Gyrinops* possessed several potential bioactive compounds.

## CONCLUSION

This study is the first report on the chemical composition of AEO from a decaying log (*Gyrinops* spp.) originated from Papua Island of Indonesia. Fifty-eight compounds of essential oil were determined, and at least 10 compounds were responsible for specific agarwood odor. Essential oil showed promising antifungal activity (MIG<sub>50</sub>, 0.5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) against the phytopathogenic fungi *F. solani*, antioxidant activity (IC<sub>50</sub>, 7.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>), and anticancer activity (0.8% at concentration of 0.1 mg ml<sup>-1</sup>) against MCF-7 cells. Thus, AEO originated from the decaying log may be used as a supporting and promising candidate of the pharmaceutical agents for wider biotechnology applications in the future. Therefore, it is suggested that further work should focus on the isolation and identification of the mode of action of each bioactive substance.

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