Systematic Review: Phytochemical Content and Pharmacological Effects of *Chrysanthemum* Sp.

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Abstract

*Chrysanthemum* sp is a plant that is often used by the community as an ornamental plant, drink and traditional medicine. This study aims to examine the plant *Chrysanthemum* sp from the aspect of phytochemical and pharmacological activity. The review method used in this study is the PRISMA method. Sources of data obtained using databases electronic from PubMed and Google Scholar. The results of this review show that plants *Chrysanthemum* sp have phytochemical and pharmacological potential. The compounds contained in the plant *Chrysanthemum* sp are morphine, genistein, hydantoin, limonene, g-terpinene, a-pinene, a-terpenyl acetate, 4-terpenyl acetate, a-calacorene, a-cedrene, b-bourbobene, elemol, 2-hexenal, and orphenadrine. Chrysanthemum plants have anticancer, antibacterial, antioxidant, antifungal, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and anticonsulvan activities.

**Key words:** *Chrysanthemum* sp, pharmacological activity, phytochem

Introduction

*Chrysanthemum* sp is a type of plant that is in great demand by the public and is often used as an ornamental plant. A part from being an ornamental plant, chrysanthemum also has the potential as a medicinal plant. The group of chemical compounds contained in chrysanthemum plants are flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and terpenoids (Jung, EK 2009).

Previous literature mentions that the plant *Chrysanthemum* sp contains phytochemicals that have potential as drugs. These phytochemicals are reported to have antiallergic, antioxidant, and antimicrobial activity (Yang et al. 2017). However, in the previous literature review, comprehensive data on the phytochemical content, pharmacological effects and mechanism of action have not been presented. The purpose of this research is to examine the phytochemical aspects and
pharmacological activities as well as the mechanism of action of the plant *Chrysanthemum sp.* of various species.

**Method**

The method used in this study is a *systematic review* in accordance with the *Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses* (PRISMA). Sources of data were obtained from the database electronic PubMed, and Google Scholar. The keywords used are *chrysanthemum, activity, secondary metabolites* and *chemical composition*. The inclusion criteria used were articles from 2009-2021, using English and Indonesian. The type of article used is Original Article and the content of the manuscript that is relevant to the specified topic. Meanwhile, the research exclusion criteria were articles published before 2009 and *Review Articles*.

The search resulted in 209 articles which were then filtered according to the subject of the desired material, namely the phytochemical content and pharmacological effects of the plant *Chrysanthemum sp* so that 5 articles were selected for review. Furthermore, a comparison and analysis of the articles that have been obtained is carried out to be developed into a review article.

![Diagram of PRISMA Guideline systematic review of plants Chrysanthemum sp.](image)

**Taxonomy**

*Chrysanthemum sp* is a plant that belongs to the division *Spermatophyta* with sub-division *Angiospermae*. *Chrysanthemum sp* belongs to the class *Dycotiledonae*, order Asterales, family Asteraceae, and genus *Chrysanthemum*. *Chrysanthemum sp* has several species including *Chrysanthemum morifolium, Chrysanthemum maximum, Chrysanthemum daisy, Chrysanthemum indicum, and Chrysanthemum parthenium* (Tjitrosoepomo, 2013).
Botanical description

Plants *Chrysanthemum* sp has a white taproot. Stem height ranges from 0.5-1 m. The stem of *Chrysanthemum* sp is green, round, erect, and slightly branched, and has a rough surface (Andiani, 2013). Leaf *Chrysanthemum* sp is a type of single alternate leaves with pointed tip, base rounded shape, and has a bertoreh edge. Leaves *Chrysanthemum* sp. green and has a rough surface. Leaf size *Chrysanthemum* sp. ranging from 7-13 cm for leaf length, and 3-6 cm for leaf width (Andiani, 2013). Flower *Chrysanthemum* sp including compound interest form, which has a diameter of 3-5 cm. Flower petals *Chrysanthemum* sp. cup-shaped, pointed tip, and has stamens and a fine pistil located in the middle of the flower, (Andiani, 2013).

![Image](a) The roots of Chrysanthemum, (B) Rod Chrysanthemum, (C) leaves Chrysanthemum, and D (Chrysanthemum)

Distribution of Geographic

*Chrysanthemum* sp found in Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Australia, China, the Netherlands, Brunei, and Vietnam (Ekanantari, 2014). There are about 40 species of chrysanthemum scattered in Asia and Eastern Europe (Ryu, 2019).

Traditional Uses

*Chrysanthemum* sp is often used as a traditional medicine by the community. Dosage forms that are often made such as herbal drinks in the form of tea are believed to be able to treat health problems that occur in the community such as diseases caused by bacteria (Setiawati, 2019). In traditional Chinese medicine, chrysanthemum is used as an anti-inflammatory (Yang et al. 2017).

Active Compound

Extraction of essential oils in *Chrysanthemum* sp. So far it was reported that the main compounds in the leaves were limonene (26.83%), g-terpinene (19.68%), a-pinene (9.7%) and a-terpenyl acetate (7.16%). While in the stem it contains limonene (32.91%), 4-terpenyl acetate (16.33%) and g-terpinene (5.93%), while in the roots is a compound a-calacorene (25.98%), a-cedrene (16.55%), b-bourbobene (14.91%), elemol (7.45%) and 2-hexenal (6.88%) (Sassi, et al, 2014).
Metabolite profiles performed using UPLC-QToF-MS/MS showed differences in metabolite profiles in roots, stems, leaves, and chrysanthemums. Typical compounds in the flower parts are morphine and in the leaves genistein and ethanolamine. The main compound in roots, stems, and leaves was Orphenadrine with a percentage of 9.11%, 10.16%, and 3.24%, respectively, and the main compound in the flower part was Morphine with a percentage of 10.86% (Listiyana, et al. al, 2019).

Results and Discussion

Based on the results of the article search, the authors found 5 articles that matched the topic to be reviewed. A summary of the articles is presented in table 1.

Table 1. Table of active compounds isolated from Chrysanthemum sp. and pharmacological activity.

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<th>Active Compounds</th>
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<td>Chrysanthemum morifolium</td>
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<td>Antifungal</td>
<td>Xue, et al (2019)</td>
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Bioactivity

Scientific evidence *Chrysanthemum sp*. Several pharmacological activities have been reported, namely, anticancer, antimicrobial, antioxidant, antifungal, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and anticonvulsant. Each pharmacological activity and its mechanism are described as follows:

**Anticancer Activity**

Extracts of flowers, leaves, stems, and roots of *Chrysanthemum sp* is reported to have different chemical contents. These differences caused differences in cytotoxic activity in T47D cells. It is known that the lead compound from this plant is orphenadrine. There is a relationship between anticancer cytotoxic activity and levels orphenadrine in each part of *Chrysanthemum sp*. The higher the levels of compounds orphenadrine in plants, the higher the anticancer potential (Listiyana, et al, 2019). Mechanism of orphenadrine in *Chrysanthemum sp* as an anticancer is to inhibit the work of cyclin dependent kinase (CDK) which is a cell cycle regulator through activating kinase, so that it can inhibit the formation of an active CDK-Cyclin complex (Mutiah et al, 2020).

![Figure 3. Mechanism of action of flavonoid derivatives as anticancer (Mutiah et al, 2020).](image-url)
**Antibacterial Activity**

Essential oil from leaves *Chrysanthemum sp.* showed antibacterial effect against *Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, with a range of IC\textsubscript{50} 31.25-62.5 g/ml (Sassi, et al., 2014). The mechanism of action of monoterpenes as antibacterial is by diffusion into cells and damaging the structure of cell membranes (Sassi, et al, 2014).

![Diagram showing the mechanism of action of monoterpenes as antibacterial on *Chrysanthemum sp.*](image)

**Figure 4.** The mechanism of action of Monoterpenes as antibacterial on *Chrysanthemum sp.* (Sassi, et al, 2014).

**Antioxidant activity**

Of chrysanthemum leaf simplicia was reported to have antioxidant activity with an IC\textsubscript{50} value of 139.19 ppm. The IC\textsubscript{50} value which is in the range of 50-200 ppm indicates the intensity as a strong antioxidant in chrysanthemum simplicia (Yulianti, 2019). The mechanism of action as an antioxidant is by donating hydrogen ions and then neutralizing the toxic effects of free radicals.
Antifungal Activity

The results collectively indicate that the antifungal properties of secondary metabolites leaves of *C. morifolium* partly be attributed to the content of some terpenoids, including zingiberene, ©-sesquiphellandrene, α-curcumene, (E) -©-farnesene, α-farnesene, and 1,8-cineole (Xue, et al, 2019). The mechanism of terpenoid derivatives in *Chrysanthemum sp* as an antifungal is by reducing the permeability of the cell membrane of microorganisms. Then it binds with protein and lipid molecules so that it affects the physiological function of cell membrane proteins and enzyme proteins (Komala, et al, 2019).

**Figure 5.** The mechanism of action of flavonoids as antibacterial in *Chrysanthemum sp*

**Figure 6.** Mechanism of action of terpenoid derivatives as antifungal *Chrysanthemum sp* (Komala, et al, 2019).
**Analgesic activity**

The analgesic effect of *Chrysanthemum sp.* has been reported using a pain model method involving peripheral and central mechanisms with acetic acid induction in experimental animals. Extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* (300 mg/kg) exhibited an analgesic effect with approximately 64% significant inhibition. The analgesic activity of extract is *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* due to the presence of alkaloids and flavonoids in the extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* (Salem, et al, 2019). The mechanism of action of alkaloids and flavonoids as analgesics is by inhibiting the cyclooxygenase and 5-lipoxygenase pathways so that arachidonic acid synthesis decreases (Salem, et al, 2019).

![Flavonoids diagram](image)

**Figure 7.** The mechanism of action of flavonoids as analgesics in *Chrysanthemum sp* (Salem, et al, 2019).

**Anti-inflammatory**

Inflammatory activity The anti-inflammatory activity of extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* was evaluated by the percent inhibition of edema reduction performed in carrageenan-induced rats. Several comparisons between the tested groups revealed that oral administration of extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* at doses of 300 and 500 mg/kg showed a reduction in edema. Extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* at a dose of 300 mg/kg caused a significant reduction in leg edema at 5 hours post-administration. Meanwhile, extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* at a dose of 500 mg/kg reduced leg edema at all test time points (Salem, et al, 2019). The mechanism of action of flavonoids in extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* as an anti-inflammatory is to inhibit the formation of prostaglandins and cyclooxygenase (Salem, et al, 2019).
**Anticonsulvan activity**

Extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* given to rats after being induced by Pentylentetrazole revealed that extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* at a dose of 300 mg/kg had anticonsulvan activity. Extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* provided significant variation in latency time for clonic seizures (6.60 ± 0.67) and tonic seizures (9.92 ± 0.97). In addition, extract *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* significantly reduced mortality by 50% compared to 100% mortality in the control group (Salem, et al, 2019). The mechanism of action of hydantoin in *Chrysanthemum trifurcatum* as an anticonsulvan is to delay seizure induction by stimulating the GABA neurotransmitter so that it becomes active (Salem, et al, 2019).

**Figure 8.** Mechanism of action of flavonoids as anti-inflammatory in *Chrysanthemum* (Salem, et al, 2019).

**Figure 9.** Mechanism of action of hydantoin as an anticonsulvan (Salem, et al, 2019).
Conclusions

Plant Chrysanthemum sp has proven to have the potential chemical and pharmacological activity. The compounds contained in the plant Chrysanthemum sp are morphine, genistein, hydantoin, limonene, g-terpinene, a-pinene, a-terpenyl acetate, 4-terpenyl acetate, a-calacorene, a-cedrene, b-bourbobene, elemol, 2- hexenal, ethanolamine, a-terpenyl acetate and orphenadrine. The pharmacological activities of Chrysanthemum sp are anticancer, antibacterial, antioxidant, antifungal, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and anticonsulvan activities. Therefore, Chrysanthemum sp can be recommended as a candidate for herbal medicine. Based on the literature review, it can be concluded that compounds that have antibacterial activity are limonene, terpinene, pinene, pinene and 4-terpenyl acetate. Compounds that have that have antifungal activity is zingiberene, °-sesquiphellandrene, α-curcumene, (E)-®-farnesene, α-farnesene, and 1,8-cineole. Compounds that have anticonsulvan activity are hydantoin. The flavonoids and alkaloids have anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antioxidant activities.

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