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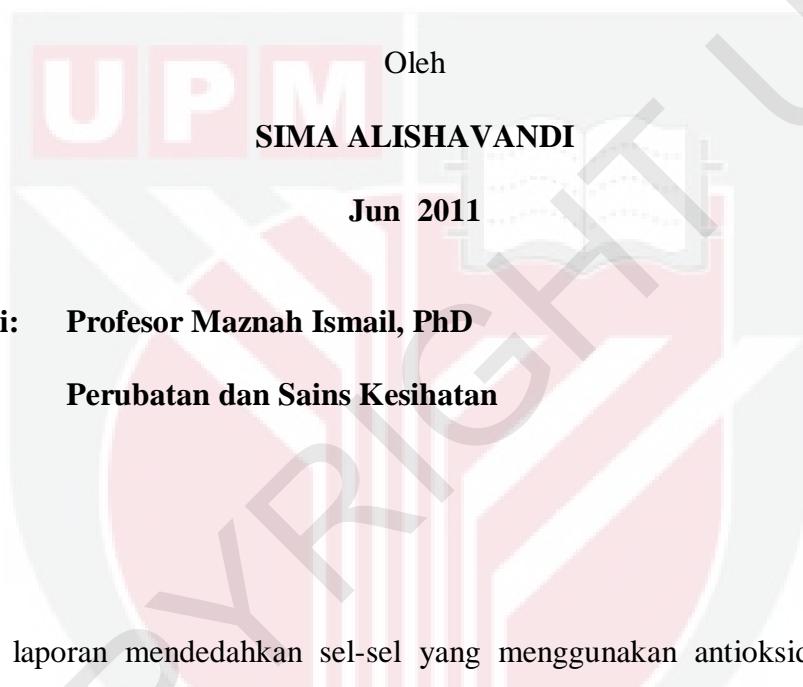
A number of reports reveal that cells use antioxidants as part of the signaling process, responsible for activating an important mechanism for eliminating cancer cells, via programmed cell death (apoptosis). Some study also focused on the capability of antioxidants to inhibit cancer cell growth through modulation of immune system. The present study was to evaluated the Cytotoxicity effect of gamma-oryzanol (OR), oryzanol rich fraction (ORF) and major components of OR, i.e. cycloartenyl ferulate, 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate, Campesteryl ferulate

and sitosteryl ferulate, on colorectal cancer cell line (HT-29), and immunomodulatory effects of those components on human peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC). Cytotoxicity study was performed on HT-29 by using MTS assay .The result showed that OR , ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate significantly inhibited cell growth with the IC<sub>50</sub> value of 98, 80, 75 and 22 $\mu$ g/ml after 72h respectively. The results of AO/PI staining showed that after treated cells in IC<sub>50</sub> value of OR, ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate for 72h percentages of apoptotic cell increased to 18, 38, 19 and 43 % compared to untreated group (1.63%) and the results of cell cycle assay showed an arrest in all treated group by increase in G2/M phase and a decrease in G0/G1 phase respectively. The results of AO/PI and cell cycle was confirmed by Annexin V-FITC/PI and data showed that OR, ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate after 72h in IC<sub>50</sub> value induced 21, 30, 18 and 40% apoptosis in HT-29 cell respectively as compared to untreated group (2%). The results demonstrated that caspase -3 activities of HT-29 cells after treated with IC<sub>50</sub> value of those components in 72h increased up to 0.64, 0.73, 0.51 and 0.76 % compared to untreated group (0.17%) respectively. And caspase -9 activity also increased up to 2.17, 3.75, 2.23 and 6.21 % as compared to untreated group (0.06%).Immunomodulatory study revealed that OR, ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate were able to stimulated the proliferation of PBMC even at low concentration (1  $\mu$ g/ml) and did not inhibit

on at higher concentration (400 µg/ml) in all treated group. The results also demonstrated that those component stimulated interferon-gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) and interleukin-2 (IL-2), production in PBMC after 72h. Data revealed that OR, ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate stimulated production of IL-2 up to 51, 155, 120 and 162 pg/ml respectively as compared to untreated group (2.23 pg/ml) and the production of IFN- $\gamma$  also increased up to 32, 43, 45 and 47 pg/ml as compared to untreated group ( 6.6 pg/ml). Based on the result presented, the components OR, ORF, cycloartenyl ferulate and 24-methylene cycloartanyl ferulate can act as cytotoxic and immunomodulatory agent which are very useful in treating cancer and enhancing the immune system.

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**KESAN GAMMA-ORIZANOL, FRAKSI KAYA ORIZANOL DAN  
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Beberapa laporan mendedahkan sel-sel yang menggunakan antioksidan sebagai sebahagian daripada proses isyarat, bertanggungjawab untuk mengaktifkan mekanisme penting untuk menghapuskan kanser sel, melalui program (apoptosis). Sesetengan kajian juga memfokuskan pada keupayaan antioksidan untuk merencat pertumbuhan sel kanser melalui modulasi sistem imun. Kajian ini telah menilai kesan sitotoksiti orizanol-gamma (OR), fraksi kaya orizanol (ORE) dan beberapa komponen utama dari OR seperti ferulat sikloartenil, 24- ferulat sikloartanil metilin,

ferulat kampesteril dan ferulat sitosteril pada jujukan sel kanser kolorektal (HT-29), dan kesan imunomodalatori sesetengah komponen pada sel mononuklear darah periferi manusia (PBMC). Kajian sitotoksik telah dilakukan pada HT-29 dengan menggunakan asai MTS. Keputusan menunjukkan OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil dan ferulat 24-metilin sikloartenil secara signifikan merencat petumbuhan sel dengan niai  $IC_{50}$  aitu 98, 80, 75 dan 22  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  selepas 72 jam. Keputusan pewarnaan AO/PI menunjukkan selepas sel dirawat dalam nilai  $IC_{50}$  OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil dan ferulat sikloartenil 24-metilin selama 72 jam, peratus sel apoptotik meningkat kepada 18, 38, 19 dan 43 dibandingkan kepada kumpulan yang tidak dirawat (1.63%) dan keputusan asai kitaran sel menunjukkan terdapat penahanan dalam semua kumpulan rawatan dengan peningkatan dalam fasa G2/M dan pengurangan dalam fasa G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub>. Keputusan AO/PI dan kitaran sel disahkan dengan analisis Annexin V-FITC/PI dan data menunjukkan OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil dan ferulat sikloartenil 24-metilena selepas 72 jam dalam nilai  $IC_{50}$  yang diaruh dengan 21, 30, 18 dan 40% apoptosis dalam sel HT-29 apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan tidak dirawat (2%). Keputusan menunjukkan aktiviti caspase-3 pada HT-29 selepas dirawat dengan nilai  $IC_{50}$  sesetengah komponen dalam 72 jam meningkat sehingga 0.64, 0.73, 0.51 dan 0.76% dibandingkan dengan kumpulan yang tidak dirawat (0.17%). Aktiviti caspase-9 juga meningkat sehingga 2.17, 3.75, 2.23 dan 6.21% apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan yang tidak dirawat (0.06%). Kajian modulatori-imun juga mendedahkan OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil

dan ferulat sikloartanil juga boleh menggalakkan proliferasi PBMC walaupun pada kepekatan rendah ( $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ) dan tidak dapat merencat pada kepekatan lebih tinggi ( $400\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ ) dalam semua kumpulan rawat Keputusan juga menunjukkan sesetengah komponen menggalakkan gama-interferon (IFN- $\gamma$ ) dan interleukin-2 (IL-2) dihasilkan dalam PBMC selepas 72 jam. Data mendedahkan OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil dan ferulat sikloartenil 24-metilin mengaruh penghasilan IL-2 sehingga 51, 155, 120 dan  $162 \text{ pg}/\text{ml}$  apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan yang tidak dirawat dengan nilai ( $2.23 \text{ pg}/\text{ml}$ ) dan penghasilan IFN- $\gamma$  juga meningkat sehingga 32, 43, 45 dan  $47 \text{ pg}/\text{ml}$  apabila dibandingkan dengan kumpulan tidak dirawat ( $6.6 \text{ pg}/\text{ml}$ ). Berdasarkan keputusan yang didapati, komponen OR, ORF, ferulat sikloartenil boleh bertindak sebagai sitotoksik dan agen modulatori-imun yang sangat berguna untuk merawat kanser dan meningkatkan sistem imun.

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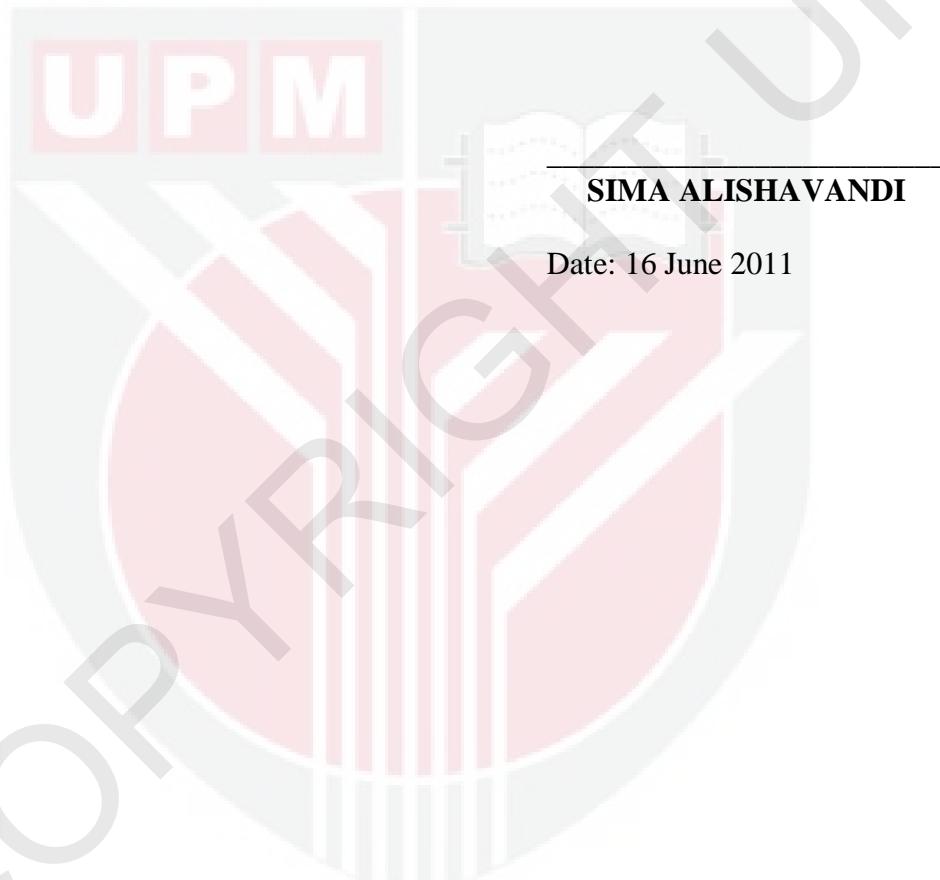
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