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Abbreviations

1CGL: fibroblast collagenase

1FCV: hyaluronidase

4YM9: porcine pancreatic elastase

HPLC: High performance liquid chromatography

PDB: Protein Data Bank

PDBQT: Protein Data Bank, partial charge (Q), and atom type

RNS: reactive nitrogen species

ROS: reactive oxygen species

UV: ultraviolet

UV-Vis: ultraviolet visible

Introduction

Skin is one of the largest organs in the human body and covers almost its entire.^{1,2} Skin has various functions such as protecting muscles, bones, and internal organs.³ Skin can experience aging that is unavoidable due to intrinsic factors, influenced by age, genetics, hormones, and blood sugar levels.⁴ While the majority of extrinsic variables are caused by continuous exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays, pollution, diet, and smoking.^{5,6}

UV radiation is associated with an increase in oxygen radical species on the skin. Excessive reactive radical species such as reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS) can worsen pigmentation and aging of the skin, caused pigmentation disorders, rough skin and skin wrinkling.⁷ In addition to oxidative damage to the skin, ROS are known to activate hyaluronidase, glucogenase, and elastase enzymes.⁸ Increased activity of this enzyme can reduce hyaluronic acid, elastasin, and collagen. These components are key elements of the skin that act on elasticity, flexibility, and moisture provision, allowing the skin to seem young and healthy.^{9,10}

Therefore, to prevent premature aging, the skin needs an antioxidant as well as an enzyme inhibitor which acts as a natural inhibitor of enzymes that are activated due to UV radiation. Carotenoids are a class of compounds that have excellent antioxidant activity.^{11,12}

Vegetables and fruits are considered as the most important sources of carotenoids in the human diet; animal products also contain large amounts of carotenoids.^{13,14}

The lightfoot crab from North Sulawesi, *G. albolineatus*, is known to contain high levels of carotenoids. *G. albolineatus* is a large crab with a large population. *Grapsus albolineatus* Latreille has a convex carapace with low tubercles; lateral, rounded margins, with one anterior tooth; the length of the front is equal to the length of the posterior margin of the carapace. The carapace is greenish-blue with paler areas; lateral margins and tubercles white; legs mottled in brown with one orange spot at the tip of meri.¹⁵ This species has markedly arched carapace lateral margins; outer infraorbital angle with acute tooth; third maxillipeds with long merus, slightly shorter than the ischium; the male abdomen has five somites about 2.3 times as broad as long; G1 is slightly curved. *G. albolineatus* is a large-sized species. Its world distribution includes the Indo-West Pacific: East Africa, Mauritius, Somalia, Socotra, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Southern Oman, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bay of Bengal, Nicobar Islands, Andaman Sea, Mergui Archipelago, China, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Australia, and Hawaii. Its habitat is rocky, intertidal substrate.¹⁶

It is widely distributed in the seas of the South West Pacific. Male *G. albolineatus* have been recognized as having varying quantities of carotenoid pigments, while female *G. albolineatus* have not been studied for the kinds of carotenoid pigments they contain and their separation.

Therefore, this study aimed to explore the pigment and separation of carotenoids in female *G. albolineatus* as well as to test carotenoids as anti-aging and natural inhibitors of hyaluronidase, glucogenase, and elastase enzymes using a molecular docking approach.

Methods

Ethical considerations

The researcher submitted a research permit (ethical clearance) to the UB (Universitas Brawijaya) Ethics committee team. Part of this research was conducted at the university.

Ethical clearance was obtained by including a research proposal, in which the method had a 3R stage, namely: 1) Reduction: using 3 animals, 2) Replacement: using 1 gram of the carapace organ, 3) Refinement: To avoid distress in animals, the researcher used 95% alcohol which functions as an analgesic.

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Sampling and handling

Sampling was carried out by exploring the intertidal area at the lowest low tide at night. The sample was put into a container filled with a little seawater, to ensure the crabs did not die. The dorsal carapace of the 3.7 cm crab in that section was smeared with 95% alcohol, when the crab fainted, surgery was carried out and then extraction was carried out.

Total pigment extraction

Crab samples were first injected to obtain blood from *G. albolineatus* using a five-mile injection and then dissected in order to separate the hepatopancreas and gonads. The next step was to separate the epidermis layer, which is a thin membrane connected to the interior of the carapace, and the black epidermis layer with tweezers and a laboratory knife. The organ carapace was crushed and immersed for five minutes in 2N hydrochloric acid. Then we strained it through filter paper into a separator flask, added petroleum ether and distilled water to make two layers. The absorption peak was then calculated using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer with a wavelength range of 380-550 nm.¹⁷

Quantitative analysis: Total pigment extract (Concentration and quantity)

The absorbance of the carapace pigment extract was measured using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer at 380-550 nm wavelength. The spectrogram's shape is a curve with the X axis representing wavelength, and the Y axis representing absorbance, and the highest absorption peak at a certain wavelength can be read. Each spectrogram produced can be used to calculate the amount and concentration of *G. albolineatus* pigments utilized in this investigation.^{18,19}

Qualitative analysis: pigment separation by column chromatography

After that, the entire pigment extract was separated using column chromatography. The n-hexane-acetone was the solvent employed in the mobile phase (70:30). The X fraction was collected, which was then accommodated and examined for absorption with a UV-Vis spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 380-550 nm, yielding the spectrophotometer's highest absorption peak.^{18,19}

High performance liquid chromatography analysis

High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) type LC.20ADVP with photodiode array detector (PDA; SPD-M20A-Shimadzu). The HPLC column used was C30 (YMC carotenoid, 150 × 4.6 mm I.D) with a column temperature of 30°C and a flow rate of 1 mL/min with a gradient system of H₂O, methanol and methyl tertiary butyl ether. The sample used was 20 µL. Carotenoids were separated in a gradient form for 50 min using a mixed solution of methanol, methyl tertiary butyl ether, and water (80:5:15) at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. After 10 min, the water content was lowered linearly, and the acetone was added to get the acetone proportion up to 20 percent at 50 min after injection. The final composition of the gradient mixture was methanol: methyl tertiary butyl ether (80:20).²⁰

Molecular docking analysis of carotenoids with aging receptors

The binding mechanism to the active site of three enzymes was investigated using molecular docking: fibroblast collagenase (1CGL), porcine pancreatic elastase (4YM9), and hyaluronidase (1FCV).²¹⁻²³ These three receptors are available on the Protein DataBank (PDB) [website](#) and may be saved as a PDB file.²⁴

Enzyme preparation was accomplished by eliminating water and cofactors from each enzyme. The protein was first optimized by adding polar hydrogen, followed by the addition of atomic charge with Kolman charge and nonpolar hydrogen. The receptor was then stiffened and stored in PDBQT (Protein Data Bank, partial charge (Q), and atom type) format.⁹

The Canonical Smiles of each ligand utilized in ligand preparation was acquired from Pubchem.²⁵ Subsequently, Canonical Smiles was converted to Chemdraw 2D 16.0 to produce a 2D compound, which was then modified into 3D using Chemdraw 3D and a reduced calculation was done. The file was stored as a PDB file. The ligand's PDB file was then mixed with polar hydrogen and given the gasteiger atomic charge and torque on each ligand, after which the ligand was stored in PDBQT format.

The AutoDock 4.2.6 software was used to simulate docking.²⁶ At each active site, molecular docking was performed. The active site is determined by verifying the docking of each inhibitor and the corresponding receptor. A grid box was created in the middle of the ligand location to determine the coordinates of the receptor's active side. Then, for ICGL and 4YM9 receptors, dimensions of 50×50×50 points were utilized, while for 1FCV, box dimensions of 60×60×60 points were chosen, with a grid point spacing of 0.375 Å. The Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm was the calculation employed in this docking approach. The optimal conformation was chosen based on the lowest bonding energy among the most conformational populations.

To observe the interactions that occur between the ligand and the receptor, docking visualization was performed using Biovia Discovery Studio 2020.²⁷ Interactions are depicted in three and two dimensions, respectively. Hydrogen bonding and hydrophobicity were utilized to analyze intermolecular interactions.

Results

Quantitative analysis: pigment extraction of female *G. albolineatus*

The highest wavelength of the content and concentration of total pigment extract in *G. albolineatus* crabs, particularly in the carapace, was 474 nm. As a result, the overall pigment extract content and concentration value was 4.33 µg/g, whereas the pigment content in the carapace organ was 4.46 µg/g.

Qualitative analysis: pigment extraction of female *G. albolineatus* using column chromatography

The column chromatography separation was repeated twice with an n-hexane-acetone mobile phase (70:30). A total pigment extract divided into four fractions: F1, F2, F3, and F4. A UV-Vis Spectrophotometer with a wavelength range of 380-550 nm was used to examine the four fractions. The presence of x-carotene pigments was indicated by wavelengths of 426, 448, and 475 nm, whereas the presence of zeaxanthin pigments was indicated by wavelengths of 426, 450, and 475 nm in the second fraction; the pigment types in F3 and F4 were unidentified.²⁸

F1 was not processed through the second round. However, F2, F3, and F4 were separated again using column chromatography: F2.1 was characterized as echinenone and F2.2 as astaxanthin. Furthermore, the pigment was not identified in F3.1 and F4.1. Krococanthin was found in F3.2, alloxanthin was identified in F3.3, and pyrroxanthin was identified in F4.2.

Pigment type analysis with high performance liquid chromatography

To generate 61 maximum absorption peaks, the findings of one column chromatography fraction were separated using HPLC with a propagation time of 50 minutes. The absorption spectra of each peak from the HPLC chromatogram were identified at 463 nm, and those with an area per-centage greater than 3% were investigated by examining the spectral pattern using an HPLC UV-Vis absorption spectrophotometer

The HPLC fraction one findings showed eleven absorption peaks. **Table 1** shows the absorption generated at the highest peak. The greatest absorption peak at 473 nm was determined to be a kind of didehydroastaxanthin pigment, while the maximum absorption peak at 476 nm was determined to be a type of tetrahydroastaxanthin (**Tables 1-3**). The HPLC separation was carried out at a propagation time of 50 minutes and generated 65 absorption peaks in the findings of the second fraction column chromatography.

At a wavelength of 436 nm, the absorption spectrum region with a larger percentage results in the formation of a maximum absorption peak. The highest absorption in **Table 2** helps determine the kind of carotenoid pigment.²⁹

Six spectrum peaks were identified from the separation of nine absorption peaks by HPLC. Only five types of pigments could be identified using the six peak spectral pattern. The HPLC separation resulted in the formation of an absorption

Table 1. Types of *G. albolineatus* carotenoid pigments separated by HPLC from the results of the first fraction of the column chromatography.

No	Retention time/Peak no.	Maximum absorption peak	Pigment type
1	6.99/11	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
2	22.84/27	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
3	24.74/29	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
4	33.08/42	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
5	34.74/46	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
6	35.70/48	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
7	36.16/49	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
8	37.17/50	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
9	37.88	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
10	39.47/54	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
11	40.77/56	473	Didehydroastaxanthin

Table 2. Types of *G. albolineatus* carotenoid pigments separated by HPLC from the results of the second fraction of the column chromatography.

No	Retention time/Peak no.	Maximum absorption peak	Pigment type
1	6.224/15	374-468	-
2	6.892/16	477	Dihydroastaxanthin
3	8.296/17	424-446-471	Diatoxanthin
4	9.671/18	425-251-447	-
5	19.901/30	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
6	21.132/32	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
7	22.388/34	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
8	22.771/35	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
9	24.674/37	478	Astaxanthin

Table 3. Types of *G. albolineatus* carotenoid pigments separated by HPLC from the results of the third fraction of the column chromatography.

No	Retention time/Peak no.	Maximum absorption peak	Pigment type
1	3.376/8	373-467	-
2	6.231/14	373-467	-
3	6.907/15	477	Dihydroastaxanthin
4	8.281/16	425-448-472	-
5	9.643/17	420-451-477	-
6	24.701/34	481	Adonixanthin

peak with a peak area of 3% in Table 3. The greatest absorption peaks were discovered by the absorption of HPLC UV-Vis spectrophotometer, namely the 8th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 34th absorption peaks, allowing the kind of pigment to be determined. Figure 1 presents the visualization of the compound structure of the pigment types produced by the HPLC analysis.

The value of the bond energy is generated from the total final intermolecular energy, namely from van der Waals bonds, hydrogen bonds, de-solvation energy, and electrostatic energy, then from the final total internal energy, torsional energy

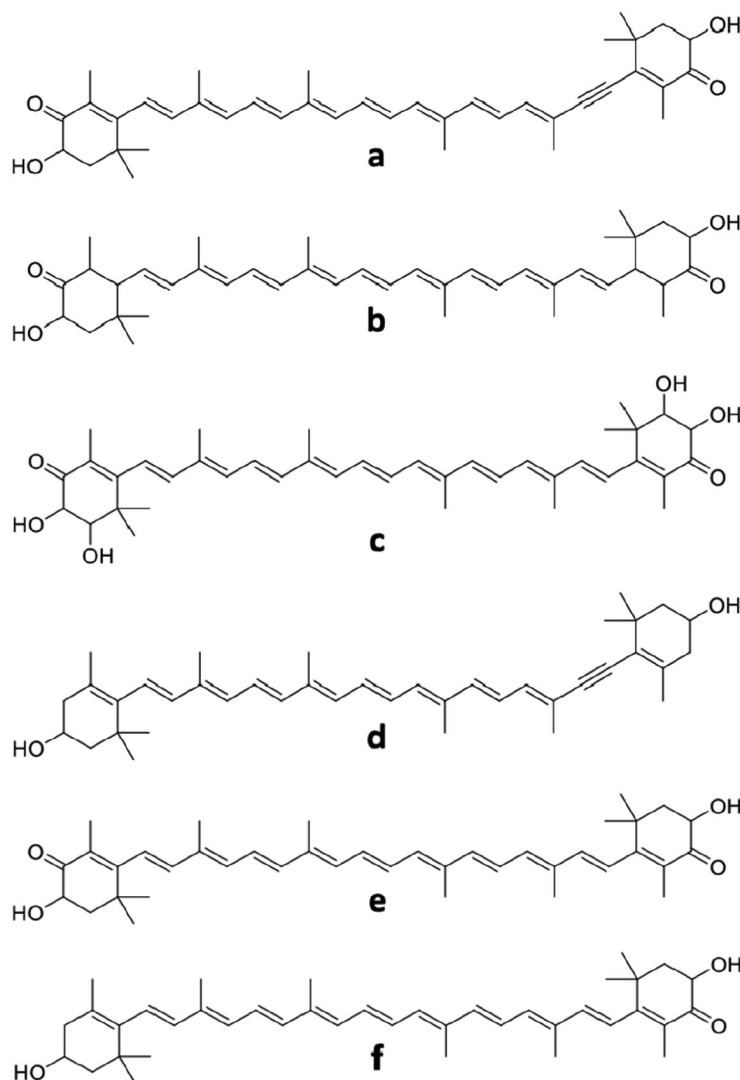


Figure 1. Compounds obtained from *G. albolineatus* and their structures: (a) didehydroastaxanthin; (b) tetrahydroxanthine; (c) dihydroxyastaxanthin; (d) diatoxanthin; (e) astaxanthin; (f) adonixanthin.

and unbound system's energy. This summation of energy is usually known as the estimated free energy of binding (EFEB). The inhibition constant was also estimated by using Autodock 4.2.6 at 298 K. The low value of the inhibition constant was related to the biological activity.³⁰

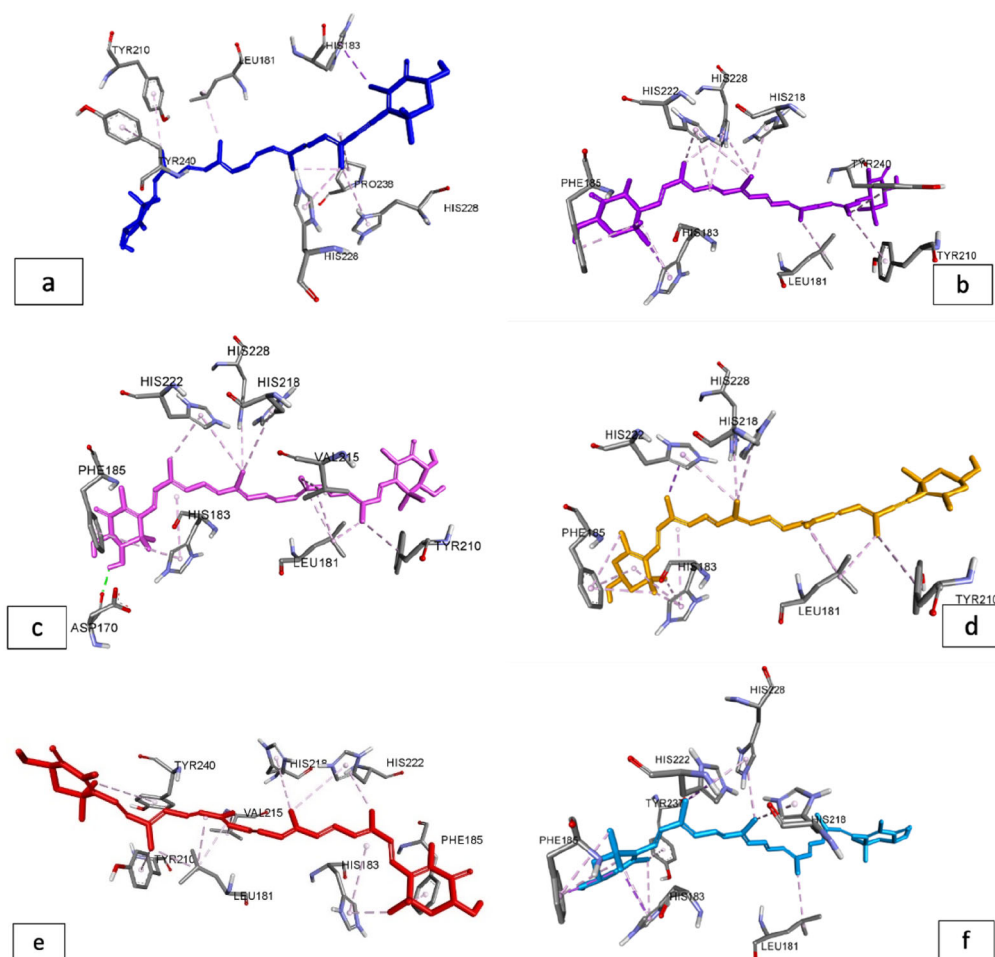
The carotenoids discovered by HPLC (Figure 1) were used as test ligands for binding proteins that contribute to skin aging. According to Table 4, after compared to other carotenoid compounds, adonixanthin had the lowest binding energy with -6.61 kcal/mol and the highest inhibition constant with 14.23 mM. The binding energy of these carotenoids, however, is not better than the native ligand (-7.83 kcal/mol with the lowest inhibition constant of 1.81 mM). The visualization of molecular docking results is shown in Figures 2-4.

According to the results of the interaction between carotenoids and the protein elastase, carotenoid pigments have a higher binding energy than natural ligands, which only have a binding energy of -5.55 kcal/mol and an inhibition constant of 85.31 mM (Table 5). Adonixanthin and astaxanthin have the highest binding energies, with binding energies of -9.03 kcal/mol and -9.01 kcal/mol, respectively.

The carotenoid compounds from *G. albolineatus* had a lower binding energy than the natural hyaluronidase ligand, which had a binding value of -4.17 kcal/mol. Astaxanthin had a binding energy of -2.27 kcal/mol and is only bound to four amino acid residues, whereas didehydroastaxanthin had a binding energy of -7.71 kcal/mol (Table 6).

Table 4. Estimation of the binding energy, inhibition constant, and interaction type of carotenoids against collagenase enzyme.

Compounds	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	Inhibition constant (mM)	Hydrogen bonding	Hydrophobic bonding
Didehydroastaxanthin	-4.97	225.61	-	Leu181; Pro238; His228; Tyr210; Tyr240; His183
Tetrahydroxanthin	-3.30	3790	-	Tyr210; Tyr240; Leu181; Phe185; His183; His218; His222; His228
Dihydroxyastaxanthin	-3.66	2070	Asp170	Phe185; His183; His222; Tyr210; Leu181; Val215; His218; His228
Diatoxanthin	-4.33	796.35	-	Tyr210; Leu181; His228; His183; Phe185; His218; His222
Astaxanthin	-4.64	398.40	-	His222; Tyr240; His183; Phe185; His218; Val215; Leu181; Tyr210
Adonixanthin	-6.61	14.23	-	His218; His228; His222; Phe185; His183; Tyr237; Leu181
Native	-7.83	1.81	Pro238; His218; His222; His228	Gly179; Asp175

**Figure 2.** Visualization results of carotenoids as collagenase (1CGL) enzyme inhibitors: (a) didehydroastaxanthin; (b) tetrahydroxanthin; (c) dihydroxyastaxanthin; (d) diatoxanthin; (e) astaxanthin; (f) adonixanthin.

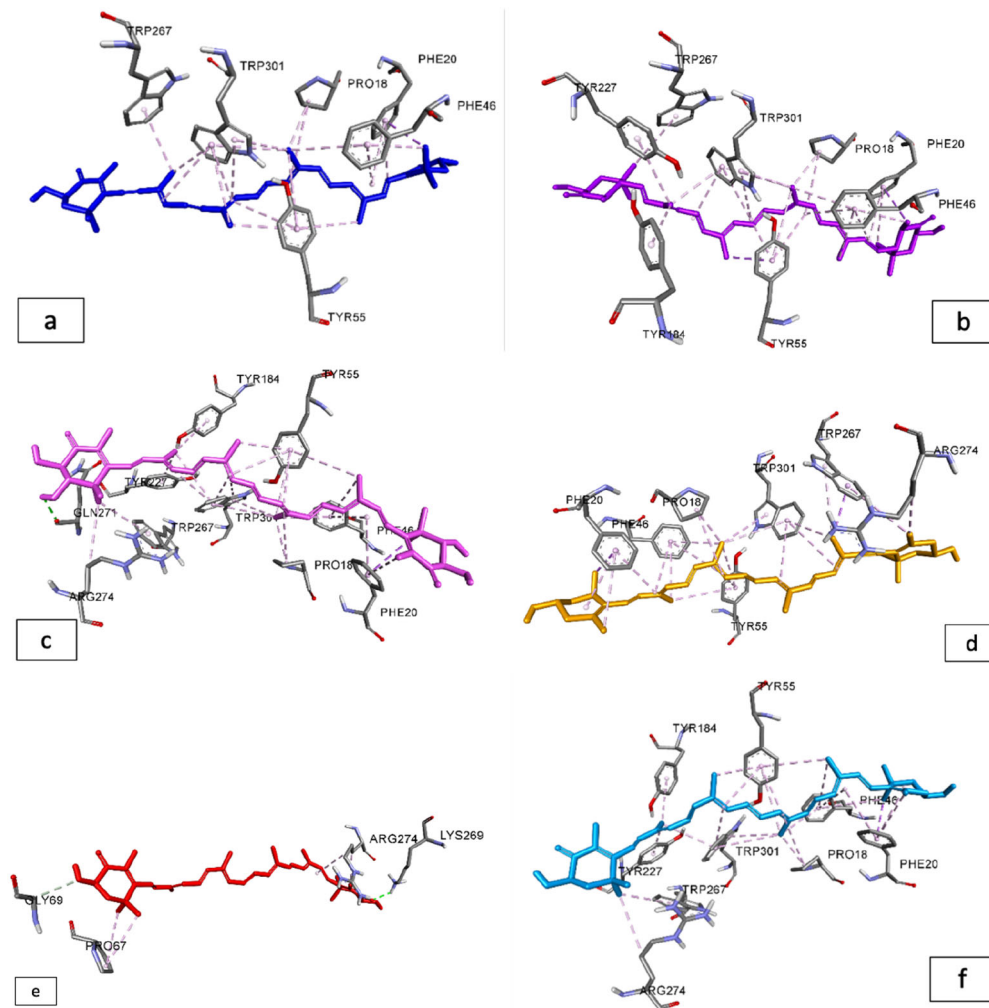


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Table 5. Estimation of the binding energy, inhibition constant, and interaction type of carotenoids against elastase enzyme.

Compounds	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	Inhibition constant (mM)	Hydrogen bonding	Hydrophobic bonding
Didehydroastaxanthin	-8.42	0.673	Tyr35; His40	Leu150; Leu143; Val216; Arg217; Trp171; Ala99; Val99; Thr174
Tetrahydroxanthin	-8.31	0.86	Tyr35	Cys42; Leu143; His40; Leu150; His57; Val216; Arg217; Phe215; Trp171; Ala99; Val99
Dihydroastaxanthin	-7.58	2.78	His40; Tyr35	Ala99; Trp171; Phe215; Val99; His57; Cys42; Leu150
Diatoxanthin	-7.81	1.78	His40	Leu150; Trp171; Arg217; Ala99; Val99; Phe215; His57; Cys42; Leu150
Astaxanthin	-9.01	0.248	Tyr35	His40; Leu143; Trp171; Arg217; Ala99; Val216; Cys58; His57; Cys42
Adonixanthin	-9.03	0.239	His40; Tyr35	Leu143; Ala99; Leu150; Val216; Val99; Arg217; Trp171; Phe215
Native	-5.55	85.31	Cys220; Gln192; Gly193; Ser195	Val216

Table 6. Estimation of the binding energy, inhibition constant, and interaction type of carotenoids against Hyaluronidase enzyme.

Compounds	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	Inhibition constant (mM)	Hydrogen bonding	Hydrophobic bonding
Didehydroastaxanthin	-7.71	2.25	-	Trp267; Tyr55; Phe46; Phe20; Pro18; Trp301
Tetrahydroxanthin	-7.47	3.35	-	Phe20; Phe46; Pro18; Trp267; Tyr55; Trp302; Tyr184; Tyr227
Dihydroastaxanthin	-6.16	30.56	Gln271	Phe20; Tyr184; Tyr227; Pro18; Trp301; Phe46; Tyr55; Trp267; Arg274
Diatoxanthin	-7.53	3.01	-	Phe20; Tyr55; Phe46; Pro68; Trp301; Trp267; Arg274; Tyr55
Astaxanthin	-2.27	21.79×10^3	Lys269	Arg274; Gly69; Pro67
Adonixanthin	-7.45	3.46	-	Phe20; Pro18; Tyr55; Phe46; Trp305; Tyr227; Tyr184; Trp267; Arg274
Native	-4.17	875.19	Tyr227; Asp111; Ser304; Asp305; Glu113	Tyr184; Trp301; Phe46; Arg47; Ser303

binding energy of each component. Figures 1-3 show an image representation of the bonding that occurs. Native inhibitors had a higher binding energy in collagenase protein (1cgl) than carotenoids derived from *G. albolineatus*. This is because the native inhibitors interact with the amino acid residues His222, His218, and His228 via hydrogen interactions.³⁴

Meanwhile, the interaction between these residues in the interaction between carotenoid compounds and the collagenase receptor is only found in hydrophobic interactions. Torsion energy is another factor that influences binding energy. A positive value for the torsional energy between carotenoids' interactions that is too large is thought to have an effect on the small binding energy produced. However, adonixanthin (Table 4) has a relatively high binding energy and an inhibitory value of 14.23 mM, which determines the bioavailability of this component for use as a drug²⁹ (Figures 2 and 3).

According to the literature, elastases are serine proteases whose main function is the cleavage of peptide bonds of many proteins, including elastin, which is responsible for the elasticity of connective tissues and is primarily found in the lungs, arteries, and ligaments.^{35,36} It has been identified that binding to Tyr35, His40, and Val216 has a significant influence on the strength of the binding energy between the ligand and the target receptor in the molecular docking interaction between carotenoids and elastase. The docking results revealed that astaxanthin and adonixanthin had the highest binding energies, *i.e.* -9.01 and -9.03 kcal/mol, respectively. Based on binding energy results, the carotenoid compounds from *G. albolineatus* in Table 6 can be used as elastase inhibitors when compared to native inhibitors (Figure 3).

In the interaction that occurs between the complex ligand and protein hyaluronidase, from the results when compared with native inhibitors, residues Tyr227, Phe46, and Pro18 are thought to have an effect on increasing the binding energy of the complex formed, and hydrophobic bonds are preferred. The absence of interaction between native and Pro18 reinforces that the interaction that occurs has a major influence on the resulting bond energy. In addition, astaxanthin only produced a binding energy of -2.27 kcal/mol. As a result of this discovery, it is possible to conclude that astaxanthin has an excessively large inhibition constant, resulting in a low bioavailability value.⁹ Meanwhile, other carotenoids with high binding energy, such as didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, and adonixanthin, have the potential to be used as natural inhibitors of hyaluronidase protein. Because the test ligands' interactions are anchored in the same location as the active site, these compounds can be used as competitive inhibitors of collagenase, elastase, and hyaluronidase proteins.

Conclusions

The pigment content of the carapace was 4.46 mg based on quantitative measurement of total pigment extraction in female *G. albolineatus*. Qualitatively, the carapace was recognized as containing carotenoid pigments such as didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, and astaxanthin based on HPLC. Carotenoids are naturally occurring antioxidants that play a vital role in skin regeneration. According to molecular docking results, carotenoid compounds from *G. albolineatus* are stronger inhibitors than native inhibitors, which competitively bind to the

same catalytic residues such as Tyr35, His40, and Val216 on elastase and Tyr227, Phe46, and Pro18 on hyaluronidase protein with binding energy range -7.58 kcal/mol – -9.03 kcal/mol and -6.16 kcal/mol – -7.71 kcal/mol, respectively. However, *In vivo*, *In vitro*, toxicological investigations are required to confirm this approach so that this data may be utilized as a contender for medication prospects, particularly in the cosmetic area.

Data availability

Underlying data

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The current study includes the chemical characterization of female *Grapsus albolineatus* for the presence of bioactive carotenoids including didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, astaxanthin, and adonixanthin. The study also deals with evaluation of these carotenoids as natural inhibitors of proteins that cause premature aging, such as glucogenase, elastase, and hyaluronidase enzymes via molecular modeling like docking.

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Metode: Karotenoid diekstraksi dari *G. albolineatus* menggunakan kromatografi kolom dan kromatografi cair kinerja tinggi (HPLC); docking molekuler dan visualisasi masing-masing dilakukan dengan Autodock 4.2 dan Discovery Studio/Biovia. **Hasil:** Menurut data HPLC, terdapat pigmen karotenoid seperti didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, astaxanthin, dan adonixanthin. Menurut percobaan penambahan molekuler, pigmen karotenoid dari *G. albolineatus* adalah penghambat protein elastase dan hyaluronidase yang efisien. **Kesimpulan:** *G. albolineatus* karotenoid berpotensi sebagai anti-penuaan karena lebih efektif sebagai inhibitor protein elastase dan hyaluronidase daripada inhibitor aslinya.

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pengantar

Kulit adalah salah satu organ terbesar dalam tubuh manusia dan menutupi hampir keseluruhannya.^{1,2}Kulit memiliki berbagai fungsi seperti melindungi otot, tulang, dan organ dalam.³Kulit dapat mengalami penuaan yang tidak dapat dihindari karena faktor intrinsik, dipengaruhi oleh usia, genetik, hormon, dan kadar gula darah.⁴Sedangkan variabel ekstrinsik mayoritas disebabkan oleh paparan sinar ultraviolet (UV) secara terus menerus, polusi, pola makan, dan merokok.^{5,6}

Radiasi UV dikaitkan dengan peningkatan spesies radikal oksigen pada kulit. Spesies radikal reaktif yang berlebihan seperti spesies oksigen reaktif (ROS) dan spesies nitrogen reaktif (RNS) dapat memperburuk pigmentasi dan penuaan kulit, menyebabkan gangguan pigmentasi, kulit kasar dan kerutan kulit.⁷Selain merusak oksidatif pada kulit, ROS diketahui mengaktifkan enzim hyaluronidase, glukogenase, dan elastase.⁸Peningkatan aktivitas enzim ini dapat menurunkan asam hialuronat, elastasin, dan kolagen. Komponen-komponen ini adalah elemen kunci dari kulit yang bertindak berdasarkan elastisitas, kelenturan, dan penyediaan kelembapan, membuat kulit tampak muda dan sehat.^{9,10}

Oleh karena itu, untuk mencegah penuaan dini, kulit membutuhkan antioksidan sekaligus inhibitor enzim yang berfungsi sebagai penghambat alami enzim yang teraktivasi akibat radiasi sinar UV. Karotenoid merupakan golongan senyawa yang memiliki aktivitas antioksidan yang sangat baik.^{11,12}Sayuran dan buah-buahan dianggap sebagai sumber karotenoid terpenting dalam makanan manusia; produk hewani juga mengandung karotenoid dalam jumlah besar.^{13,14}

Kepiting lightfoot dari Sulawesi Utara, *G. albolineatus*, diketahui mengandung karotenoid tingkat tinggi. *G. albolineatus* merupakan kepiting besar dengan populasi yang besar. *Grapsus albolineatus* Latreille memiliki karapas cembung dengan tuberkel rendah; lateral, tepi membulat, dengan satu gigi depan; panjang bagian depan sama dengan panjang tepi belakang karapas. Karapas berwarna biru kehijauan dengan area lebih pucat; margin lateral dan tuberkel putih; kaki berbintik-bintik coklat dengan satu bintik oranye di ujung meri.¹⁵Spesies ini memiliki margin lateral karapas yang sangat melengkung; sudut infraorbital luar dengan gigi akut; rahang atas ketiga dengan merus panjang, sedikit lebih pendek dari iskius; perut laki-laki memiliki lima somit sekitar 2,3 kali lebih lebar; G1 sedikit melengkung. *G. albolineatus* merupakan spesies berukuran besar. Distribusi dunianya meliputi Indo-Pasifik Barat: Afrika Timur, Mauritius, Somalia, Socotra, Laut Merah, Teluk Aden, Oman Selatan, Teluk Persia, Teluk Oman, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Teluk Benggala, Kepulauan Nicobar, Laut Andaman, Kepulauan Mergui, Cina, Jepang, Indonesia, Singapura, Kepulauan Cocos (Keeling), Australia, dan Hawaii. Habitatnya berbatu, substrat intertidal.¹⁶

Itu didistribusikan secara luas di lautan Pasifik Barat Daya. Pria *G. albolineatus* telah diakui memiliki jumlah pigmen karotenoid yang bervariasi, sedangkan betina *G. albolineatus* belum dipelajari untuk jenis pigmen karotenoid yang dikandungnya dan pemisahannya.¹⁷

Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengeksplorasi pigmen dan pemisahan karotenoid pada betina *G. albolineatus* serta untuk menguji karotenoid sebagai anti aging dan inhibitor alami enzim hyaluronidase, glucogenase, dan elastase menggunakan pendekatan molecular docking.

Metode

Pertimbangan etis

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Ekstraksi pigmen total Pengambilan sampel dan penanganan

Pengambilan sampel dilakukan dengan menjelajahi daerah intertidal pada saat surut terendah pada malam hari. Sampel dimasukkan ke dalam wadah berisi sedikit air laut, untuk memastikan kepiting tidak mati. Karapas punggung kepiting berukuran 3,7 cm pada bagian tersebut diolesi alkohol 95%, pada saat kepiting pingsan dilakukan pembedahan kemudian dilakukan ekstraksi.

Ekstraksi pigmen total

Sampel kepiting pertama kali disuntikkan untuk diambil darahnya. *G. albolineatus* menggunakan suntikan sepanjang lima mil kemudian dibedah untuk memisahkan hepatopankreas dan gonad. Langkah selanjutnya adalah memisahkan lapisan kulit ari, yaitu selaput tipis yang terhubung dengan bagian dalam karapas, dan lapisan kulit ari hitam dengan pinset dan pisau laboratorium. Karapas organ dihancurkan dan direndam selama lima menit dalam asam klorida 2N. Kemudian disaring melalui kertas saring ke dalam labu pemisah, ditambahkan petroleum eter dan air suling untuk membuat dua lapisan. Puncak serapan kemudian dihitung menggunakan spektrofotometer UV-Vis dengan rentang panjang gelombang 380-550 nm.

Analisis kuantitatif: Ekstrak pigmen total (Konsentrasi dan kuantitas)

Absorbansi ekstrak pigmen karapas diukur menggunakan spektrofotometer UV-Vis pada panjang gelombang 380-550 nm. Bentuk spektrogram adalah kurva dengan sumbu X yang mewakili panjang gelombang, dan sumbu Y yang mewakili absorbansi, dan puncak serapan tertinggi pada panjang gelombang tertentu dapat dibaca. Setiap spektrogram yang dihasilkan dapat digunakan untuk menghitung jumlah dan konsentrasi *G. albolineatus* pigmen yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini.^{18,19}

Analisis kualitatif: pemisahan pigmen dengan kromatografi kolom

Setelah itu, seluruh ekstrak pigmen dipisahkan menggunakan kromatografi kolom. N-heksana-aseton adalah pelarut yang digunakan dalam fase gerak (70:30). Fraksi X dikumpulkan, kemudian ditampung dan diperiksa serapannya dengan spektrofotometer UV-Vis pada panjang gelombang 380-550 nm, menghasilkan puncak serapan tertinggi pada spektrofotometer tersebut.^{18,19}

Analisis kromatografi cair kinerja tinggi

Kromatografi cair kinerja tinggi (HPLC) tipe LC-20ADVP dengan photodiode array detector (PDA; SPD-M20A-Shimadzu). Kolom HPLC yang digunakan adalah C30 (YMC karotenoid, 150 - 4.6 mm ID) dengan suhu kolom 30°C dan laju alir 1 mL/menit dengan sistem gradien H₂O, metanol dan metil tersier butil eter. Sampel yang digunakan sebanyak 20 µL. Karotenoid dipisahkan dalam bentuk gradien selama 50 menit menggunakan larutan campuran metanol, metil tersier butil eter, dan air (80:5:15) dengan laju alir 1 mL/menit. Setelah 10 menit, kadar air diturunkan secara linier, dan aseton ditambahkan untuk mendapatkan proporsi aseton hingga 20 persen pada 50 menit setelah injeksi. Komposisi akhir campuran gradien adalah metanol: metil tersier butil eter (80:20).

Analisis docking molekuler karotenoid dengan reseptor penuaan

Mekanisme pengikatan ke situs aktif tiga enzim diselidiki menggunakan penambatan molekuler: fibroblast collagenase (1CGL), elastase pankreas babi (4YM9), dan hialuronidase (1FCV).²⁰⁻²² Ketiga reseptor ini tersedia di Protein DataBank (PDB) [situs web](#) dan dapat disimpan sebagai file PDB.²³

Persiapan enzim dilakukan dengan menghilangkan air dan kofaktor dari masing-masing enzim. Protein pertama kali dioptimalkan dengan menambahkan hidrogen polar, diikuti dengan penambahan muatan atom dengan muatan Kolman dan hidrogen nonpolar. Reseptor kemudian dikukus dan disimpan dalam format PDBQT (Protein DataBank, partial charge (Q), dan atom type).⁹

The Canonical Smiles^Y dari setiap ligan yang digunakan dalam persiapan ligan diperoleh dari Pubchem.²⁴ Selanjutnya, Canonical Smiles diubah menjadi Chemdraw 2D 16.0 untuk menghasilkan senyawa 2D, yang kemudian dimodifikasi menjadi 3D menggunakan Chemdraw 3D dan dilakukan pengurangan perhitungan. File disimpan sebagai file PDB. File PDB ligan kemudian dicampur dengan hidrogen polar dan diberi muatan dan torsi atom gasteiger pada masing-masing ligan, setelah itu ligan disimpan dalam format PDBQT.

Perangkat lunak AutoDock 4.2.6 digunakan untuk mensimulasikan docking.²⁵ Di setiap situs aktif, dilakukan docking molekuler. Situs aktif ditentukan dengan memverifikasi docking masing-masing inhibitor dan reseptor yang sesuai. Kotak kisi dibuat di tengah lokasi ligan untuk menentukan koordinat sisi aktif reseptor. Kemudian, untuk reseptor 1CGL dan 4YM9 digunakan dimensi 50-50-50 titik, sedangkan untuk 1FCV dipilih dimensi kotak 60-60-60 titik, dengan jarak titik grid 0,375 Å. Algoritma Genetika Lamarckian adalah perhitungan yang digunakan dalam pendekatan docking ini. Konformasi optimal dipilih berdasarkan energi ikatan terendah di antara populasi yang paling konformasi.

Untuk mengamati interaksi yang terjadi antara ligan dan reseptor, dilakukan visualisasi docking menggunakan Biovia Discovery Studio 2020.²⁶ Interaksi masing-masing digambarkan dalam tiga dan dua dimensi. Ikatan hidrogen dan hidrofobisitas digunakan untuk menganalisis interaksi antarmolekul.

Hasil

Analisis kuantitatif: ekstraksi pigmen betina *G. albolineatus*

Panjang gelombang tertinggi kandungan dan konsentrasi ekstrak pigmen total pada *G. albolineatus* kepiting, khususnya di karapas, adalah 474 nm. Hasilnya, kandungan ekstrak pigmen dan nilai konsentrasi secara keseluruhan adalah 4,33 µg/g, sedangkan kandungan pigmen pada organ karapas adalah 4,46 µg/g.

Analisis kualitatif: ekstraksi pigmen betina *G. albolineatus* menggunakan kromatografi kolom Pemisahan kromatografi kolom diulang dua kali dengan fase gerak n-heksana-aseton (70:30). Ekstrak pigmen total dibagi menjadi empat fraksi: F1, F2, F3, dan F4. Spektrofotometer UV-Vis dengan rentang panjang gelombang 380-550 nm digunakan untuk memeriksa keempat fraksi tersebut. Adanya pigmen x-karoten ditunjukkan dengan panjang gelombang 426, 448, dan 475 nm, sedangkan keberadaan pigmen zeaxanthin ditunjukkan dengan panjang gelombang 426, 450, dan 475 nm pada fraksi kedua; jenis pigmen pada F3 dan F4 tidak teridentifikasi.²⁷

F1 tidak diproses melalui putaran kedua. Namun, F2, F3, dan F4 dipisahkan lagi menggunakan kromatografi kolom: F2.1 dikarakterisasi sebagai echinenone dan F2.2 sebagai astase. Selanjutnya, pigmen tidak teridentifikasi pada F3.1 dan F4.1. Krococanthin ditemukan pada F3.2, alloxanthin diidentifikasi pada F3.3, dan pyrroxanthin diidentifikasi pada F4.2.

Analisis tipe pigmen dengan kromatografi cair kinerja tinggi

Untuk menghasilkan 61 puncak serapan maksimum, temuan fraksi kromatografi satu kolom dipisahkan menggunakan HPLC dengan waktu propagasi 50 menit. Spektra serapan setiap puncak dari kromatogram HPLC diidentifikasi pada 463 nm, dan yang memiliki persentase luas lebih besar dari 3% diselidiki dengan memeriksa pola spektral menggunakan spektrofotometer serapan HPLC UV-Vis

Fraksi HPLC satu temuan menunjukkan sebelas puncak serapan. **Tabel 1** menunjukkan serapan yang dihasilkan pada puncak tertinggi. Puncak serapan terbesar pada 473 nm ditentukan sebagai jenis pigmen didehydroastaxanthin, sedangkan puncak serapan maksimum pada 476 nm ditentukan sebagai jenis tetrahydroastaxanthin. (**Tabel 1-3**). Pemisahan HPLC dilakukan pada waktu propagasi 50 menit dan menghasilkan 65 puncak serapan pada temuan kromatografi kolom fraksi kedua.

Pada panjang gelombang 436 nm, daerah spektrum serapan dengan persentase yang lebih besar menghasilkan pembentukan puncak serapan maksimum. Penyerapan tertinggi di **Meja 2** membantu menentukan jenis pigmen karotenoid.²⁸

Enam puncak spektrum diidentifikasi dari pemisahan sembilan puncak serapan oleh HPLC. Hanya lima jenis pigmen yang dapat diidentifikasi menggunakan pola spektral enam puncak. Pemisahan HPLC menghasilkan pembentukan puncak serapan dengan luas puncak 3% in **Tabel 3**. Puncak serapan terbesar ditemukan pada serapan spektrofotometer HPLC UV-Vis, yaitu puncak serapan ke-8, 14, 15, 16, 17, dan 34 sehingga dapat ditentukan jenis pigmennya. **Gambar 1** menyajikan visualisasi struktur senyawa dari jenis pigmen yang dihasilkan oleh analisis HPLC.

Tabel 1. Jenis dari *G. albolineatus* pigmen karotenoid dipisahkan dengan HPLC dari hasil fraksi pertama kromatografi kolom.

Tidak	Waktu retensi/Puncak no.	Puncak penyerapan maksimum	jenis pigmen
1	6,99/11	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
2	22.84/27	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
3	24.74/29	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
4	33.08/42	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
5	34,74/46	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
6	35.70/48	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
7	36.16/49	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
8	37.17/50	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
9	37.88	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
10	39,47/54	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
11	40,77/56	473	Didehydroastaxanthin

Meja 2. Jenis dari G. albolineatus pigmen karotenoid dipisahkan dengan HPLC dari hasil fraksi kedua kromatografi kolom.

Tidak	Waktu retensi/Puncak no.	Puncak penyerapan maksimum	Jenis pigmen
1	6.224/15	374-468	-
2	6.892/16	477	Dihydroastaxanthin
3	8.296/17	424-446-471	Diatoxanthin
4	9.671/18	425-251-447	-
5	19.901/30	476	Tetrahydroastaxanthin
6	21.132/32	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
7	22.388/34	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
8	22.771/35	473	Didehydroastaxanthin
9	9 24.674/37	478	Astaxanthin

Tabel 3. Jenis dari G. albolineatus pigmen karotenoid dipisahkan dengan HPLC dari hasil fraksi ketiga kromatografi kolom.

Tidak	Waktu retensi/Puncak no.	Puncak penyerapan maksimum	Jenis pigmen
1	3,376/8	373-467	-
2	6.231/14	373-467	-
3	6.907/15	477	Dihydroastaxanthin
4	8.281/16	425-448-472	-
5	9.643/17	420-451-477	-
6	24.701/34	481	Adonixanthin

Analisis docking molekuler karotenoid dari G. albolineatus pada protein kolagenase (1CGL)

Nilai energi ikatan dihasilkan dari total energi akhir antarmolekul, yaitu dari ikatan van der Waals, ikatan hidrogen, energi desolvasi, dan energi elektrostatik, kemudian dari energi dalam total akhir, energi torsi, dan energi sistem tak terikat. Penjumlahan energi ini biasanya dikenal sebagai estimasi energi bebas pengikat (EFEB). Konstanta inhibisi juga diperkirakan dengan menggunakan Autodock 4.2.6 pada 298 K. Nilai konstanta inhibisi yang rendah terkait dengan aktivitas biologis.²⁹

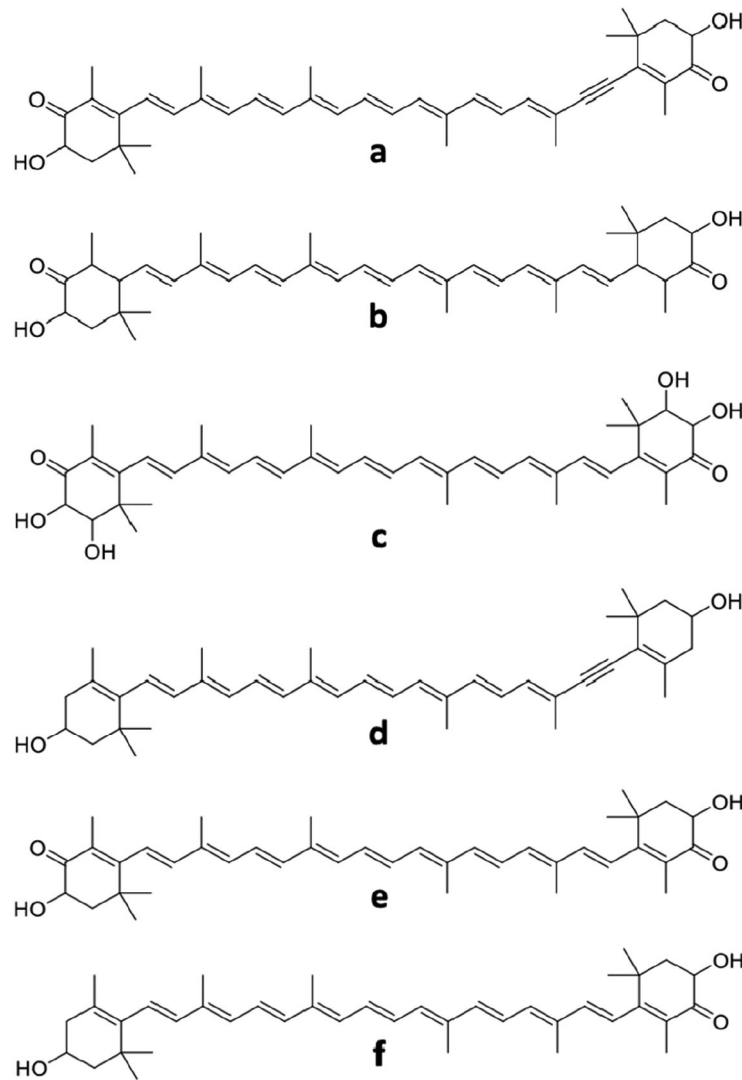
Karotenoid yang ditemukan oleh HPLC (**Gambar 1**) digunakan sebagai ligan uji untuk mengikat protein yang berkontribusi terhadap penuaan kulit. Berdasarkan **Tabel 4**, setelah dibandingkan dengan senyawa karotenoid lainnya, adonixanthin memiliki energi ikat terendah dengan -6,61 kkal/mol dan konstanta penghambatan tertinggi dengan 14,23 mM. Namun, energi ikat karotenoid ini tidak lebih baik dari ligan asalnya (-7,83 kkal/mol dengan tetapan inhibisi terendah 1,81 mM). Visualisasi hasil docking molekuler ditunjukkan pada **Angka 2-4**.

Analisis docking molekuler Senyawa karotenoid dari G. albolineatus pada protein elastase (4YM9) Berdasarkan hasil interaksi antara karotenoid dengan protein elastase, pigmen karotenoid memiliki energi ikat yang lebih tinggi dibandingkan ligan alam yang hanya memiliki energi ikat sebesar -5,55 kkal/mol dan konstanta inhibisi sebesar 85,31 mM (**Tabel 5**). Adonixanthin dan astaxanthin memiliki energi ikat tertinggi, dengan energi ikat masing-masing sebesar -9,03 kkal/mol dan -9,01 kkal/mol.

Analisis Docking Molekuler Senyawa Karotenoid dari G. albolineatus pada Protein elastase (4YM9) Senyawa karotenoid dari G. albolineatus memiliki energi ikat yang lebih rendah dibandingkan ligan hyaluronidase alam yang memiliki nilai ikat -4,17 kkal/mol. Astaxanthin memiliki energi ikat -2,27 kkal/mol dan hanya terikat pada empat residu asam amino, sedangkan didehydroastaxanthin memiliki energi ikat -7,71 kkal/mol (**Tabel 6**).

Diskusi

G. albolineatus adalah keping besar dengan populasi besar di sepanjang zona intertidal berbatu.³⁰ G. albolineatus dapat ditemukan di lepas pantai Kalasey, Teluk Manado, Sulawesi Utara, di Indonesia. Pigmen karotenoid, seperti karoten, echinonon, dan



Gambar 1. Senyawa diperoleh dari *G. albolineatus* dan strukturnya: (a) didehydroastaxanthin; (b) tetrahidroksantin; (c) dihidroksiastaxantin; (d) diatoksantin; (e) astaxanthin; (f) adonixanthin.

cantaxanthin, ditemukan di hemocyanin, hepatopancreas, lapisan epidermis, dan di luar karapas pada pria *G. albolineatus* dari Indonesia.¹⁷

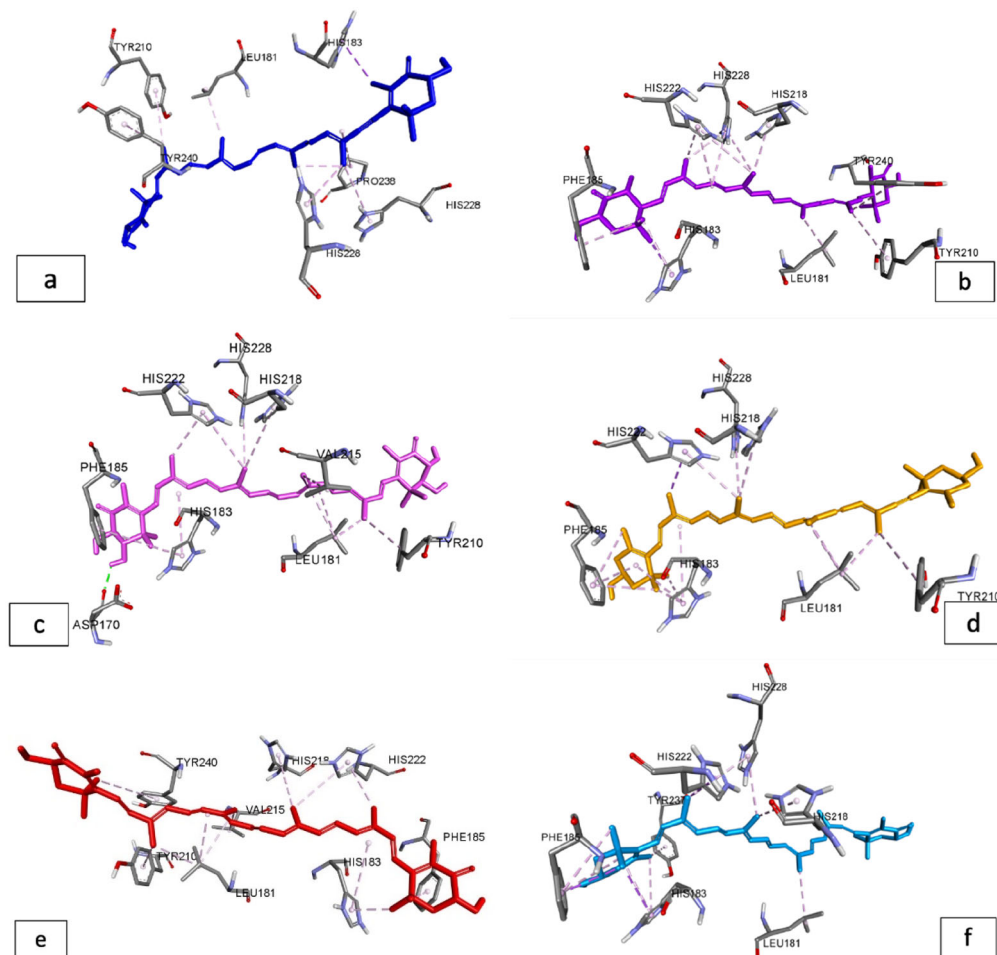
Berdasarkan hasil HPLC dari karapas betina *G. albolineatus*, ditemukan beberapa jenis karotenoid, antara lain dihidrodiastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, astaxanthin, dan adonixanthin. Identifikasi karotenoid dari betina *G. albolineatus* adalah hal baru.

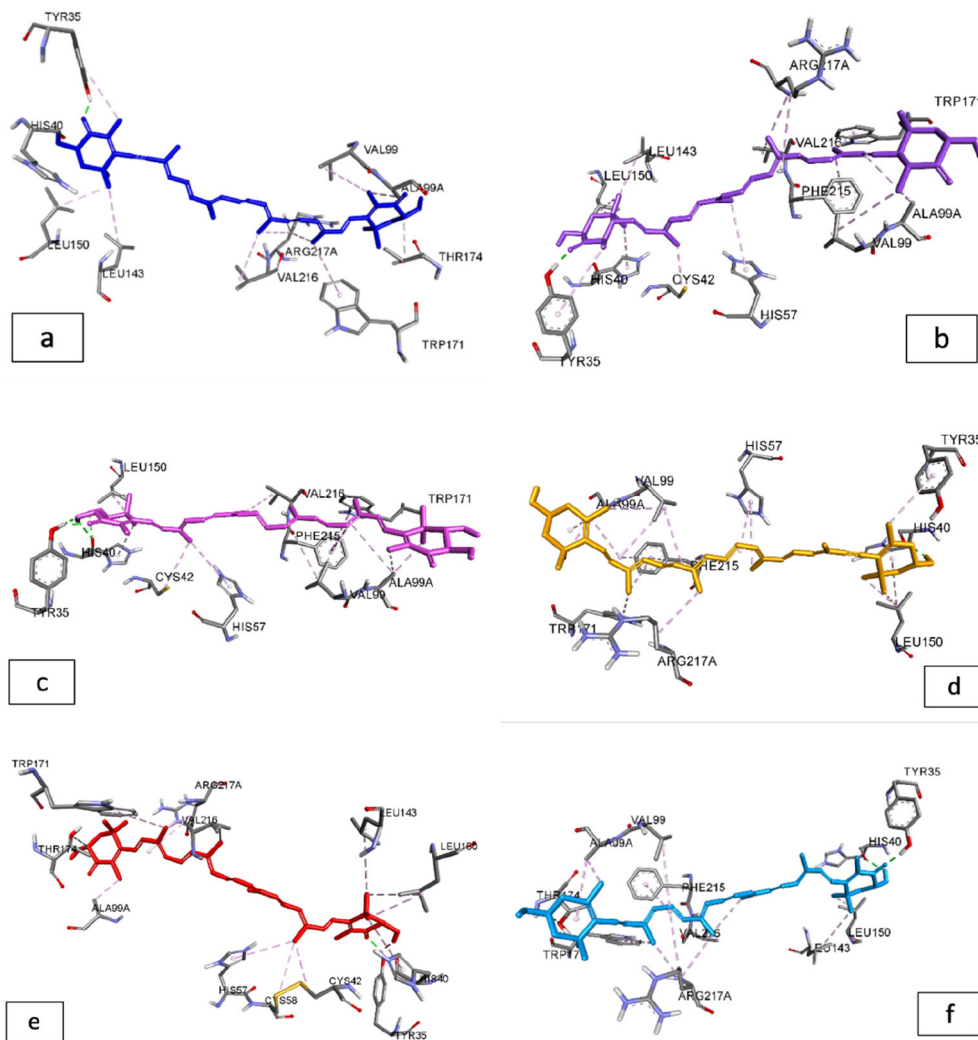
Karotenoid memberikan perlindungan antioksidan yang efektif terhadap radikal peroksil selama proses foto-oksidasi. Karotenoid memiliki panjang gelombang maksimum 450 nm karena struktur senyawanya.^{11,31} Beberapa penelitian menunjukkan bahwa orang dengan kadar karotenoid tinggi di kulitnya memiliki kulit yang terlihat lebih muda dari usianya, sedangkan orang dengan kadar karotenoid rendah memiliki kulit yang terlihat lebih tua.³² Ini mungkin karena penuaan kulit terkait dengan radiasi UV, dan karotenoid dianggap pemulung radikal yang efektif.³³

Eksposisi kulit terhadap radikal bebas tingkat tinggi dapat mengaktifkan enzim kolagenase, elastase, dan hyaluronidase yang menyebabkan penurunan kolagen, elastin, dan asam hialuronat sehingga menyebabkan penuaan pada kulit. Studi docking molekuler telah digunakan untuk mengetahui bagaimana karotenoid menekan enzim kolagenase, elastase, dan hyaluronidase, dan **Tabel 5** menunjukkan energi ikat masing-masing komponen. **Angka 1-3** menunjukkan representasi gambar dari ikatan yang terjadi. Inhibitor asli memiliki energi pengikatan yang lebih tinggi dalam protein kolagenase (1cgl) daripada turunan karotenoid *G. albolineatus*. Ini karena inhibitor asli berinteraksi dengan residu asam amino His222, His218, dan His228 melalui interaksi hidrogen.^{29,34}

Tabel 4.Estimasi energi ikat, konstanta inhibisi, dan tipe interaksi karotenoid terhadap enzim kolagenase.

Senyawa	Mengikat energi (kkal/mol)	Inhibisi konstan (mM)	Hidrogen ikatan	Ikatan hidrofobik
Didehydroastaxanthin	- 4,97	225,61	-	Leu181; Pro238; His228; Tyr210; Tyr240; Nya183
Tetrahydroxanthin	- 3.30	3790	-	Tyr210, Tyr240, Leu181, Phe185, His183, His218, His222, His228
Dihidroksiastaxantin	- 3.66	2070	Asp170	Phe185, His183, His222, Tyr210; Leu181; Val215; His218; Nya228
Diatoxanthin	- 4.33	796.35	-	Tyr210, Leu181, His228, His183, Phe185, His[8, His222
Astaxanthin	- 4.64	398,40	-	His222; Tyr240; His183; Phe185; His218; Val215; Leu181; Tyr210
Adonixanthin	- 6.61	14,23	-	His218, His228, His222, Phe185, His183, Tyr237, Leu181
Warga asli	- 7.83	1,81	Pro238; His218; His222; Nya228	Gly179; Asp175

**Gambar 2.**Hasil visualisasi inhibitor enzim karotenoid sascollagenase (1CGL): (a) didehydroastaxanthin; (b) tetrahidroksantin; (c) dihidroksiastaxantin; (d) diatoksantin; (e)astaxanthin; (f) adonixanthin.

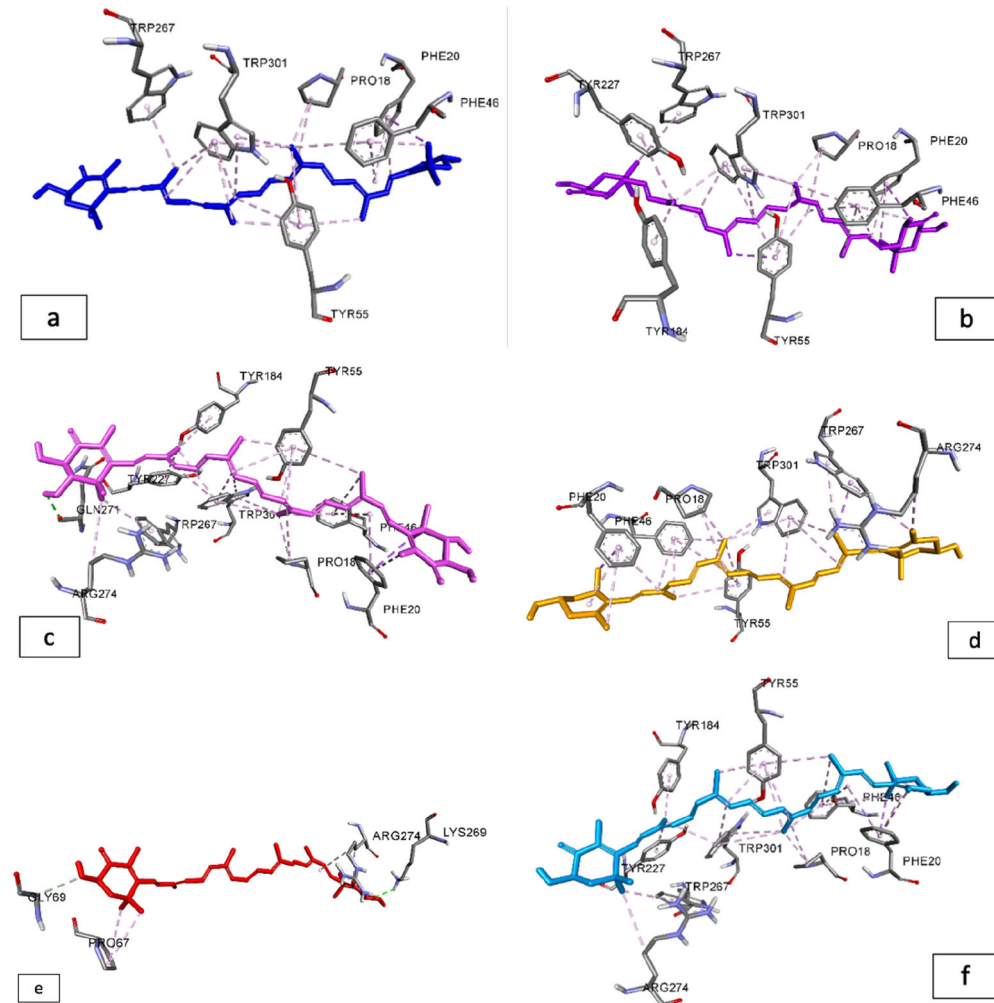


Gambar 3. Hasil visualisasi penghambat enzim carotenoids collagenase (1CGL): (a) didihydroastaxanthin; (b) tetrahidroksantin; (c) dihidroksiastaxanthin; (d) diatoksantin; (e) astaxanthin; (f) adonixanthin.

Sedangkan interaksi antar residu tersebut pada interaksi antara senyawa karotenoid dengan reseptor kolagenase hanya terdapat pada interaksi hidrofobik. Energi torsi adalah faktor lain yang mempengaruhi energi ikat. Nilai positif untuk energi puntir antara interaksi karotenoid yang terlalu besar diduga berpengaruh pada kecilnya energi ikat yang dihasilkan. Namun, adonixanthin (Tabel 4) memiliki energi ikat yang relatif tinggi dan nilai penghambatan 14,23 mM, yang menentukan bioavailabilitas komponen ini untuk digunakan sebagai obat²⁹(Gambar 2 dan 3).

Menurut literatur, elastase adalah protease serin yang fungsi utamanya adalah pemutusan ikatan peptida dari banyak protein, termasuk elastin, yang bertanggung jawab atas elastisitas jaringan ikat dan terutama ditemukan di paru-paru, arteri, dan ligamen.^{35,36} Telah diidentifikasi bahwa pengikatan Tyr35, His40, dan Val216 memiliki pengaruh yang signifikan terhadap kekuatan energi pengikatan antara ligan dan reseptor target dalam interaksi docking molekuler antara karotenoid dan elastase. Hasil docking mengungkapkan bahwa astaxanthin dan adonixanthin memiliki energi pengikatan tertinggi, yaitu -9,01 dan -9,03 kkal/mol. Berdasarkan hasil energi ikat, senyawa karotenoid dari *G. albolineatus* di Tabel 6 dapat digunakan sebagai inhibitor elastase bila dibandingkan dengan inhibitor asli (Gambar 3).

Pada interaksi yang terjadi antara kompleks ligan dengan protein hyaluronidase, dari hasil bila dibandingkan dengan native inhibitor, residu Tyr227, Phe46, dan Pro18 diduga berpengaruh terhadap peningkatan energi ikat kompleks yang terbentuk, dan ikatan hidrofobik lebih disukai. Tidak adanya interaksi antara native dan Pro18 memperkuat bahwa interaksi yang terjadi berpengaruh besar terhadap energi ikatan yang dihasilkan. Selain itu, astaxanthin saja



Gambar 4. Hasil visualisasi karotenoid sebagai inhibitor enzim kolagenase (1CGL): (a) didehidroastaxantin; (b) tetrahidroksantin; (c) dihidroksiaastaxantin; (d) diatoksantin; (e) astaksantin; (f) adonixanthin.

Tabel 5. Estimasi energi ikat, konstanta inhibisi, dan tipe interaksi karotenoid terhadap enzim elastase.

Senyawa	Mengikat energi (Kkal/mol)	Inhibisi konstan (mM)	Hidrogen ikatan	Ikatan hidrofobik
Didehydroastaxanthin	- 8.42	0,673	Tyr35; Nya40	Leu150; Leu143; Val216; Arg217; Trp171; Ala99; Val99; Thr174
Tetrahydroxanthin	- 8.31	0,86	Tyr35	Cys42; Leu143; Nya40; Leu150; Nya57; Val216; Arg217; Phe215; Trp171; Ala99; Val99
Dihydroastaxanthin	- 7.58	2,78	Nya40; Tyr35	Ala99; Trp171; Phe215; Val99; Nya57; Cys42; Leu150
Diatoxanthin	- 7.81	1,78	Nya40	Leu150; Trp171; Arg217; Ala99; Val99; Phe215; Nya57; Cys42; Leu150
Astaxanthin	- 9.01	0,248	Tyr35	Nya40; Leu143; Trp171; Arg217; Ala99; Val216; Cys58; Nya57; Cys42
Adonixanthin	- 9.03	0,239	His40, Tyr35	Leu143, Ala99, Leu150, Val216, Val99, Arg217, Trp171, Phe215
Warga asli	- 5.55	85,31	Cys220; Gln192; Gly193; Ser195	Val216

Tabel 6. Estimasi energi ikat, konstanta inhibisi, dan tipe interaksi karotenoid terhadap enzim elastase.

Senyawa	Mengikat energi (kcal/mol)	Inhibisi konstan (mM)	Hidrogen ikatan	Ikatan hidrofobik
Didehydroastaxanthin	- 7.71	2.25	-	trp267; Tyr55; Phe46; Phe20; Pro18; Trp301
Tetrahydroxanthin	- 7.47	3.35	-	Phe20; Phe46; Pro18; trp267; Tyr55; Trp302; Tyr184; Tyr227
Dihydroastaxanthin	- 6.16	30.56	Gln271	Phe20; Tyr184; Tyr227; Pro18; trp301; Phe46; Tyr55; trp267; Arg274
Diatoxanthin	- 7.53	3.01	-	Phe20, Tyr55, Phe46, Pro68, Trp301, Trp267, Arg274, Tyr55
Astaxanthin	- 2,27	21,79x10 ³	Lys269	Arg274; Gly69; Pro67
Adonixanthin	- 7.45	3,46	-	Phe20, Pro18, Tyr55, Phe46, Trp305, Tyr227, Tyr184, Trp267, Arg274
Warga asli	- 4,17	875,19	Tyr227; Asp111; Ser304; Asp305; Glu113	Tyr184; trp301; Phe46; Arg47; Ser303

menghasilkan energi ikat sebesar -2,27 kkal/mol. Sebagai hasil dari penemuan ini, dapat disimpulkan bahwa astaxanthin memiliki konstanta penghambatan yang terlalu besar, sehingga menghasilkan nilai bioavailabilitas yang rendah. Sementara itu, karotenoid lain dengan energi ikat tinggi, seperti didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, dan adonixanthin berpotensi untuk digunakan sebagai inhibitor alami protein hyaluronidase. Karena interaksi ligan uji berlabuh di lokasi yang sama dengan situs aktif, senyawa ini dapat digunakan sebagai penghambat kompetitif protein kolagenase, elastase, dan hyaluronidase.

Kesimpulan

Kandungan pigmen karapas adalah 4,46 mg berdasarkan pengukuran kuantitatif dari total ekstraksi pigmen pada betina *G. albolineatus*. Secara kualitatif, karapas diketahui mengandung pigmen karotenoid seperti didehydroastaxanthin, tetrahydroastaxanthin, dihydroastaxanthin, diatoxanthin, dan astaxanthin berdasarkan HPLC. Karotenoid adalah antioksidan alami yang memainkan peran penting dalam regenerasi kulit. Menurut hasil docking molekuler, senyawa karotenoid dari *G. albolineatus* adalah inhibitor yang lebih kuat daripada inhibitor asli, yang secara kompetitif berikatan dengan residu katalitik yang sama pada protein elastase dan hyaluronidase. Namun, in vivo dan in vitro studi diperlukan untuk mengkonfirmasi pendekatan ini sehingga data ini dapat digunakan sebagai pesaing prospek pengobatan, khususnya di bidang kosmetik.

Ketersediaan data

Data yang mendasari

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- dock1cgl-native.dlg
- dock4ym9-native.dlg
- dockasta1cgl.dlg
- dockasta4ym9.dlg
- dockbeta1cgl.dlg

- dockbeta4ym9.dlg
- dockdehydro1cgl.dlg
- dockdehydro4ym9.dlg

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