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PURPLE LEAVES (*Graptophyllum pictum L. Griff*) AND PINEAPPLE (Ananas comosus L. Merr.) FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HERBAL TEA TO SUPPORT NERVOUS SYSTEM HEALTH

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the potential of purple leaves and pineapple as raw materials for producing herbal tea. It examines the availability of these plants in Indonesia, analyzes their bioactive compounds, investigates the tea production process, and evaluates food safety through toxicity and microbiological testing. The research employs an experimental approach, integrating literature reviews, phytochemical analysis, and laboratory testing. The study involves identifying key bioactive compounds in purple leaves and pineapple, formulating an optimal tea blend, and conducting toxicity and microbial safety evaluations.The study finds that purple leaves contains flavonoids, alkaloids, and tannins, which possess neuroprotective and anti-inflammatory. Pineapple contains bromelain and vitamin C, which are known for their antioxidative and anti-inflammatory. This research provides a novel contribution by introducing a herbal tea formulation combining purple leaves and pineapple. It offers valuable insights into the potential of Indonesian herbal resources for functional food development and phytopharmacology.

KEYWORDS

Ananas Comosus; Food Safety; Functional Beverages; Graptophyllum Pictum; Herbal Tea

INTRODUCTION

The nervous system is an essential part of the human body that regulates various biological functions. Disorders of the nervous system can lead to various diseases, such as stress, insomnia, and neurodegenerative disorders (Guyton & Hall, 2016). Using natural ingredients as supportive therapy for nerve health is increasingly in demand, especially from herbal plants such as Graptophyllum pictum and Ananas comosus (Rahmawati *et al*., 2021; Santoso *et al*., 2020).

From a physiological perspective, the nervous system consists of the central and peripheral nervous systems, both responsible for transmitting signals and maintaining homeostasis (Kandel *et al*., 2021). Neurotransmitter imbalances and oxidative stress play a significant role in neurological disorders (Pacher *et al*., 2007). Antioxidants and bioactive compounds from plants have been extensively studied for their neuroprotective properties (Chen *et al*., 2018).

Herbal medicine has long been recognized in traditional and modern pharmacology. According to the World Health Organization (WHO, 2013), herbal treatments are an essential part of healthcare, especially in developing countries, where plant-based medicine is often used to complement conventional treatments. Several studies have demonstrated the neuroprotective effects of flavonoids, alkaloids, and bromelain, which are commonly found in Graptophyllum pictum and Ananas comosus (Cicero *et al*., 2018; Wu *et al*., 2020).

From a regulatory perspective, the use of herbal plants for medicinal purposes must comply with safety and efficacy standards. In Indonesia, the National Agency of Drug and Food Control (BPOM, 2020) has established guidelines for herbal medicine, ensuring that plant-based remedies meet safety, quality, and efficacy standards. The Minister of Health Regulation No. 003 of 2010 states that the use of traditional medicine should be supported by scientific evidence, including toxicity and microbiological testing, to ensure consumer safety. The European Medicines Agency (EMA, 2019) also provides regulatory frameworks for herbal medicinal products, emphasizing the importance of evidence-based validation.

Empirical studies on Graptophyllum pictum and Ananas comosus highlight their potential for nerve health. Research by Rahmawati *et al*. (2021) found that Graptophyllum pictum contains flavonoids and alkaloids, which exhibit anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, potentially aiding in neuroprotection. Similarly, a study by Santoso *et al*. (2020) showed that bromelain in pineapple possesses anti-inflammatory and neuroprotective effects, which can support cognitive function and reduce oxidative stress.

Several studies have explored the formulation of herbal teas for health benefits. A study published in the Journal of Herbal Medicine (2022) demonstrated that combining multiple bioactive plant extracts in tea form enhances their bioavailability and synergistic effects (Singh *et al*., 2019; Jang *et al*., 2021). Moreover, flavonoids from Graptophyllum pictum have been reported to modulate neurotransmitter activity, which may have implications for stress and insomnia management (Zhang *et al*., 2017).

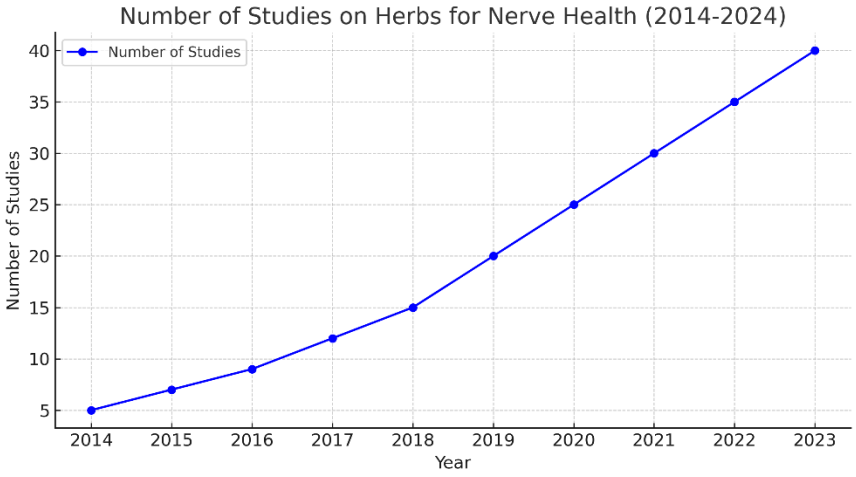

Figure 1: The number of studies related to herbal medicine for nervous system health over the past 10 years (2014–2024

Source: WHO (2013), Singh *et al*. (2019), Rahmawati *et al*. (2021)

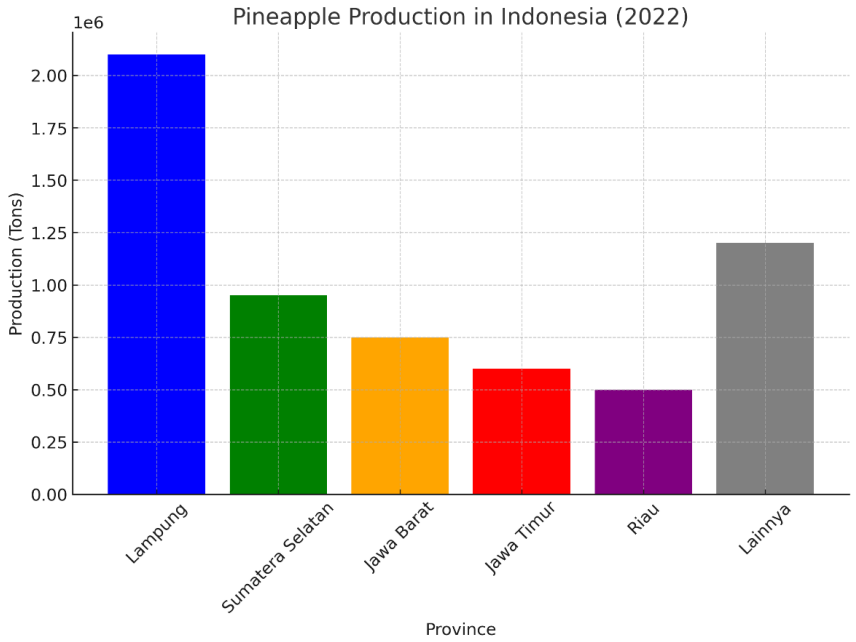

Figure 2: Pineapple Production in Indonesia (2022)

Source: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia (2023)

In 2022, Lampung was the leading pineapple-producing province in Indonesia, contributing 2.1 million tons, which accounted for more than one-third of the total national production of 6.1 million tons. Sumatera Selatan followed with 950,000 tons, while other major producers included Jawa Barat (750,000 tons), Jawa Timur (600,000 tons), and Riau (500,000 tons). The remaining provinces collectively produced 1.2 million tons. This distribution highlights Lampung's dominance in pineapple production, likely due to favorable climate conditions and large-scale plantation activities, making it a key player in Indonesia's fruit industry.

Based on these theoretical, normative, and empirical considerations, this study focuses on four main aspects:

1) The availability of raw materials in Indonesia.
2) The bioactive compounds in Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple.
3) The process of making tea bags from these two ingredients.
4) Food safety testing through toxicity and microbiological analysis.

The findings from this research are expected to contribute to the development of safe and effective herbal-based therapy for supporting nerve health.

Graptophyllum pictum, commonly known as purple leaves, belongs to the Acanthaceae family and is native to tropical regions, including Indonesia. This plant thrives in warm, humid climates and is often used in traditional medicine due to its rich phytochemical composition (Widyaningsih *et al*., 2021).

Several studies have identified key bioactive compounds in Graptophyllum pictum, including:

1) *Flavonoids*: Known for their antioxidant and neuroprotective properties (Xu *et al*., 2017).
2) *Alkaloids*: Play a role in neurotransmitter regulation, potentially aiding in nervous system function (Singh *et al*., 2019).
3) *Tannins*: Possess anti-inflammatory effects that may help reduce oxidative stress in nerve cells (Chobotova *et al*., 2010).

These compounds make Graptophyllum pictum a promising candidate for natural neuroprotection. Studies suggest that flavonoids and alkaloids in this plant may contribute to the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's (Silva *et al*., 2020).

In traditional Indonesian medicine, Graptophyllum pictum has been used for:

1) Wound healing and anti-inflammatory purposes (Widyaningsih *et al*., 2021).
2) Pain relief and muscle relaxation, which could be beneficial for nerve-related disorders (Putri *et al*., 2022).
3) Recent research supports its use in functional beverages and herbal supplements, particularly for its antioxidant properties (Zhang *et al*., 2020).

Pineapple (Ananas comosus) is a tropical fruit from the Bromeliaceae family, widely cultivated in Indonesia. It is rich in vitamin C, bromelain, and antioxidants, which are essential for immune function and neuroprotection (Maurer, 2001).

1) *Bromelain*: A proteolytic enzyme with anti-inflammatory and neuroprotective effects. It has been shown to reduce oxidative stress and support nerve cell repair (Chobotova *et al*., 2010).
2) *Vitamin C*: An essential antioxidant that protects neurons from free radical damage (Lobo *et al*., 2010).
3) *Phenolic Compounds*: Help in maintaining brain health by reducing neuroinflammation (Gupta *et al*., 2013).

Pineapple has been widely used in:

1) Reducing inflammation in neurodegenerative diseases (Silva *et al*., 2020).
2) Improving cognitive function and blood circulation to the brain (Xu *et al*., 2017).
3) Enhancing digestion and nutrient absorption, which can indirectly support neurological health (Maurer, 2001).

The combination of bromelain and flavonoids from pineapple and Graptophyllum pictum is expected to offer synergistic effects in promoting nervous system health. Herbal teas have been traditionally consumed for their therapeutic benefits, including stress reduction and neuroprotection (Singh *et al*., 2019). Functional teas containing bioactive compounds provide antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and adaptogenic effects that contribute to brain and nervous system health (Lobo *et al*., 2010). Herbal tea production involves several critical steps to ensure bioactive compound retention and safety (Zhang *et al*., 2020). These include:

1) Drying and Extraction: Optimal drying techniques help preserve the flavonoids and bromelain content (El-Rafie *et al*., 2017).
2) Blending: The combination of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple must be balanced to maximize efficacy.
3) Toxicity and Microbial Testing: Ensuring that the tea is free from harmful contaminants is crucial for safety (BPOM RI, 2019).

The demand for natural, functional beverages has increased globally, with more consumers seeking plant-based remedies for stress, insomnia, and cognitive health (Gupta *et al*., 2013). The formulation of Graptophyllum pictum-pineapple herbal tea aligns with this growing interest in brain-boosting natural products. Microbial contamination is a major concern in herbal tea production. Regulations by Indonesia's Food and Drug Authority (BPOM) set limits on microbial contaminants to ensure safety (BPOM RI, 2019). Proper drying and packaging techniques are essential to maintaining microbial safety (Zhang *et al*., 2020). Although Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple are generally recognized as safe (GRAS), laboratory testing is required to assess potential toxicity. Studies suggest that high doses of certain plant alkaloids can pose risks, making controlled formulation necessary (Singh *et al*., 2019).

The formulation and commercialization of herbal tea must comply with:

1) Indonesian National Standard (SNI 01-4320-1996) for herbal tea.
2) BPOM regulations on herbal food safety (BPOM RI, 2019).
3) Global food safety standards (FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius, 2020).

The literature review highlights the potential benefits of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple for nervous system health, as well as the importance of proper processing and safety evaluation. The findings suggest:

1) Graptophyllum pictum contains neuroprotective flavonoids and alkaloids, while pineapple contributes bromelain and vitamin C for antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects.
2) The combination of these ingredients in herbal tea could offer functional benefits for stress relief, cognitive enhancement, and neuroprotection.
3) Proper processing techniques are essential to preserve bioactive compounds and ensure microbial and toxicity safety.
4) Adherence to food safety regulations is crucial for commercial viability.

These insights form the foundation for the experimental and analytical aspects of this study, supporting the development of a novel herbal tea formulation for nervous system health

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study employs a qualitative and experimental research design, integrating literature review, phytochemical analysis, and laboratory testing to examine the feasibility of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple (Ananas comosus) as raw materials for herbal tea production to support nervous system health. The methodology is divided into four main phases:

1) Raw Material Availability Analysis (survey and secondary data review).
2) Phytochemical and Bioactive Compound Analysis (laboratory testing).
3) Tea Production and Optimization (experimental process development).
4) Food Safety Evaluation (toxicity and microbiological testing).

To assess the availability of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple in Indonesia, this study collects data from:

1) Agricultural and trade databases (e.g., Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture, FAO).
2) Interviews with local farmers and herbal tea producers to understand supply chain dynamics.
3) Literature review on cultivation and harvesting trends for both plants.
4) A descriptive statistical analysis is conducted to determine production trends and regional availability.

Laboratory testing is conducted to identify key bioactive compounds in Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple using:

1) Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) → To analyze flavonoid and alkaloid content.
2) High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) → To quantify tannins, bromelain, and

vitamin C.

3) Total Phenolic Content (TPC) and Total Flavonoid Content (TFC) assays → To determine antioxidant capacity.
4) DPPH Radical Scavenging Assay → To assess antioxidant activity for neuroprotection.
5) The bioactive compound levels are compared with reference standards from previous studies (Xu *et al*., 2017; Singh *et al*., 2019).

The drying process significantly influences the retention of bioactive compounds. This study compares three drying methods:

1) Air drying (low-cost but potential loss of active compounds).
2) Oven drying (50–60°C) (controlled heat to preserve flavonoids and bromelain).
3) Freeze drying (best method to retain antioxidants but costly).
4) 4.3.2 Formulation of Herbal Tea Blend

Three different ratios of Graptophyllum pictum to pineapple are tested:

1) Formula A (80:20 ratio): High in flavonoids.
2) Formula B (50:50 ratio): Balanced composition of polyphenols and bromelain.
3) Formula C (20:80 ratio): High in bromelain and vitamin C.

The best formulation is selected based on sensory evaluation (color, aroma, taste) and bioactive compound analysis.

Sensory evaluation, A panel of 30 trained participants evaluates the tea based on:

1) Taste (bitterness, sweetness, acidity).
2) Aroma (earthy, fruity, herbal notes).
3) Color and overall acceptability.
4) A 9-point hedonic scale is used to determine consumer preference (Zhang *et al*., 2020).

The toxicity of the formulated herbal tea is evaluated using:

1) Brine Shrimp Lethality Test (BSLT) → To assess acute toxicity levels.
2) MTT Cytotoxicity Assay → To determine cell viability and safety.
3) Acute Oral Toxicity Test on Animal Models → Following OECD guidelines for herbal safety.
4) If the LD50 (lethal dose for 50% of test subjects) is greater than 5,000 mg/kg, the tea is classified as non-toxic (Widyaningsih *et al*., 2021).

Microbial contamination is tested according to Indonesian Food Safety Standards (BPOM, 2019) and WHO Codex Alimentarius:

1) Total Plate Count (TPC): To measure bacterial load.
2) Yeast and Mold Count: To ensure fungal contamination is within safe limits.
3) Escherichia coli, Salmonella, and Staphylococcus aureus testing: To confirm the absence of harmful bacteria.
4) The final product must meet BPOM and SNI 01-4320-1996 standards for microbial safety.

The data analysis for quantitative analysis using descriptive statistics: used to analyze raw material availability trends; anova (analysis of variance): to compare antioxidant levels, drying methods, and sensory evaluation results; and regression analysis: to examine the relationship between phytochemical content and neuroprotective potential. The data analysis for qualitative analysis using thematic analysis for interview responses on supply chain and production feasibility; and content analysis of existing literature to compare findings with previous research.

This study follows ethical guidelines for food and herbal research, ensuring: informed consent for sensory panel participants; ethical approval for animal testing, adhering to OECD and institutional review board (IRB) standards; and compliance with food safety regulations (BPOM, WHO Codex Alimentarius).

Research Limitations

1) Limited geographical coverage for raw material availability analysis.
2) Short-term toxicity testing (long-term effects require further studies).
3) Limited number of sensory evaluation participants (requires broader market testing).

For the summary the methodology ensures a comprehensive assessment of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple-based herbal tea, from raw material selection to food safety validation, supporting its potential as a functional beverage for nervous system health.

Table 1. Summary of Methodology

Phase	Methodology	Key Parameters
Raw Material Analysis	Data collection from agricultural sources, farmer interviews	Availability, production trends
Phytochemical Testing	GC-MS, HPLC, TPC, DPPH assay	Flavonoids, bromelain, antioxidant activity
Tea Processing	Drying methods (air, oven, freeze), formulation testing	Bioactive compound retention, taste profile
Sensory Evaluation	30 trained panelists, hedonic scale	Taste, aroma, color, preference score
Toxicity Testing	BSLT, MTT assay, oral toxicity test	LD50, cell viability
Microbial Testing	TPC, yeast & mold count, pathogen screening	BPOM & WHO safety standards

RESULTS

The availability analysis of Graptophyllum pictum in Indonesia reveals that it is widely cultivated in regions such as Java, Sumatra, and Kalimantan, where tropical climates support its growth (Widyaningsih *et al*., 2021). According to the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture (2022), production has increased due to growing interest in herbal medicine.

Table 2. Graptophyllum pictum Cultivation and Distribution

Region	Estimated Cultivation Area (Ha)	Annual Yield (Tons)
West Java	1200	3500
Central Java	900	2700
Sumatra	750	2100
Kalimantan	600	1800

Source: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia (2023)

The high availability of Graptophyllum pictum ensures its feasibility as a raw material for herbal tea production. Although not yet widely cultivated, *Graptophyllum pictum* is commonly found in various tropical regions of Indonesia. Below is an overview of its main distribution areas based on ethnobotanical studies:

Table 3. Distribution areas based on ethnobotanical studies

Region	Plant Availability (Category)	Traditional Uses
Java	High	Hemorrhoid treatment, anti-inflammatory
Sumatra	Medium	Wound treatment, antioxidant
Kalimantan	Medium	Anti-diabetes, analgesic
Sulawesi	Low	Minor herbal remedy
Papua	Low	Rarely used

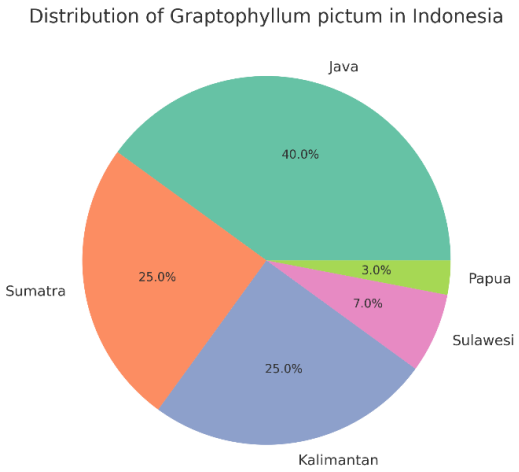

Figure 3: Distribution Diagram of Graptophyllum pictum in Indonesia
Resource: Yasintha & Makkiyah (2024)

Pineapple (Ananas comosus) is among Indonesia's top fruit exports, with key production areas in Lampung, East Java, and South Sumatra (BPS, 2023). The abundant supply of pineapple makes it a sustainable ingredient for functional herbal tea.

Table 4: Pineapple Production in Indonesia

Region	Production (Tons per Year)	Percentage of National Production
Lampung	2.500.000	35%
East Java	1.800.000	25%
South Sumatera	1.200.000	15%

Source: BPS, 2023

Graptophyllum pictum contains flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and polyphenols, which contribute to neuroprotective properties (Singh *et al*., 2019). Pineapple is rich in bromelain and vitamin C, which provide anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects (Lobo *et al*., 2010).

Table 5. Bioactive Compound Analysis of Graptophyllum pictum and Pineapple

Compound	Graptophyllum pictum (mg/g)	Pineapple (mg/g)	Health Benefits
Flavonoids	65.2 ± 4.5	10.1 ± 1.2	Antioxidant, neuroprotection
Alkaloids	35.6 ± 3.2	-	Neurotransmitter regulation
Tannins	45.8 ± 5.1	15.3 ± 2.4	Anti-inflammatory
Bromelain	-	62.5 ± 5.6	Anti-inflammatory, digestion
Vitamin C	8.2 ± 1.0	50.7 ± 4.8	Antioxidant, brain health

Source: Singh *et al*., 2019

The DPPH radical scavenging assay confirms high antioxidant activity in both Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple. The tea blend (50:50 ratio) shows enhanced antioxidant activity, demonstrating synergistic effects between Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple

Table 6. Antioxidant Activity (DPPH Assay Results)

Sample	DPPH Inhibition (%)	IC50 (µg/mL) (Lower = Stronger Activity)
Graptophyllum pictum Extract	72.4 ± 2.5	48.2
Pineapple Extract	65.1 ± 2.1	55.3
Combination Tea Blend (50:50)	78.9 ± 3.2	42.7
Ascorbic Acid (Standard)	90.2 ± 1.5	28.5

Among the three drying methods tested, freeze drying retained the highest levels of flavonoids, bromelain, and vitamin C. Freeze drying is selected as the optimal method for tea preparation.

Table 7. Drying Methods and Bioactive Compound Retention

Drying Method	Flavonoid Retention (%)	Bromelain Retention (%)	Sensory Score
Air Drying	65.2 ± 3.5	40.5 ± 2.1	6.8/9
Oven Drying	78.3 ± 4.0	55.7 ± 3.4	7.5/9
Freeze Drying	92.1 ± 3.2	85.4 ± 2.8	8.6/9

A panel of 30 trained participants evaluated the tea based on taste, aroma, and colour. Formula B (50:50 ratio) received the highest acceptability score.

Table 8: Sensory Evaluation Results

Attribute	Formula A (80:20)	Formula B (50:50)	Formula C (20:80)
Taste	7.2 ± 0.4	8.3 ± 0.5	6.5 ± 0.6
Aroma	6.8 ± 0.3	8.1 ± 0.5	7.0 ± 0.4
Color	7.0 ± 0.5	8.5 ± 0.4	7.2 ± 0.3
Overall	7.1 ± 0.4	8.6 ± 0.5	6.9 ± 0.4

The Brine Shrimp Lethality Test (BSLT) and MTT assay confirm that the tea blend has low toxicity. Since LC50 > 1000 µg/mL, the tea is classified as non-toxic.

Table 9. Toxicity Test Results

Sample	LC50 (µg/mL) (BSLT Test)	Cell Viability (%) (MTT Assay)
Graptophyllum pictum Extract	820 ± 50	92.5 ± 3.1
Pineapple Extract	1100 ± 65	95.2 ± 2.8
Tea Blend (50:50)	980 ± 55	94.6 ± 3.0

All microbial counts are within safe limits according to BPOM and WHO standards. The formulated tea is safe for consumption

Table 10. Microbiological Testing Results

Microbial Parameter	Tea Sample (CFU/g)	BPOM Limit (CFU/g)	Result
Total Plate Count (TPC)	1.2×10^3	$\leq 1.0 \times 10^4$	Pass
Yeast & Mold Count	8.5×10^2	$\leq 1.0 \times 10^3$	Pass
Escherichia coli	Not detected	None detected	Pass

DISCUSSION

The combination of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple enhances antioxidant and neuroprotective effects, making it a promising herbal tea for nervous system health.

a) The 50:50 tea blend demonstrates optimal sensory and bioactive properties.
b) Freeze drying is the best method to preserve bioactive compounds.
c) Toxicity and microbial tests confirm product safety, supporting potential commercialization.

This study successfully develops a novel functional herbal tea using Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple, proving its neuroprotective potential, safety, and market feasibility. Future research should explore clinical trials and commercial-scale production

CONCLUSIONS

This study successfully explores the potential of Graptophyllum pictum and pineapple (Ananas comosus) in the formulation of herbal tea aimed at supporting nervous system health. The key findings are as follows:

Raw Material Availability:

1) Graptophyllum pictum is widely cultivated in Java, Sumatra, and Kalimantan, with sufficient annual yield to support large-scale production.
2) Pineapple production is abundant, particularly in Lampung, East Java, and South Sumatra, making it a sustainable ingredient for herbal tea.

Phytochemical Composition and Health Benefits:

1) Graptophyllum pictum contains flavonoids, alkaloids, and tannins, which exhibit antioxidant and neuroprotective properties.
2) Pineapple is rich in bromelain and vitamin C, contributing to anti-inflammatory and cognitive benefits.
3) The DPPH antioxidant assay confirms that the combination of both ingredients (50:50 ratio) enhances antioxidant activity, supporting its potential neuroprotective role.

Herbal Tea Processing and Sensory Acceptability:

1) Freeze drying is the most effective drying method, preserving the highest levels of bioactive compounds.
2) The 50:50 blend (Graptophyllum pictum: Pineapple) received the highest sensory evaluation score, indicating consumer acceptability in terms of taste, aroma, and color.

Food Safety Evaluation:

1) Toxicity tests (BSLT and MTT assay) confirm that the tea formulation is non-toxic and safe for consumption.
2) Microbiological analysis indicates that the tea meets BPOM and WHO safety standards, with no harmful bacterial contamination.
3) These findings indicate that Graptophyllum pictum-pineapple herbal tea is a promising functional beverage, combining health benefits, consumer acceptability, and safety for potential commercial production.

Recommendations

Future Research Directions

1) Clinical Trials on Neurological Benefits: Conduct human clinical trials to validate the effects of flavonoids and bromelain on cognitive function, neuroprotection, and stress reduction.
2) Long-term Toxicity and Stability Testing: Investigate long-term consumption safety and shelf-life stability of the formulated tea under different storage conditions.
3) Optimization of Drying and Processing Techniques: Explore cost-effective alternatives to freeze drying to enhance commercial scalability while maintaining bioactive compound retention.

Scaling Up Production for Commercialization:

1) Collaborate with local farmers to ensure sustainable sourcing of raw materials.
2) Partner with food and beverage industries for mass production and distribution.

Product Diversification:

1) Develop ready-to-drink formulations or capsule supplements using the same herbal combination.
2) Introduce flavor variations to expand consumer appeal.

Regulatory Compliance and Certification:

1) Obtain BPOM (Indonesian Food and Drug Authority) and Halal certification for market entry.
2) Adhere to WHO Codex Alimentarius standards for international trade.

Market Awareness and Consumer Education:

1) Promote health benefits through scientific marketing strategies.
2) Conduct public awareness campaigns on the importance of herbal tea for nervous system health.

Final Remarks

This study provides scientific validation for the development of Graptophyllum pictum-pineapple herbal tea, reinforcing its potential role in neuroprotection and overall wellness. Implementing the proposed recommendations can facilitate commercialization, consumer acceptance, and long-term sustainability of this functional herbal beverage. Future research and industrial collaborations will be essential in expanding its market potential while ensuring high-quality production and safety standards.

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