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ABSTRACT

Horseshoe crab is a well known species that is considered as a living fossil and have been studied a long time ago. However, the correct information of the importance of book gills and carapace of *Tachypleus tridentatus* is not yet fully understood even though these two body parts are very important for their survival. This research was conducted to quantify and determine the protein profile from the extract of book gills and carapace of *T. tridentatus*. Bradford Protein Assay was done to quantify the protein extracted using the solubilization buffer. The concentration of protein from the book gills and carapace of *T. tridentatus* were 1.445 µg/ µl and 1.398 µg/ µl respectively. The proteins of the two parts were profiled using Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate-Polyacrilamide Gel Electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) where 11 bands of protein profile for book gills and 12 bands of protein for carapace which were classified into 5 different classes of peptide. This profiling provides basic information to understand more about the importance of the parts for horseshoe crab.

PROFIL PROTEIN DARIPADA INSANG BUKU DAN CENGKERANG BELANGKAS MALAYSIA, *Tachypleus tridentatus*

ABSTRAK

Belangkas adalah satu spesies yang terkenal serta dianggap sebagai fosil hidup dan telah lama dikaji sejak dari zaman dahulu lagi. Walau bagaimanapun, maklumat dan kepentingan buku insang dan karapas *Tachypleus tridentatus* belum difahami sepenuhnya walaupun ianya amat penting bagi kelangsungan hidup mereka. Kajian ini telah dijalankan untuk mengukur dan menentukan profil protein yang diekstrak daripada buku insang dan cengkerang belangkas Malaysia, *T. tridentatus*. Ujian Bradford telah dilakukan untuk menentukan protein yang diekstrak menggunakan larutan penimbang. Kepekatan protein dari insang dan karapas *T. tridentatus* adalah $1.445 \mu\text{g} / \mu\text{l}$ dan $1.398 \mu\text{g} / \mu\text{l}$ masing-masing. Protein yang diekstrak dari insang dan karapas itu diprofil menggunakan Natrium Dodesil Sulfat-Polyacrilamide Gel Elektroforesis (SDS-PAGE) dimana terdapat 11 jalur protein untuk insang dan 12 jalur protein untuk karapas yang telah dikelaskan kepada 5 kelas peptida yang berbeza. Profil protein ini memberi maklumat asas untuk lebih memahami kepentingan kedua-dua bahagian kepada belangkas.