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*Fusarium spp.* ISOLATED FROM MUSKMELON FRUIT ROT**

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## ABSTRACT

Muskmelon is the common name for botanical varieties of *Cucumis melo L.* The botanical group includes cantaloupe, honeydew, and casaba. Muskmelon fruit rot has been detected in almost plantation area and *Fusarium* species had been identified involved in one of the most important postharvest diseases of muskmelon. This study was employed to determine the effect garlic extraction on causal organisms and the Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of *Fusarium Solani* and *Fusarium Oxysporum*. Three types of in-vitro techniques were tested (Paper disc diffusion, well-agar technique and spore suspension techniques). Results showed that 5mg/ml of garlic extract was proven can inhibit both of the fungi. The MIC of *F. Solani* and *F. oxysporum* were 4.75 mg/ml and 4.5 mg/ml respectively. As conclusion, garlic has a potential as natural product to inhibit the *Fusarium* species isolated from muskmelon with fruit rot disease.



## ABSTRAK

*Cucumis melo L.* atau dikenali dengan nama botanical iaitu tembikai terdiri daripada tembikai susu, 'cantaloupe dan 'casaba'. Penyakit reput buah telah dikesan pada setiap kawasan penanaman buah tembikai. *Fusarium* spesies telah dikenalpasti punca kepada penyakit lepastuai bagi buah tembikai. Kajian ini dijalankan untuk mengkaji kesan kepekatan ekstrak bawang putih terhadap perencatan *Fusarium* spesies dan menentukan kepekatan perencatan minimum (MIC) bagi *Fusarium solani* dan *Fusarium oxysporum*. Tiga jenis teknik in-vitro telah digunakan (Teknik sebaran kertas cakera, teknik 'agar-well' dan teknik ampaian inokulum). Keputusan menunjukkan ekstrak bawang putih pada kepekatan 5mg/ml dapat merencat kedua-dua kulat tersebut. Penentuan kepekatan perencatan minimum bagi *Fusarium solani* dan *F. oxysporum* adalah 4.75 mg/ml dan 4.5 mg/ml masing-masing. Sebagai kesimpulannya, bawang putih mempunyai potensi sebagai produk semulajadi untuk merencatkan pereputan pada buah tembikai disebabkan oleh *Fusarium*.