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# Metabolite profiling of some organs and the potential of *Mukia javanica* as an antihypertension

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Mukia javanica is a close relative of the cucumber (Cucumis sativus) used to treat hypertension in the Leuwiliang community. Cucumis sativus contains calcium, magnesium, potassium, and phosphorus, which help lower blood pressure. In contrast, the content of metabolite compounds that are useful for lowering blood pressure in *M. javanica* has not been previously reported. Therefore, this research aimed to identify and determine the secondary metabolite content contained in several *M. javanica* organs and determine potential compounds that function in treating hypertension. The method used is the gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) method. The samples analyzed included several organs of *M. javanica*, such as roots, stems, leaves, and fruit. Several organs are tested to determine the part of the plant with the most potential secondary metabolite compound content. Data analysis used the R version 3.5.2 program and the Metaboanalyst program. Based on the test results, 98 secondary metabolite compounds were identified and divided into several compound classes, and the most significant number of compounds identified was the terpenoid compound group. The 13-Tetradecen-1-acetate (root), Oleic acid (fruit), Phytol (stem), and 4-hydroxy-3-nitrocoumarin (root) content in Mukia javanica has the potential to be antihypertensive. Based on correlation analysis, the metabolites Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester, Squalene, Vitamin E, and Stigmasta-7,16-Dien-3 show high correlation values. The compound Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester is found in all parts, and it is reported to be associated with antihypertension and antioxidants. In the future, this compound has the potential to be used as a raw material for antihypertensive drugs.

#### KEYWORDS

antihypertensive, antioxidant, correlation analysis, GCMS, Mukia javanica

## **1** Introduction

Hypertension is a cardiovascular disease that is widely suffered and has a significant risk of developing other diseases such as endothelial dysfunction, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, kidney dysfunction, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, and stroke (Ogihara et al., 2006). Hypertension is a disease that affects many people throughout the world, namely 1.13 billion, and the majority (2/3) live in low and middle-income countries (WHO, 2019). In Indonesia, hypertension sufferers range from 6 to 15%. This is because hypertension sufferers usually do not have any symptoms or mild symptoms. Hypertension in the Leuwiliang community is the second most common disease after diabetes (Pratami et al., 2024). Hypertension is often found in old age due to several factors, such as unhealthy lifestyles and environmental factors. The risk of hypertension increases with age. Older people have a higher risk of developing hypertension (Dai et al., 2022).

Hypertension treatment is carried out using various methods, namely pharmacological and herbal. Pharmacologically, it is carried out using modern chemical medicines, while herbal treatment is carried out, one of which is using concoctions derived from plants. The use of plants as medicine is one of the alternative treatments that people choose because they have minimum side effects and are easy to obtain. According to Wang et al. (2013), Medicinal plants also have advantages in treating hypertension because, generally, medicinal plants have the function of treating hypertension and complications resulting from high blood pressure and have few side effects. Over 400.000 plant species contain primary and secondary metabolites (Van Wyk, 2020). Some plants that have the potential to treat hypertension, namely Phragmanthera incana leaf ethanol extract, possess antihypertensive, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory properties, suggesting a protective role in cardiovascular diseases (Adedapo et al., 2020) and Brassica rapa containing Methanol extract showed the highest antihypertensive potential by inhibiting ACE (79.39%) among all extracts. Methanol extract via GC-MS analysis revealed potent phytoconstituents and a molecular docking study confirmed that Oleic acid is the main antihypertensive metabolite (Abid et al., 2022). Sanrang and Faradiba (2024), reported plants used for the treatment of hypertension in Galung Village, including Andrographis paniculate, Averrhoa bilimbi, Annona muricata, Alium sativum, Cocos nucifera, Cymbopogon citratus, Muntingia calabura, Apium graveolens, Cucumis sativus, Sechium edule, Zingiber officinale; Cinnamomum verum, and Coriandrum sativum. The results of research related to hypertension show that flavonoid compounds play a role in hypertension therapy. Flavonoids are one of the chemical compounds of plants that have many properties, including as an antihypertensive. In hypertension therapy, flavonoid compounds act as ACE Inhibitors or inhibitors of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) where angiotensin I is not converted to angiotensin II so that aldosterone secretion will be inhibited. When aldosterone is inhibited, more water will be excreted by the body, the more water the lower the blood pressure (Sanrang and Faradiba, 2024).

According to (Pratami et al., 2024), the Leuwiliang community carries out modern and traditional treatment. Traditional medicine uses plants because medicinal plants contain metabolite compounds that have medicinal properties. Some of the plants used to treat hypertension in Leuwiliang include celery (*Apium graveolens*), insulin (*Smallanthus sonchifolia*), black cumin (*Nigella sativa*), shallots (Allium cepa), periwinkle (Catharanthus roseus), cherry (Muntingia Calabura), soursop (Annona muricata) and the most widely used is Mukia javanica (Pratami et al., 2024). M. javanica is closely related to the same family as Cucumis sativus and Sechium edule which are often used in the treatment of hypertension because they contain potassium. Potassium in Cucumis sativus can reduce renin secretion, causing inhibition of the renin-angiotensin system, and resulting in reduced reabsorption of water and sodium in the kidneys. Because of this working mechanism, diuresis increases which results in reduced blood volume, thereby lowering blood pressure. High levels of potassium can increase sodium excretion, thereby reducing blood pressure and blood volume (Lovindy and Tatik, 2014) and has the potential to lower systolic and diastolic blood pressure (Tukan, 2018). Sechium edule is also commonly used by the public in the treatment of hypertension because it contains potassium, which is a good mineral for lowering or controlling blood pressure (Septiana and Juwariyah, 2021).

Recently, research regarding the identification of compounds that have potential as medicines in *Mukia javanica* has never been carried out, even though there have been many reports regarding the use of traditional medicines made from *M. javanica* (Lemmens and Bunyapraphatsara, 2003). Based on ethnobotanical studies of *M. javanica*, many people use the leaves of *M. javanica* as an antihypertensive drug (Pratami et al., 2024). However, research on metabolite studies needs to be studied in more depth to obtain the desired metabolites.

One way to identify the active compound content in *Mukia javanica* is to analyze its metabolite profile. Metabolomics profiling is a metabolomic analysis to determine the diversity of metabolite compounds (metabolome) in cells and tissues (Van Dam and Bouwmeester, 2016; Wuolikainen et al., 2016). Information on the content of metabolite compounds can be determined using untargeted metabolomics analysis as a first step to collect as much in-depth and detailed information as possible on various metabolite compounds contained in *M. javanica*. This study aims to determine the secondary metabolite compounds that treat hypertension.

## 2 Materials and methods

### 2.1 Experimental design

The *Mukia javanica* samples (roots, stems, leaves, and fruit) which were analyzed to grow wild in fields and hills in the Leuwiliang Sub-district, Bogor Regency, Indonesia (Figure 1). The selection of plant organs was carried out to compare the content of metabolite compounds that have the highest potential as antihypertensives in these organs.

### 2.2 Research procedure

Samples of healthy roots, stems, leaves, and fruits were prepared by cutting them into smaller sizes and then drying them at 140°C until the samples were dry. The dried samples were macerated in a bottle containing absolute ethanol for 5–7 days. After that, 10 mL of sample extract was taken and put into a tube to be evaporated using gas for 60 min at a temperature of 60°C. The dried sample was then



dissolved with the remaining 200  $\mu$ L of extract and ready to be inserted into the Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry (GC– MS) instrument. One way to identify metabolite profiles is by Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry (GC–MS) analysis. GC–MS analysis is often used to reveal metabolite profiles and their high resolution and provide good reproducibility. Another advantage of the GC–MS technique is that it has high sensitivity, which allows it to separate mixed compounds and analyze various compounds even in low concentrations (Gandjar and Rohman, 2012). Metabolomic analysis using GC–MS was carried out following the methods of Fendiyanto et al. (2020) and Fendiyanto et al. (2021). Root, stem, leaf, and fruit samples were analyzed in three replications for each species of *M. javanica*. Metabolite analysis was carried out at the Regional Health Laboratory of Jakarta Province.

# 2.3 Observation parameters and data analysis

Data from GC–MS metabolomics analysis were analyzed by creating a heatmap using the R version 3.5.2 program and the Metaboanalyst. R program following Fendiyanto et al. (2021). Graphs were analyzed using Microsoft Excel. The metabolomic data from the analysis results were then displayed in descriptive form. Correlation analysis and statistical testing of metabolite profiles were carried out using the Metaboanalyst application (Fendiyanto et al., 2020). For statistical analysis, this study used univariate and multivariate analysis including biomarker analysis using R in agricolae packages (Fendiyanto et al., 2020).

### **3** Results

# 3.1 Diversity of metabolite compounds in *Mukia javanica*

The *Mukia* genus is a taxon that has potential as a medicinal plant. Previous research reported that several *Mukia* genera have potential as medicinal plants because they contain secondary metabolites (Veeramani et al., 2012). Based on the results of metabolomics analysis, the classes of metabolite compounds in *M. javanica* roots, stems, leaves, and fruits consists of terpenoids, esters, fatty acids, amino acids, pyridines, aromatics, furans, alkanes, alkenes, deoxy sugars, and other compound classes (Figure 2). The largest number of compounds identified was the terpenoid group of compounds from the total identified metabolite compounds. Based on the results of GC–MS analysis of roots, stems, leaves, and fruit, *M. javanica* contains 98 compounds (Table 1). There were 23 metabolite compounds identified in the roots, 22 stem metabolite compounds, 24 leaf metabolite compounds.

The group of terpenoids, flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids, and phenols is a group of compounds commonly found in plants, fruits,



and vegetables that function as medicinal plants (Saeed et al., 2012). Flavonoid and terpenoid compounds are secondary metabolites in plants with high antioxidant activity (Azalia et al., 2023). Flavonoids and terpenoids belong to a group of very strong antioxidants (Graßmann, 2005). Terpenoids have a role as anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, and anti-dementia drugs are used as perfume ingredients, insect repellent, and skin care raw materials (Cox-Georgian et al., 2019). The highest group of terpenoid compounds was found in the stem at 50%. The terpenoid compound group has antidiabetic, anticancer, and antibacterial functions (Bhargava et al., 2013).

# 3.2 Grouping of metabolites in the root, stem, leaf, and fruit organs

Metabolites detected in *M. javanica* were divided into four main groups according to organ type: root, stem, leaf, and fruit

with a PC1 diversity value of 26.1% and PC2 of 44.8% (Figure 2). The root organ shows a relatively small grouping compared to other organs with the main compounds being 13-Tetradecen-1-acetate, Ethyl Tridecanoate, and Alpha.-(P-Chlorobenzoyl)-P-Chloroacetphenone, and others.

### 3.3 Correlation analysis

Metabolites detected in roots, stems, leaves, and fruits had relatively high correlation values. This metabolite profile is interconnected with other metabolites in all important organs of *M. javanica*. The highest positive correlation value is shown by groups of metabolites colored solid red and the number of metabolites with a high positive correlation shows a distribution of around 25%. Negative correlation values were also shown for metabolites in *M. javanica*, reaching a metabolite distribution value of 1% (Figure 3).

РК	RT	Area Pct	Library/ID	Ref	CAS	Qual
Root						
1	31.020	0.65	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	121218	000112-39-0	97
2	31.399	0.46	13-Tetradecen-1-ol acetate	32036	056221-91-1	68
3	31.571	0.67	Ethyl tridecanoate	156400	028267-29-0	52
4	31.689	0.21	1-allyl-3-methylindole-2-Carbaldehyhe	57787	000000-00-0	86
5	31.792	0.09	2,5-furandione,3-(dodecenyl)dihydro	13351	025377-73-5	44
6	32.289	0.95	.alpha(p-chlorobenzoyl)-p-chloro	99217	000000-00-0	93
7	32.378	2.49	2,6,6-trimethyl-5-(3-methyl-2-butenyl)-1-cyclohexene-1-carbaldehyde	97794	108287-18-9	70
8	32.440	1.74	Pyridine-3-carboxamide, oxime, N-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-	99022	288246-53-7	90
9	32.530	2.95	.Alpha(P-Chlorobenzoyl)-P-chloroacetphenone	99217	000000-00-0	91
10	32.709	1.77	.Alpha(P-Chlorobenzoyl)-P-chloroacetphenone	99217	000000-00-0	92
11	32.785	4.80	Pyridine-3-carboxamide, oxime, N-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-	99022	288246-53-7	90
12	32.999	4.63	2-Dodecen-1-yl(–) succinic anhydride	13329	0197780-11-1	90
13	34.026	18.02	Phenol, 2, 4-bis(1-phenylethyl)-\$\$2,4-Bis(1-phenylethyl)phenol#	504578	002769-94-0	93
14	34.309	5.16	O-hydrogen perdeuterio hexadecanoic acid	504545	039756-30-4	93
15	34.454	5.67	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid	327985	000117-81-7	70
16	35.771	1.19	Squalene	100418	0077683-64-9	99
17	37.364	7.02	2,4-Diiodoimidazole-5-propionic acid, methyl ester	548849	999,548-86-8	90
18	41.073	17.30	.betaAmryin	442582	000559-70-6	97
19	40.501	14.23	Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-ol	493328	017851-90-0	87
20	41.101	4.29	Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-OL, (3.beta., 5. alpha.)	493323	006785-58-6	64
21	41.935	1.33	4-hydroxy-3-nitrocoumarin	44809	020261-31-8	35
22	42.507	2.84	5.AlphaStigmasta-7,16-dien-3.betaol,acetate	519668	017808-71-8	60
			1-[4'- (Dimethylamino) - 3- [2', 5',-Dimethylphenyl]-1-Phenyl-2-			
23	49.410	1.90	Propyn-1-ol	536334	000000-00-0	49
Stem						
1	30.082	2.98	Neophytadiene	94309	000504-96-1	93
2	30.165	1.10	(2e)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecene	103105	014237-73-1	93
3	31.020	0.47	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	121186	000112-39-0	98
4	32.282	0.33	11-Octadecenoic acid, methyl ester	59985	52380-33-3	99
5	32.937	1.31	Phytol	106163	000150-86-7	93
6	33.957	0.29	Phenol, 2, 4-bis(1-phenylethyl)	504578	002769-94-0	70
			(+ -)-Cis-3,4,6,9-Tetrahydro-10-Hydroxy-7-Methoxy-1,3,8-Trimethyl-			
7	34.302	0.79	1h-Naphtho [2,3-c] Pyran-6,9-Dione [(+ –)-Ventilagone 7-Methyl Ethyl]	504601	124821-09-6	86
8	34.350	0.86	0.14betaH-pregna	73156	000000-00-0	92
9	37.474	2.12	.Gammatocopherol	333398	0077616-22-0	97
10	35.288	1.28	Heptadecane	71507	000629-78-7	96
11	35.771	14.11	Squalene	100416	007683-64-9	90
12	36.639	1.19	Delta tecoperol	301295	999301-29-8	96
13	37.356	0.77	Trapezifolix anthone dimethyl ether	546041	055379-30-4	90
14	38.122	5.38	(23S,24S,28R)-24-ethyl-23,28-cyclocholest-5-en-3.betaol	493333	113891-86-4	90
15	38.232	13.88	Vitamin E	360473	010191-41-0	99
16	39.004	1.16	Cycloartenyl acetate	41122	001259-10-5	87

TABLE 1 Metabolite compounds resulting from metabolomics analysis using GC-MS on Mukia javanica roots, stems, leaves and fruits.

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РК	RT	Area Pct	Library/ID	Ref	CAS	Qual
18	40.390	1.60	5.alphaStigmasta-7,16-dien-3.betaol,acetate	519668	017808-71-8	89
9	40.549	14.62	Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-OL, (3.beta., 5. alpha.)	493323	006785-58-6	83
20	40.680	2.76	Ergosta-5,7-dien-3-ol, (3.beta.)-	61299	000516-79-0	83
21	41.121	3.19	Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-OL	493327	006785-58-6	90
22	43.011	1.65	Fern-7-en-3.betaol	483278	004966-00-1	90
Leaf						
1	32.454	0.3920	Butane-1,4-d2, 2-methyl-	42848	094605-03-5	52
2	34.246	0.1632	N1,N1,N2-trimethylformamidine	42929	000000-00-0	50
3	71.826	0.5684	1,2,3,4-Butanetetrol #	86488	006968-16-7	53
4	270.548	0.3732	1,2-bis(dimethylamino)-4,5-dicyano-1,2-dihydropyrazine	29413	000000-00-0	51
5	273.720	0.6686	2-(1,2-dimethoxyethyl)furan	1235	053914-27-5	30
6	274.341	0.8542	Neophytadiene	94309	000504-96-1	99
7	274.961	0.2914	Bicyclo[5.1.0]octan-2-one, (1r)- \$\$ (+)-bicyclo(5,1,0)octan-2-one \$\$ (+)-bicyclo[5.1.0]octan-2-one	95000	110717-01-6	50
8	276.892	0.7852	Cyclohexanone, 2,2-dimethyl-5-(3-methyloxiranyl)-, [2.alpha.(R*),3. alpha.]-(. + –.)-	11061	141033-65-0	52
9	277.926	0.1639	N(Epsilon)-methyl-l-lysine	44076	001188-07-4	30
10	280.753	0.3012	Methyl 11-hexadecenoate	59497	055000-42-5	78
11	282.684	21.505	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	121186	000112-39-0	99
12	286.476	0.8246	cis-9-Hexadecenoic acid	59164	999059-16-6	96
13	289.028	128.430	Hexadecanoic acid	32266	000057-10-3	98
14	294.337	10.882	Methyl (8e,11e)-8,11-octadecadienoate	92648	056599-58-7	99
15	295.027	87.827	9Methyl linolenate	133732	000301-00-8	99
16	295.923	86.459	(2E)-3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecen-1-ol	106182	000150-86-7	90
17	297.716	15.672	2-Methyl-Z,Z-3,13-octadecadienol	59665	999059-66-7	92
18	300.819	540.489	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, (Z,Z,Z)-	133665	000463-40-1	99
19	304.956	0.1429	S-[2-[N,N-Dimethylamino]ethyl]N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl thiocarbohydroximate	79238	999079-24-0	50
20	312.610	0.3861	Carbonic acid, 2-dimethylaminoethyl neopentyl ester	79005	999079-00-7	52
21	315.437	0.7354	15-Hydroxypentadecanoic acid	59281	004617-33-8	87
22	316.678	0.5801	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, mono(2-ethylhexyl) ester	326588	004376-20-9	87
23	319.988	0.3406	1,3-Indandione, 2-(P-methoxyphenyl)-	476218	000117-37-3	78
24	325.642	19.062	Ethyl (9Z,12Z,15Z)-9,12,15-Octadecatrienoate	133820	001191-41-9	95
Fruit			·			1
1	13.127	0.06805556	2-methoxy-4vinylphenol	328799	007786-61-0	95
2	31.020	0.36	Hexadecanoic acid, methyl ester	121218	000112-39-0	98
3	31.571	0.41	Hexadecanoic acid	156644	000628-97-7	96
4	32.247	0.44	11-Dodecen-1-ol difluoroacetate	59323	128792-45-0	91
5	32.289	0.50	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-	133726	000301-00-8	99
5	32.640	0.17	Ethyl (9Z,12Z)-9,12-Octadecadienoste	92710	000544-35-4	99
7	32.675	0.28	7,10,13-Hexadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester	133586	056554-30-4	94
8	33.344	1.44	Dodecanoic acid	192835	000143-07-7	38
9	34.130	2.89	9,12-Octadecadienoic acid (Z,Z)	92569	000060-33-3	91
10	34.164	3.12	Buthyl 9,12,15-octadecatrienoate	133931	999133-93-4	98
11	34.233	1.63	9-Hexadecenal, (Z)	58776	05219-04-6	44

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РК	RT	Area Pct	Library/ID	Ref	CAS	Qual
12	34.902	0.38	Oleic acid	59718	000112-80-1	43
13	34.943	0.31	4,9-Decadienoic acid,2-nitro-,ethyl ester	33922	000057-11-4	25
14	35.060	3.27	Dimethyl 1,4,5,8-tetrahydro-4a,8a-naphtalenedicarbocylate	283002	007177-20-0	48
15	35.143	2.95	Bicyclo [10.1.0] tridec-1-ene	91807	054766-91-5	46
16	35.185	5.03	7,10,13-Hexadecatrienoic acid, methyl ester	133586	056554-30-4	80
17	35.778	3.34	Squalene	100416	007683-64-9	99
18	36.143	0.96	Heptadecane	71507	000629-78-7	95
19	36.826	0.34	Tetracosane	74321	000646-31-1	91
20	37.474	1.80	Gammatocopherol	333404	007616-22-0	97
21	37.646	1.04	Eicosane	72909	000112-95-8	97
22	38.225	1.75	Vitamin E	360474	000059-02-9	99
23	40.535	4.12	Stigmasta-7,16-Dien-3-Ol	493328	017851-90-0	86
24	40.790	7.70	D-Friedoolean-14-en-3-ol, (3.beta)-	424588	000127-22-0-0	62
25	41.073	17.30	.BetaAmryin	442582	000559-70-6	98
26	41.501	5′63	(1'RS,2,3'RS)-3-(2'3'-Epoxy-2',6",6'-trimethyl cyclohexyl)_1-methyl-1- cyclobutene	11901	097549-16-1	41
27	41.921	7.29	2-methyl-7,9-Dinitro-1,2,3,4-tetra hydro-dibenzofuran	482805	999492-81-7	91
28	42.576	1.07	2,2,4A,6A,8A,9,12B,14A-Octamethyl-1,2,3,4,4A,5,6,6A, 6B, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 12, 12A, 12B, 13,14, 14A, 14B-eicosahydtopicene	187597	053014-35-7	84
29	43.135	23.5	Friedelan-3-one	100570	000559-74-0	99

#### TABLE 1 (Continued)

### 3.4 Metabolite profiles in various organs

Metabolite profiles in various organs of *M. javanica* show differences (Figure 4). Ethnobotany shows differences in the use of plant parts as medicine. Several tribes in Maluku tend to use *M. javanica* leaves as a cornea cleansing medicine (Lemmens and Bunyapraphatsara, 2003), while Sundanese tribes, especially in Leuwiliang, use all parts of the plant as a medicine for hypertension (Pratami et al., 2024). Environmental conditions are one of the factors that influence the production of secondary metabolites (Wardani et al., 2021).

# 3.5 Important compounds in Mukia javanica

Based on the analysis of Variable of Importance (VIP) scores, the main metabolites in *M. javanica* organs show the presence of 15 important compounds related to antioxidant and antihypertensive metabolism, mainly Heptadecane; (+ –)-Cis-3,4,6,9-Tetrahydro-10-Hydroxy-7-Methoxy-1,3,8-Trimethyl-1 h-Naphtho; Gamma-Tocopherol; 2,8-Dimethyl-2-(4,8,12-Trimethyltridecyl)-6-Chromanol or Delta Tecoperol; Vitamin E; Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-ol (3. beta., 5. alpha.); Handianol; Ergosta-5,7-dien-3beta-ol; and Fern-7-En-3.Beta (Figure 5).

## 4 Discussion

Hypertension is one of the risk factors for atherosclerosis and causes of cardiovascular disease. Hypertension may be caused by

stroke or coronary heart disease in the subjects. One of the plants that can potentially be antihypertensive is Mukia maderaspatana which is a close relative of Mukia javanica. Veeramani et al. (2012) reported that ethanol in M. maderaspatana leaf extract can reduce systolic and diastolic pressure. M. maderaspatana leaf tea extract can reduce systolic and diastolic pressure (Raja et al., 2007). Furthermore the leaves of M. maderaspatana contain mainly Dichloroacetic acid, 4-methylpentyl ester, 2-Butyn-1-ol, 4-methoxy and also show the presence of other constituents such as flavonoids, saponins, carbohydrates, steroids, tannins, and phenolic compounds (Gomathy et al., 2012). Based on metabolite profile analysis, compounds were detected in all parts of Mukia javanica organs, namely the Hexadecanoate group such as Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester. This compound in the Wilckia maritima is reported to be related to antihypertension and antioxidants and is reported to be used as a therapeutic agent (Jabeen et al., 2014). Antioxidants are useful in preventing various diseases and are used in treatment (Krishnaiah et al., 2011; Wulandari et al., 2013). Phytochemical studies using GC-MS carried out by Badejo et al. (2022) found the three most abundant compounds from the leaves of Persea americana, one of which was 11-Tetradecyn-1ol acetate which has antihypertensive activity. The results of this research support the existence of the main compound 13-Tetradecen-1-acetate which is the main compound in the root organs of M. javanica. Fruit organs have metabolites with a relatively concentrated PCA grouping (red in color) with the main compounds being Friedelan, Beta-Amryin, and D-Friedoolean-14-En-3-Ol, (3.Beta). Friedelin shows anti-proliferative ability against cultures of various cancer cells (Yessoufou et al., 2015). In their review, Singh et al. (2023) wrote that Friedelin had been studied



because of its potential in the health sector and its biological activity, which can inhibit the growth of microorganisms. Friedelin extracted from Azima tetracantha, Calophyllum brasiliense, Calophyllum inophyllum, Cola lateritia, Garcinia smeathmannii, Jatropha tanjorensis, Maytenus undata, and Pterocarpus erinaceous is reported to have the ability to fight pathogenic bacteria and fungi. In addition, *M. javanica* fruit contains oleic acid which has the potential to be antihypertensive. A molecular docking study confirmed that Oleic acid is the main antihypertensive metabolite (Abid et al., 2022). Terés et al. (2008), reported in the study we demonstrate that the hypotensive effect of olive oil is caused by its high oleic acid (OA) content ( $\approx$ 70–80%). *M. javanica* roots contain 4-hydroxy-3nitrocoumarin compounds. The coumarin content in Mukia maderaspatana leaf extract also has hypotensive activity (Petrus, 2012). According to Veeramani et al. (2012), *M. maderaspatana*  leaves contain coumarin, valineic acid, p-coumaric acid, gallic acid, caffeic acid, and ferulic acid identified in EAFM (ethyl acetate). EAFM controls blood pressure in DOCA salt hypertensive rats and reverses changes in magnesium, copper, and zinc metabolism (Veeramani et al., 2012). In addition, *M. javanica* stems contain methanol compounds in the form of Phytol. Methanol extract in *Brassica rapa* showed the highest antihypertensive potential by inhibiting ACE (79.39%) among all extracts (Abid et al., 2022).

The class of terpenoid compounds found in stems consists of 2,6,10-trimethyl, neophytadiene, gamma-tocopherol or vitamin e, squalene, 2,8-dimethyl-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)-6-chromanol, (23 s,24 s,28r)-24-ethyl-23,28-cyclocholest-5-en-3.beta.-ol, cycloartenyl acetate, 5.alpha-stigmasta-7,16-dien-3.beta-ol, acetate, stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-ol, (3.beta., 5.alpha.) (Figure 2; Table 1). Neophytadiene is a group of terpenoid compounds that have the



potential to be antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and have antifungal and antioxidant activity (Venkata et al., 2012). Pratama et al. (2019), reported the results of HPLC analysis of *Cucumis melo* leaf extract showing the presence of neophytadiene compounds in both healthy plants and those infected with the fungus Pseudoperonospora cubensis. This shows that the same compounds are produced by plants from the Cucurbitaceae family as *M. javanica*. A study has proven that beta amyrin extracted from the resin of the woody stems of the *Protium heptaphyllum* (Burseraceae) has the potential to fight acute pancreatitis by acting as an antiinflammatory and antioxidant (Melo et al., 2010). The leaf metabolite group shows relatively diverse coordinate values (green color) with the main metabolite compound being 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid,



methyl ester, and 3,7,11,15-Tetramethyl-2-hexadecene. These results are similar to the results found by Rahman et al. (2014) from the methanol extract of *Andrographis paniculata* leaves via GC–MS chromatogram where the three main compounds have antimicrobial potential, namely 24.64% hexadecenoic acid methyl ester, 13.65% 9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid methyl ester (Z,Z,Z)-, and 12.18% 9,12-octadecadienoic acid, methyl ester. The bar metabolite group shows various metabolite coordinates at points – 15 to 25 (blue), with key metabolite characteristics in the form of Stigmasta-7,16-Dien-3-Ol, (3.Beta., 5.Alpha.), vitamin E, and Handianol. However, several metabolites are also found in various organs in roots, stems, leaves, and fruit, such as Hexadecanoic acid methyl ester, Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-ol This is indicated by the centered and overlapping metabolite coordinate points in the PCA analysis (Figure 6).

The correlation value indicates a relationship between metabolites in certain organs and other organs in *M. javanica*. Based on correlation analysis, the metabolites Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester, Squalene, Vitamin E, and Stigmasta-7,16-Dien-3 show high correlation values. These metabolites primarily act as antioxidants and are thought to reduce hypertension. The *Mukia maderspatana* leaf is reported to exhibit potent antioxidant capacity *in vitro* and *in vivo* and to possess antihypertensive, vasodialatory, antiulcer, anxiolytic, antimicrobial, and antiplatelet aggregation activities (Petrus, 2012). Rajeswari et al. (2013) also explained that the n-hexadecanoic acid compound has antioxidant activity, hypocholesterolemic, natural pesticide, lubricant, antiandrogenic, and 5-alpha hemolytic reductase enzyme inhibitor. Squalene is often used clinically in daily doses as an antioxidant, bactericidal, fungicide



agent, antistatic agent, and moisturizer in cosmetic and pharmaceutical preparations (Norhidayah et al., 2012). Rajeswari et al. (2013), also explained that the squalene compound has antibacterial, antioxidant, antitumor, cancer prevention, lipoxygenase, pesticide, and diuretic activity. Vitamin E, also known as tocopherol, is included in the terpenoid class which also functions as a source of antioxidants (Ali et al., 2015). Mohan et al. (2014) also explained that Vitamin E has anti-bronchitis, anti-cancer, anticoronary functions, and functions as a hepatic protector. Sitosterol and stigmasterol compounds are a group of phytosterol compounds that have a role in helping plants adapt to various environmental temperatures. Stigmasterol also has anticancer activity (Sianipar et al., 2023). Stigmasterol also has antioxidant activity and reduces the number of Ehrich Ascites Carcinoma (EAC) (Ghosh et al., 2011). The active compounds in Sechium edule fruit which function as antihypertensives are flavonoids that can inhibit angiotensin I converting enzyme (ACE) and act as a diuretic. Sechium edule fruit extract can be used as an alternative treatment for hypertension (Nadila, 2014). However, the results of the metabolite profile from previous ethnobotanical study (Pratami et al., 2024) need to be studied comprehensively to determine the role of the active substances from M. javanica in future research. The results of research by Solfaine et al. (2021), found that the active compound content in starfruit extract qualitatively consists of alkaloid, phenolic, flavonoid, saponin, tannin and terpene compounds. The flavonoid content in the extract and its proven antioxidant activity supports the antihypertensive activity of the methanol extract of Imperata cylindrica roots from Kendari, Indonesia (Dhianawaty et al., 2018). Flavonoids have a mechanism of action as antihypertensives by inhibiting ACE activity. ACE inhibitors cause relaxation of the blood vessel endothelium so that blood flows to the heart and blood pressure decreases (Fransiska and Fajar, 2019). Flavonoid compounds can reduce blood pressure and endothelial dysfunction in experimental animals induced by hypertension.

Some compounds have relatively high correlation values with Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester. The Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester compound is an antioxidant (Jabeen et al., 2014). Thus, M. javanica can be used to treat several diseases because it contains several important compounds such as Hexadecanoic acid methyl ester; Squalene, Vitamin E; Heptadecane; (+ -)-Cis-3,4,6,9-Tetrahydro-10-Hydroxy-7-Methoxy-1,3,8-Trimethyl-1 h-Naphtho; Gamma-Tocopherol; 2,8-Dimethyl-2-(4,8,12-Trimethyltridecyl)-6-Chromanol or Delta Tecoperol; Vitamin E; Stigmasta-7,16-dien-3-ol (3. beta., 5. alpha.); Handianol; Ergosta-5,7-dien-3beta-ol (3.beta.); and Fern-7-En-3.Beta. The compounds from the results of this metabolomic analysis show that M. javanica has a high compound content, one of them antioxidants that play a role in cardiovascular disease because they can neutralize or absorb free radicals. Several natural antioxidants in the M. javanica plant, including amino acids, vitamins, and others, have shown benefits for preventing hypertension. The important key compound in M. javanica, which is found in various organs in the roots, stems, leaves, and fruits, is Hexadecanoic Acid Methyl Ester. This research can strengthen the role of M. javanica, which has been used by people in various tribes, for example, in West Java, Indonesia, as an antihypertensive drug.

## **5** Conclusion

*Mukia javanica* has the potential to be used as a therapeutic agent in the treatment of hypertension because it contains various important compounds such as Hexadecanoic acid methyl ester; 13-Tetradecen-1-acetate, Oleic acid, Phytol, and 4-hydroxy-3-nitrocoumarin. This study provides scientific support for the traditional use of *M. javanica*  as an antihypertensive drug in various communities, especially in Lewiliang, West Java, Indonesia.

## Data availability statement

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