

**TEST FLOUR ANT NESTS INHIBITION (*Myrmecodia pendans*)  
AGAINST BACTERIA *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* IN INTESTINAL OF QUAIL  
( *Coturnix-coturnix japonica* )**

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**ABSTRACT**

*This research aims to know the influence of addition (*Myrmecodia pendans*) to drag the power of quail bacteria. The sample in this method is the quail as much as 250 quail. Basal mixture of yellow corn, soybeans for cake, fish meal, pollard, dicalciumphosphate, premix, cooking oil, and Dextro leucine methionine. The addition of Ant consists of 5 treatments, only control or P0 (0%), P1 (0.2%), P2 (0.4%), P3 (0, 6%), as well as the addition of P4 (0, 8%). The observed inhibitory power is bacterial parameters (*Escherichia coli* *Salmonella* B bacteria ) and Total Plate Count (TPC). The research was designed for Random Design complete with 5 treatments and five replicates. The results of the analysis Showed that the granting of Ant against test bacteria inhibitory power suggests that the addition of the Ant's nest s Significantly different ( $P < 0, 05$ ) for the bacteria *Escherichia coli* with an average power of drag is highest on the treatment of P4 (0.8%) of 13, 05 mm, whereas the drag power test *Salmonella* bacteria on average the highest inhibitory at the treatment power P2 (0, 2%) of 12, 21 mm. The number of antihypertensive bacteria found in the gut quail, but statistically not different either in the bacteria *Escherichia coli* *Salmonella* ( $P > 0, 05$ ). The result of the study was that the higher the branch of Ant can maintain intestinal bacteria on growth performance of quail.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Livestock currently shows a very rapid development, as is the case with poultry farms, one of which is quail. Quail population ( *Coturnix coturnix japonica*) or *Japanese quail* in Indonesia has increased. Problems that hinder growth in quails today are diseases caused by bacteria or viruses that inhibit the growth of quails. Bacteria that often interfere with digestion of quails, namely the bacteria *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella*

Infection is the main cause of disease in the world especially in tropical regions such as Indonesia due to tropical temperatures, and high humidity so that microbes can thrive. Infection can be caused by various microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, ricketts, protozoa, and bacteria ( Ramadani *et al.* , 2013) .

*Escherichia coli* is a bacteria that is always present in the digestive system of humans and animals has been generally regarded as an indicator of dirt contamination. Nugroho and Wibowo (2005) stated that *Escherichia coli* in chickens is commonly known as normal bacteria in the digestive tract. Whereas *Salmonella* ter *typhimurium* bacteria entered the family *Enterobacteriaceae*, a rod-shaped gram-negative bacteria and not berspora, this bacterium is able to grow on the aerobic and anaerobic conditions and can cause *gastrointestinal* symptoms (disorders of the stomach) also cause typhoid fever (*S.typhimurium*) (Sugiastuti 2002 )

According to Jamin (2015) , that the number of *E. coli* bacteria in the increased digestive tract or outside the intestine will cause diarrhea. This is due to the fact that the maintenance of poultry by the community is generally carried out without health management and feed, therefore the potential for poultry to be infected is very large, such as diarrhea.

The growth of bacteria that attack the quail's intestines causes harm to farmers. To overcome the bacterial inhibition of quail intestines, infection can be treated with natural antibiotics. Various alternatives began to be developed to look for natural plants which are processed into natural antibiotics of herbal plants including local medicinal plants. Ant nests are medicinal plants which have a fla content of noid vo , tannin, tocopherol (vitamin E) and there are minerals (Subroto, 2006).

Tanin is an anti-diarrhea effect that can function as a protein freeze or astringent, a substance that binds to the mucosa , skin and tissues that can form proteins. The mucous membrane forming a barrier (*thight junction* ) is resistant to inflammation from microorganisms. Tanin can inhibit chloride through a bond between tannate proteins in the intestine and tannins. Flavonoids also have the effect of anti-diarrhea by blocking receptors in the intestine so reducing secretion to the intestinal lumen can reduce fluid secretion to the intestinal lumen (Clinton, 2009). Ahmadu (2007) states that flavonoids can also inhibit histamine release and inflammatory mediators that can increase intestinal peristalsis, and can inhibit intestinal peristalsis induced by spasmogens.

According to Rostina (2009), in general, infectious disease can be cured using antibiotics . The use of antibiotics for al lok infection has been reduced because of the tendency to induce local hypersensitivity to the skin or mucous membranes . Increased use of antibiotics, spurred increased bacterial resistance to these antibiotics.

Utilization of natural substances as medicines tradi sional in Indonesia lately m eningkat, even some early sump nature has produced large-scale manufacturing. The use of traditional medicines is considered to have smaller side effects compared to drugs derived from chemicals, besides the price is more affordable. Besides profit Another use of traditional medicine is that the raw material is easily obtained and the price is relatively cheap (Putri, 2010). One of the medicinal plants that is very useful to maintain treating health problems is the ant nest, a natural medicine from Papua from Wamena. Empirically, these ant nest plants can cure various serious diseases

such as tumors, cancer, heart, hemorrhoids, tuberculosis, rheumatism, gout disorders, strokes, ulcers, impaired kidney function, and prostate (Ramadani *et al.* , 2013).

Another function of active substances in ant nests as antibiotics, antimicrobial and immuno stimulants to increase immunity. Technically, immuno stimulants will help and protect body cells to carry out their functions. This research aims to; (1) knowing the inhibitory test of ant nests, (2) the effect of providing ant nest to bacterial *Total Plate Count* (TPC) *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* in digesta quail intestines.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study used quail (*Coturnix-coturnix japonica*) strain Autum (crossing quail *japonica* with quail *pevigun* ) aged one day *Day Old Quail* (DOQ) quail quail with a population of 25 0 tails. Quail is maintained starting from DOQ using finished feed. The research treatment began at the age of 28 days with basal feed and ant nest plants that have been made into flour with the level of the ant nest flour at a predetermined level.

Feed used as a control feed is food prepared without the use of antibiotics. The feed ingredients used to make quail rations consist of yellow corn, soybean meal, MBM ( *meat bone meal* ) fish meal, *pollard*, *dicalciumposfhat*, premix, gore ng oil, and *Dekstro Lekso* feed *methionine* made by 10 0 kg with the need for any feed ingredients. The treatment is as follows: P0 100% Basal feed without ant nest flour , P1 Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.2%, Basal Feed P2 + Ant nest flour 0.4% , P3 Feed b origin + Ant nest flour 0.6 , P4 Basal Feed + Ant nest flour 0.8% . The addition of ant nest flour is given to feed, without changing the feed needs of quails. Observation variables of bacterial inhibitory tests on ant nest plants which have been treated with flour and *Total Plate Count* (TPC) in digesta quail intestine. The results of the study were carried out statistical analysis using a completely randomized method (CRD) with 5 treatments which were treated 5 times with each treatment using 10 quail laying birds. The difference in the effect that is very real is followed by the Duncan Multiple Distance Test (UJBD).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Effect of the addition of ant nests on bacterial inhibition

The results of the study in Table 1, show that the administration of ant nests can inhibit bacterial growth in the intestines of quails.

Table 1. Average bacterial inhibition ( *Escherichia coli* *Salmonella* ) in quail intestine

Variabel		P0	P1	P2	P3	P4
In vitro (mm)	<i>Escherichiacoli</i>	0,5±0,00 <sup>c</sup>	9,55±0,71 <sup>bc</sup>	4,775±1,03 <sup>ab</sup>	9±4,95 <sup>ab</sup>	11,55±2,12 <sup>a</sup>
	<i>Salmonella</i>	0,5±0,00 <sup>d</sup>	12,63±0,59 <sup>a</sup>	4,78±1,03 <sup>c</sup>	6,55±0,71 <sup>b</sup>	7,275±0,32 <sup>b</sup>
In vivo (cfu/ml)	<i>Escherichiacoli</i>	1,01× 10 <sup>6</sup> ± 5,57× 10 <sup>5</sup>	6,20× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 5,35× 10 <sup>5</sup>	4,78× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 4,68× 10 <sup>5</sup>	3,36× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 4,07× 10 <sup>5</sup>	3,10× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 4,70× 10 <sup>5</sup>
	<i>Salmonella</i>	1,34 × 10 <sup>6</sup> ± 1,24× 10 <sup>6</sup>	1,02× 10 <sup>6</sup> ± 1,24× 10 <sup>6</sup>	9,33× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 9,34× 10 <sup>5</sup>	5,13× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 5,49× 10 <sup>5</sup>	2,03× 10 <sup>5</sup> ± 2,75× 10 <sup>5</sup>

Description: <sup>a,b</sup> superscript is different in the same column showing very significant differences (P <0.05)

Based T Table 1. The average diameter of inhibition zone respectively P4 treatment (basal feed + Flour anthill 0.8% ) is 11, 55 mm, treatment P3 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.6% ) is 9 mm, treatment P2 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.4% ) is 4.75 mm and treatment P1 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.2% ) is 9.55 mm , while in treatment P0 which is not given the concentration of ant nest is 0.5 mm against the *Escherichia coli* bacteria .

From the table above, it can be seen that statistically between the treatment variables did not have a significant effect, but the data from this study showed that the increase in ant nest was 0.8% ( P4 basal feed + Ant nest flour). 0.8%) in the ration showed a higher bacterial inhibition compared to without the addition of an ant nest (P0).

For the inhibitory power in *Salmonella* bacteria shows that the bacterial inhibitory zone will increase if the concentration of the ant nest is added. The average diameter of the inhibitory zone in each treatment P4 ( Basal Feed + Ant nest flour 0.8% ) is 7, 27 mm; treatment P3 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour) 0.6% ) is 6.55 mm ; , treatment P2 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.4% ) is 4, 78 mm and treatment P1 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.2 % ) is 12, 63 mm, whereas in treatment P0 which is not given the concentration of an ant nest is 0.5 mm against *Salmonella* bacteria .

The results of the variance analysis showed that the more concentrated ant nests would increase the bacterial inhibition zone against *Escherichia coli* bacteria and *Salmonella* bacteria (P <0.05 ). Further acyl H Duncan test showed that there are differences in the provision of advice g ant concentration on P4 concentration (basal feed + Flour anthill 0.8% ) with P0 (0%) against the inhibition zone of *Escherichia coli* bacteria; giving concentration of ant nests to kose ntrasi P4 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.8% ) has the same effect as giving an ant nest with a concentration of P3 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.6% ) and P2 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.4% ) against the inhibition zone of *Escherichia coli* bacteria. The highest average inhibition zone of bacteria is given by giving ant nests with concentrations of P4 ( Basal Feed + Ants flour 0.8% ), which is equal to 11.55 mm while the smallest bacterial inhibition zone is found in k ontrol P0 (0%) without giving anthill concentrations of 0, 5 mm.

The higher the concentration of giving ant nests given, the more inhibitory or *clearing zones* that are formed, this is because the ant nest contains flavonoids. The results of this study are in line with Rahman (2008) , which states that plants containing flavonoids are widely used in traditional medicine. Flavonoids are antimicrobial compounds due to their ability to form complexes with dissolved extracellular proteins and microbial cell walls. Lipophilic flavonoids will damage microbial membranes.

According to Boshra *et. al.* ( 2013 ) that e nzim papain ga ju role in inhibits bacterial growth because on papain contained 11.6% *potassium benzyl glucosinolate* which can reduce blood sugar at once accelerate wound healing. Papain has activities antibacterial that me nghambat growth of gram-positive organisms and g ram negative. Papain shows significant antibacterial activity against bacteria g positive ram and negative g ram (S. aureus, E. coli, B. cereus, P. aeruginosa and S. flexneri)

Duncan's further test results given the concentration of ant nests on *Salmonella* bacteria showed that there was a difference in the concentration of ant nests on the concentration of P4 ( Basal Feed + Ant nest flour 0.8% ) with P2 ( Basal Feed + Ant nest flour) 0.4% ) , P3 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.6% ) and P0 ( 0% control ) against the inhibition zone of *Salmonella* bacteria ; giving concentration of ant nests to the concentration of P4 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.8% ) has the same effect as giving an ant nest with a concentration of P3 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.6% ) against the inhibition zone of *Salmonella* bacteria . The highest bacterial inhibition zone is

found in giving ant nests with concentration P1 ( Basal feed + Ant nest flour 0.2% ), sure i amounting to 12.63 mm while the smallest bacterial inhibition zone is found in control of P0 ( control 0%) without giving concentration of ant nest of 0.5 mm

Taryati Research (2010), about the ham bat power tests of bacteria by using e KST rack m inum ciplukan in water showed no effect on the inhibition of Salmonella bacteria on quail. Extracts containing f c i plukan lavonoid, where f lavonoid can m enghambat bacterial growth inhibition of the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* and Salmonella typhimurium. The effects of flavonoids on organisms are so numerous that many people use plants that contain flavonoids in traditional medicine (Middleton and Kandaswani, 2006 ). Flavonoids act as a good reservoir of hydroxy radicals and superhydroxy so they can protect membrane lipids from damaging reactions. Antioxidant activity is a component f activism plants that can be used traditionally to treat liver disorders Fungs i i. So that there is no internal organ disruption at the end of the study on the quail.

Based on the results of research kan Bio-tech Center LIPI (2014), proved that s charcoal s ants are p apua contain active compounds which are known in the medical world for treatment of various diseases. In addition to tif ak compound was, in the hive APU s a p ants are also found other useful content, such as tocopherol, magnesium, calcium, iron, phosphorus, sodium, and zinc. Here is a brief battle of some active compounds that are useful in the ant nest .

The results of the Mardany (2016) study, showed that the phytochemical screening test showed that simplicia powder and extract of ant nest (*M. beccarii*) m engandung flavonoids and tannins known to function in part Tiioxidants, so it is very good for preventing cancer. According to (Middleton, 2000), the effects of consumption of flavonoids include anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, antimicrobial, hepatoproteic , antiviral, antithrombotic, cardioprotective, capillary strengthening, antidiabetic, anti-cancer and antineoplastic effects, and others.

The results of this study indicate that there is little difference from the study (Frengki *et al.*, 2014) on the active compounds of secondary metabolites of Acehnese l lent (*Myrmecodia* sp.) Which successfully identified the presence of triterpenoid and steroid active compounds . In ant nests from Merauke district (*M. beccarii*) no triterpenoid or steroid group compounds were identified. Ant nests provide optimal extraction of active substances when they are 4 years old

### **The effect of giving ant nests to *Total Plate Count (TPC) of Escherichia coli and Salmonella bacteria in digesta of quail intestines.***

TPC ( *Total plate count*) is one method that can be used to calculate the number of microbes in feed ingredients, TPC analysis is the calculation of the number of bacteria in the sample (digestion of the small intestine) the analysis phase consists of three: media making, dilution, and management .

Ha s il analysis is the method of giving an ant nest to TPC ( *Total plate count* ) *Escherichia coli* in digesta of quail intestine was not significantly different ( $P > 0.05$ ). Verage TPC (*total plate count*) calculation of the provision of flour anthill on paka n basal quail each treatment ranging from the average of bacterial lowest to highest, P4 (0.8% flour anthill) with jum lah bacteria ( $3.10 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml ); P3 (0.6% ant nest flour) with a bacterial average ( $3.36 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml ); P2 (0.4% ant nest flour) with a bacterial average ( $4.78 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml ); P1 (0 , 2% ant nest flour) with an average bacteria ( $6.20 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml ); P0 (0% ant nest flour) with the amount of bacteria ( $1.01 \times 10^6$  cfu / ml ). The higher the addition of ant nests, it inhibits bacteria, which is the decrease in the number of bacterial colonies.

Tejakusuma (2015) shows the test of the effect of the level of concentration of the use of carrageenan on the beginning of decay of quail nuggets at room temperature shows that the higher feed on quail nuggets results in a decrease in total bacteria.

Frazier and Westhoff (2004), who stated that bacterial growth can be influenced by antimicrobial concentrations in food, as evidenced by the continued decline in the number of bacteria with the addition of P4 ant nests (0, 8% ant nest flour).

According to Wibawan *et al.* (2010) said that poultry disease caused by *E. coli* bacteria is colibacillosis. Tabbu (2000) states that colibacillosis can be found in various forms. Chickens attacked by colibacillosis generally show clinical signs such as thin, dull hair, decreased appetite, and stress.

Results analysis shows a menu variety that the increasing concentration of anthill then inhibition of *salmonella* bacteria in a little bush but statistically based on variance analysis was not significantly different from TPC ( $P > 0,05$ ). The average TPC (Total plate count) of *salmonella* bacteria in digested quail laying intestines of the average number of bacteria ranging from the lowest to the highest in each treatment; P4 (0.8% ant nest flour) with a bacterial average ( $2.03 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml); P3 (0.6% ant nest flour) with a bacterial average ( $5.13 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml); P2 (0.4% ant nest flour) with a bacterial average ( $9.33 \times 10^5$  cfu / ml); P1 (0.2% ant nest flour) with an average bacteria ( $1.02 \times 10^6$  cfu / ml); P0 (0% of the size of the ant nest) with the average bacteria ( $1.34 \times 10^6$  cfu / ml).

Penambahan konsentrasi tannin dapat menghambat pertumbuhan *salmonella* sehingga jumlah koloni bakteri lebih sedikit. Hasil penelitian ini sejalan dengan penelitian (Ramadani *et al.*, 2013) yang menyatakan bahwa ekstrak etanol sarang semut memiliki zona inhibisi yang lebih luas dibandingkan decoction dan semakin tinggi konsentrasi ekstrak semakin lebar zona inhibisi yang terbentuk. Hal ini disebabkan oleh hasil uji fitokimia sarang semut mengandung nutrisi esensial bagi tubuh, tumbuhan, sarang semut juga mengandung senyawa kimia flavonoid dan tanin. Dalam banyak kasus, flavonoid dapat bertindak langsung sebagai antibiotik dengan mengganggu fungsi bakteri atau mikroorganisme (Subroto and Saputro, 2006). Flavonoid juga bertindak sebagai antioksidan yang dapat membentuk mekanisme pertahanan sel terhadap kerusakan radikal bebas (Manna *et al.*, 2009).

Hasil penelitian ini sejalan dengan Das *et al.* (2016), yang menyatakan bahwa *Salmonella* bakteri sering ditemukan dalam bahan-bahan makanan dari hewan, terutama daging ayam, yang belum dimasak atau setengah matang dan menyebar ke makanan lain melalui kontaminasi silang.

Menurut Tabbu (2000) penyebaran biasanya terjadi secara oral melalui pakan, minum air, debu atau kotoran yang terkontaminasi oleh *E. coli*. Debu di dalam kandang ayam dapat mengandung  $10^5 - 10^6$  Cfu / g dan bakteri ini dapat bertahan lama, terutama dalam kondisi kering. Penyakit pada unggas memiliki signifikansi ekonomi bagi industri per bulan karena dapat menyebabkan gangguan pertumbuhan, penurunan produksi, penurunan kualitas daging dan telur, dan kualitas anak ayam. Selain itu, keberadaan *E. coli* infeksi merupakan faktor pendukung bagi munculnya penyakit kompleks pernapasan, pencernaan atau reproduksi yang sulit diatasi.

## CONCLUSION

Berdasarkan hasil uji coba penambahan konsentrasi sarang semut ke dalam daya inhibisi bakteri *in vitro* menunjukkan bahwa semakin tinggi penambahan sarang semut, semakin tinggi kapasitas inhibisi bakteri *Escherichia coli* dan *Salmonella* bakteri sementara uji *in vivo* menunjukkan bahwa semakin tinggi penambahan sarang semut semakin menghambat pertumbuhan bakteri yang pengurangan jumlah koloni bakteri yang diuji tidak berbeda secara signifikan ( $P > 0$ ,

05). has an effect on the inhibition of *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella bacteria* in digesta quail intestine.

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