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ABSTRACT

The Angiogenic effect of *Citrullus lanatus* using whole fruit crude extract was tested using a 12-day old duck embryo CAM assay. The extraction of fruit extract was obtained to produce the desired concentration such as T_0 (control), T_1 (25%), T_2 (50%), T_3 (75%), T_4 (100%). The results indicated that through the administration of various fruit extract of *Citrullus lanatus* has varying effects to the number of new blood vessels in a 12-day old duck embryo. T_4 is the only treatment which is the best candidate for angiogenesis. Therefore *Citrullus lanatus* (watermelon) is capable of angiogenesis due to its phyto-chemical components, the higher the concentration, the more effective in controlling angiogenesis. Lower concentration of the extract administered means lesser effect therefore the concentration must be increased.



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