



A Review on Phytochemicals and Pharmacological Activities as Ethnomedicinal Uses of Duku (*Lansium domesticum* Corr.)

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: *Lansium domesticum* Corr. is a plant that is easily found in Indonesia. People use the fruit to be sold because it has a good taste. Some people use other parts of the plant as medicine. This plant has great potential to be developed as a standardized traditional medicine.

AIM: This article review aims to collect information on secondary metabolite compounds from *L. domesticum* Corr. and its pharmacological activities as antioxidants, antibacterials, and cytotoxics.

METHODS: Data on *L. domesticum* Corr. or duku were sought and collected for this miniature estimate and perspective. We use the major search engines with specific keywords such as *L. domesticum* Corr.; duku; morphology; pharmacological effects; secondary metabolites; *in vitro*; and *in vivo*.

RESULTS: This review shows that *L. domesticum* Corr. have antioxidant, antibacterial, and cytotoxic activity of various compounds based on the test method used.

CONCLUSIONS: Some parts of *L. domesticum* Corr. such as leaves, fruit, fruit skins, and seeds contain secondary metabolite compounds. The most common type of active compound is the steroid/terpenoid group. These compounds are responsible for their pharmacological activities such as antioxidants, antibacterials, and cytotoxics.

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Introduction

The Indonesian country is made up of ethnic groups from all over the world. A country with a wide range of medications traditional Indonesian ingredients, including medicinal herbs, is used to make this traditional dish [1], [2]. There are around 30,000 kinds of plants in Indonesia, with 7000 of them having medicinal characteristics. Indonesia's biodiversity is thought to be second only to Brazil's [3]. This makes Indonesia a country with great potential to develop traditional medicines and natural products in medicine. Herbal medicine has been widely recognized in both the developing and developed countries across the world [4]. The use of medicinal plants in medicine is growing due to a variety of materials for medicinal plants, a greater risk-to-use ratio profit, and the weakness of synthetic chemical medications [5].

Lansium domesticum known as duku in Indonesia is a fruit-producing plant that can be found in tropical countries, especially in Indonesia [6]. Duku has

a number of societal advantages. In addition to the fruit's great nutritional content, the community believes that duku offers medicinal properties for ailments such as malaria, dysentery, and diarrhea [7]. Duku has been empirically believed that society has many benefits. This plant's advantages may be felt in a variety of disciplines, including agriculture, chemistry, and health. The effectiveness of duku has been reported in several investigations due to the presence of secondary metabolites [8]. However, it is vital to be aware of the scientific facts pertaining to the activity and biological potential of duku. As a consequence, this is the first study to look at the pharmacological action of duku based on the research findings.

Method

Data on *L. domesticum* Corr. or duku were sought and collected for this miniature estimate and

perspective. We use the major search engines, namely, Google Scholar, PubMed, Science Direct, and SciFinder. The search keywords used were from *L. domesticum* Corr.; duku; morphology; pharmacological effects; secondary metabolites; *in vitro*; and *in vivo*. The authors rate, discuss, and discuss selected articles. This perspective reflects the author's opinion about the pharmacological activity of *L. domesticum* Corr.

Morphological characteristics

This plant, also known as duku (*L. domesticum* Corr.), is a Southeast Asian native and one of Indonesia's seasonal favorite fruits. The plant is a tropical fruit that is both commercially useful and nutritious. It grows natively in Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, and Java in Indonesia [9]. Duku is grown and farmed in various areas of those regions. Because it grows in several countries, duku has many synonyms (Table 1).

Table 1: Synonym for duku in various regions [10]

Region	Synonym
Indonesian	Duku, luku, kokosan, and langsung
Burmese	Duku and langsung
English	Langsat and duku
Philippines	Lanzone, lanzon, lansones, and lanson
Malaysia	Langseh and langsep
Thailand	Duku, longkong, and langsung
Vietnamese	Bonbon

Duku is a Meliaceae plant that grows as a tall tree that is erect and persistent. The tree may grow up to 20 m tall, with a trunk diameter of 35–40 cm. The trunk has deep grooves and sticks out above the ground. The bark is broken, white sticky, and brown-greenish or gray. The skin on the stem is thin and tough to remove [11]. Duku leaves are unusual compound leaves that are placed in a zigzag pattern. Each leaflet is composed of 5–7 long elliptical, flat-edged, asymmetrical base, and tapering ends leaflets. Duku leaves are dark green or slightly yellowish on both sides. Compound interest is a type of interest that comes in bunches. The flowers have a bowl-like shape and are known as sissy flowers (there are pistils and stamens in one flower). The flower petals are five strands thick and thick. The floral crown is thick and made up of 4–5 strands. There will be 4–5 chambers in the fruit [12].

The fruit comes in bunches, with a round or circular shape that is around 2–4 cm in diameter. The juvenile duku fruit has a green skin that becomes yellow as it ripens. Flesh is thick, white, clear, and somewhat translucent, with a chewy texture and a sweet or sweet acidity flavor [13]. When ripe duku fruit is opened, it does not emit sap, the seeds are small and few, the flesh is thick and copious, and the flesh has a pleasant taste [14]. Duku plants require around 2000–3000 mm of annual rainfall, a temperature of 25–25°C, and a 3–4 week dry season to boost bloom growth. Duku grows at a height of < 600 m, with a clay soil type, a pH of 5.5–6.6, and adequate drainage [15], [16].

Natural product identification of *L. domesticum* Corr.

Natural products are secondary metabolites that come from plants or animals. Natural products are pharmacological and biologically active chemical compounds found in nature [17]. Natural products are commonly employed in medication development and discovery. Many of the plant's secondary metabolites have noteworthy pharmacological properties [18]. Not many secondary metabolites have been identified from this plant (Table 2). Hence, it requires a more intimate touch to obtain data about these compounds. This is necessary for drug development.

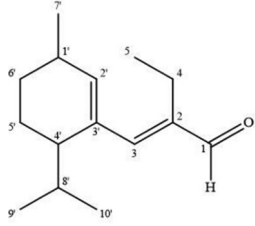
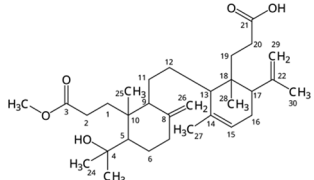
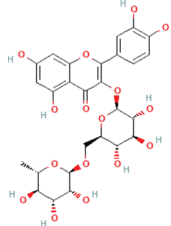
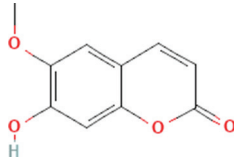
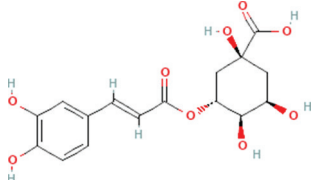
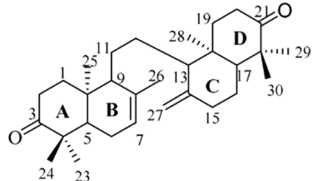
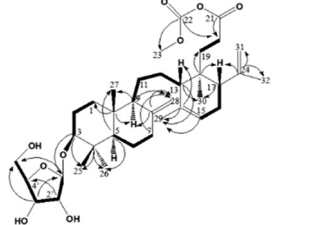
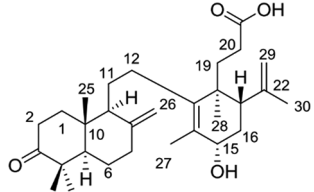
Secondary metabolites are non-nutritive compounds that play a crucial function in an organism's survival in the environment [19]. Plants are known to contain a wider range of secondary metabolites than animals and microbes. The majority of secondary metabolites can be employed as a pharmaceutical component [20]. Tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, steroids/terpenoids, phenols, and other chemical substances found in plants can be employed as therapeutic medicines [21], [22], [23]. The components of these bioactive chemicals are largely produced from secondary metabolites and are pharmacological [24].

In *L. domesticum* Corr., many researchers have attempted to identify active metabolite compounds. It was reported that these plant materials such as leaves, fruit, fruit peel, and seeds are rich in active metabolite compounds (Table 2). Some of them are new compounds and this will be very useful for drug development [25]. Secondary metabolites, when taken as a single component or in combination, can be effective and safe even when synthetic medications fail [26]. They may potentially enhance or synergize the effects of other pharmaceutical ingredients [27] for further discussion will be discussed the relationship of secondary metabolites and their pharmacological activity in *L. domesticum* Corr.

Pharmacological activity of *L. domesticum* Corr.

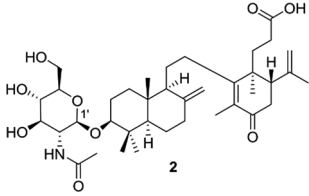
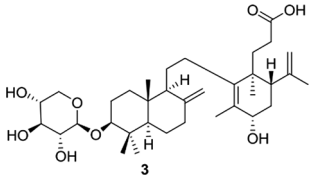
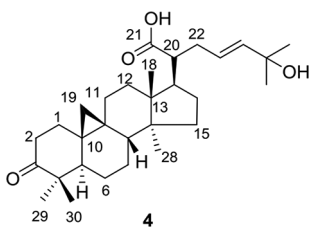
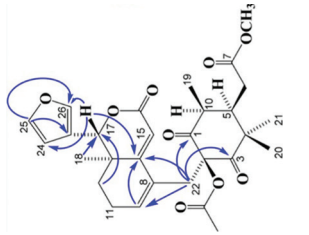
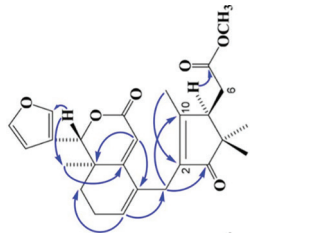
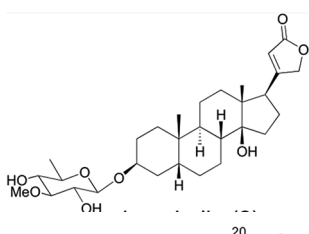
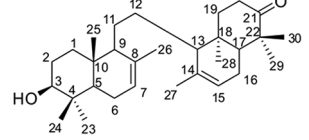
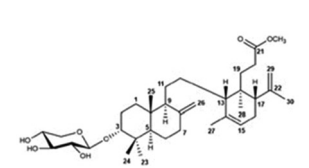
Duku (*L. domesticum* Corr.) is an unusual and potentially valuable tropical fruit from the Meliaceae (Mahogany) family, however, it is not yet widely planted [39]. The majority of the fruits sold in marketplaces come from trees in community plantations. This plant has been grown for a long time, and it was first noted by Ma Huan, a Chinese traveler, in the year 1413 [40]. This tropical plant is essential not only as a delicious fruit that is commonly consumed fresh for dessert but it may also be used in cosmetics since its extract contains antioxidant and moisturizing properties, as well as little to no side effects and a strong safety profile [41]. Because its fruit, seed, and bark contain unique chemical constituents, humans utilized this plant

Table 2: Chemical contents isolated from *Lansium domesticum* Corr.

Source	Phytochemical group/name	IUPAC names	Chemical structure	References
Fruit peels	Sesquiterpene aldehyde	2-ethyl, 1, 3-(2'-menthene) propanol		[28]
Fruit peels	Triterpenoid/lamesticum A	3-[(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>S</i>)-2-[2-[(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i>)-3-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-(3-methoxy-3-oxopropyl)-2-methyl-6-methylidencyclohexyl] ethyl]-1,3-dimethyl-6-prop-1-en-2-ylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl] propanoic acid		[29]
Fruit	Flavonoid/rutin	2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-3-[(2 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i>)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-[(2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>S</i>)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-methyloxan-2-yl] oxymethyl] oxan-2-yl] oxychromen-4-one		[30]
Fruit	Coumarin/scopoletin	7-hydroxy-6-methoxychromen-2-one		
Fruit	Polyphenol/chlorogenic acid	(1 <i>S</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>R</i>)-3-[(<i>E</i>)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl) prop-2-enyl] oxy-1,4,5-trihydroxycyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid		
Fruit peels	Onoceradienedione 1	8,14-Secogammacera-7,14 (27)-dien-3,21-dione (onoceradienedione)		[31]
Fruit peels	Triterpene glycoside/lansioside D	3-[(1 <i>S</i> ,2 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>S</i>)-2-[2-[(1 <i>S</i> ,4 <i>aR</i> ,6 <i>S</i> ,8 <i>aR</i>)-6-[(2 <i>R</i> ,3 <i>R</i> ,4 <i>R</i> ,5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i>)-3-acetamido-4,5-dihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl) oxan-2-yl] oxy-5,5,8 <i>a</i> -trimethyl-2-methylidene-3,4,4 <i>a</i> ,6,7,8-hexahydro-1 <i>H</i> -naphthalen-1-yl] ethyl]-1,3-dimethyl-6-prop-1-en-2-ylcyclohex-3-en-1-yl] propanoic acid		[32]
Leaves	Onoceranoit triterpenoid/Lansium acid X	-		[33]

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Table 2: (Continued)

Source	Phytochemical group/name	IUPAC names	Chemical structure	References
Leaves	Onoceranoid triterpenoid/ Lansium acid XI	-		[33]
Leaves	Onoceranoid triterpenoid/ Lansium acid XII	-		[33]
Leaves	Onoceranoid triterpenoid/ Lansium acid XIII	-		[33]
Seed	Tetranortriterpenoids/ Langsatides A	-		[34]
Seed	Tetranortriterpenoids/ Langsatides A	-		[34]
Leaves	Cardiac glycoside/Honghelin	-		[35]
Seed	Onoceranoid triterpenes	3-hydroxy-8,14-secogammacera-7,14-dien-21-one		[36]
Fruit	Onoceranoid triterpenes/ methyl lansioside C	-		[37]

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Source	Phytochemical group/name	IUPAC names	Chemical structure	References
Fruit peels	Onoceranoid triterpenes/ Lamesticum G	-		[38]

to cure digestive disorders and malaria [42]. Now, the activities of this plant have been more explored. Some of the activity reports will be explained in this article.

Antioxidant activity

Antioxidants are required by the body because they limit the beginning and progression of substrate oxidation. Beta-hydroxy acid, tert-butyl hydroquinone, propyl gallate, and butylated hydroxytoluene are examples of synthetic antioxidants that have been widely employed across the world [43], [44]. However, these synthetic antioxidants have negative side effects on the heart and lungs, including carcinogenic and cytotoxic consequences [45]. Natural items having antioxidant capabilities, such as *L. domesticum*, have been discovered (Table 3).

Using the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) technique, the antiradical potential of *L. domesticum* seeds extract and fractions was evaluated. In comparison to the n-hexane fraction, water fraction, and methanol extract, the ethyl acetate fraction provided a significant contribution as an antioxidant, with IC_{50} values of 8.938 ± 0.031 , 11.012 ± 0.094 , 13.898 ± 0.81 , and 14.624 ± 0.456 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, respectively [42].

The negative consequences of NO overexpression in the host organism have traditionally been linked to a variety of illnesses, including human vascular and cardiac ailments. Two undescribed compounds from *L. domesticum* leaves extract, 17(20)E-dyscusin B and 17(20)Z-dyscusin B, demonstrated strong NO inhibition with IC_{50} values of 9.13 and 14.03 μM , respectively [46].

L. domesticum Corr. leaves were extracted using three distinct solvents: Water, chloroform, and methanol, in both hot and cold procedures. Antioxidant activity (DPPH radical scavenging and lipid peroxidation inhibition) was assessed in the crude extracts. The hot process methanol crude extract had the best DPPH radical scavenging activity (SC_{50} values of 8.72 ± 0.54 mg/ml) while the water crude extract obtained by the hot process gave the best activity as lipid peroxidation inhibitor (IPC50 values of 3.29 ± 0.30 mg/ml) [47].

L. domesticum shows good potential as an antioxidant based on the report. *In vitro* chemical or cell culture tests are routinely employed to determine antioxidant activity. Animal bioassays are also becoming increasingly popular as a way to more precisely identify the effects of these chemicals on organ function and development, as well as in clinical trials. However, scientists are working to develop new, simpler, and

Table 3: Antioxidant activity of *Lansium domesticum* Corr.

No.	Sample	Method	Result	References
1	<i>Lansium domesticum</i> seeds extract and fractions • Methanol extract • Water fraction • Ethyl acetate fraction • n-Hexane fraction	DPPH assay	IC ₅₀ ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) values: • 14.6 ± 0.4 • 13.8 ± 0.8 • 8.9 ± 0.03 • 11.0 ± 0.09	[42]
2	Two undescribed compounds from <i>Lansium domesticum</i> leaves extract • 17 (20) E-dyscusin B • 17 (20) Z-dyscusin B	Nitric oxide inhibition	IC ₅₀ (μM) values: • 9.13 • 14.03	[46]
3	The fraction of <i>Lansium domesticum</i> peel fruit extract ethanol (mg/mL) • Dichloromethane fraction (2.0) • Ethyl acetate fraction (2.0) • Water fraction (2.0)	Hydroxyl radical scavenging activity	% inhibition degradation: • 43.94 ± 1.03 • 42.70 ± 0.86 • 93.44 ± 0.84	[30]
4	<i>Lansium domesticum</i> leaves extract • Water extract • Methanol extract • Chloroform extract	DPPH radical scavenging assay and lipid Peroxidation inhibition	Scavenging concentration at 50% activity (mg/mL): • 5.40 ± 1.23 • 8.72 ± 0.54 • 6.15 ± 0.78 Inhibition peroxidation concentration at 50% activity (mg/mL) • 3.29 ± 0.30 • 4.61 ± 0.65 • 18.77 ± 1.78	[47]

perhaps faster approaches that might supplement or replace established assays, notably for quality assurance screening of traditional medicine products. Various types of methods have been used to identify the antioxidant activity of *L. domesticum* Corr.

Antibacterial activity

Antibiotics were discovered, developed, and used clinically in the 19th century, greatly reducing the public health risks associated with bacterial infections. The growth of bacterial resistance to current chemotherapeutic drugs as a result of their injudicious usage, on the other hand, is concerning. To overcome this problem, antibacterial research from medicinal plants was developed. Many medicinal plants have been used as traditional remedies to cure illnesses of pathogenic origin in humans all across the world. Plant extracts contain a variety of bioactive chemicals such as polyphenols, terpenes, and phytosterols, which operate in a variety of ways to inhibit or kill bacteria. This article will explain the activity of *L. domesticum* Corr. as an antibacterial based on research results.

The aqueous seeds extract of *L. domesticum* Corr. was showed antibacterial activity. As test organisms, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, two harmful bacteria, were employed [48]. Antibacterial activity of an ointment containing *L. domesticum* seed extract was also reported. Ointment with a concentration of 10% *L. domesticum* seed extract showed inhibition against *S. aureus* [49]. On *S. aureus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* bacteria, inhibition of the n-hexane extract of *L. domesticum* fruit seeds exhibited the highest clear zone diameter value supplied by the lowest concentration of 10% using the disc and well technique [50].

These findings indicate that the extract has either strong antibacterial efficacy or a high concentration of an active component. The findings show that *L. domesticum* can be used in traditional medicine to treat diseased skin. As a result, when the widths of the inhibition zones and the MIC are taken into account, the wound healing activity of this plant appears to be the most intriguing for further research.

In addition, the action of this plant as an antibacterial is an interesting thing to research and report on.

Cytotoxic activity

Uncontrolled cell proliferation and differentiation are hallmarks of cancer. It has the ability to infect organs and tissues, and it is a serious public health concern in both developed and developing countries [45]. The assessment of cytotoxic activity against cancer cell lines *in vitro* and animal cancer models *in vivo* was a major factor in the development of new anticancer drugs from natural sources such as plants, marine creatures, and microorganisms [51]. Plants have been used to cure cancer for 1000 of years. Vinblastine and vincristine, obtained from the *Madagascar periwinkle*, *Catharanthus roseus* G. Don. (Apocynaceae), and paclitaxel, isolated from the bark of *Taxus brevifolia* Nutt. (Taxaceae), are among the more than 3000 plant species that have been reported for cancer therapy [52], [53]. This study reports on the potential of *L. domesticum* Corr. as an anticancer based on research that has been found (Table 4).

Cytotoxic activity shows the potential of a material as an anticancer agent. Based on the data in Table 4, *L. domesticum* Corr. has cytotoxic activity on several types of cancer cells such as liver cancer cells (HepG2), colon cancer cells (WidR and HT-29), breast cancer cells (T47D), oral cancer cells (KB), and melanoma cancer cells (B16F10). Cytotoxic activity was obtained from various types of plant parts such as seeds, fruits, fruit peels, and leaves. Not only that, secondary metabolites that have been isolated have also shown cytotoxic activity on cancer cells, namely, sesquiterpene aldehydes.

L. domesticum Corr. is reported to contain a lot of secondary metabolites of the steroid/terpenoid group. Terpenoids are chemical molecules that are made up of five carbon units (isoprene) that have been built and changed in various ways [59]. Terpenoids are a group of essential secondary metabolites in plants that have a variety of forms. They are the most numerous molecules in natural goods including in this plant. With their specific structural properties and strong anticancer activity, terpenoids have piqued the interest of many

Table 4: Cytotoxic activity of *Lansium domesticum* Corr.

Sample	Method	Results	References
Chloroform extract of young fruit	<i>In vitro</i> in KB, HT-29, HepG2, and B16F10 cell lines	IC ₅₀ (µg/mL) value was determined by SRB assay 983.81 ± 13.17 (KB cell), 934.89 ± 52.43 (HT-28 cell), 934.00 ± 46.20 (HepG2 cell), and 421.5 ± 12.98 (B16F10 cell)	[54]
Ethyl acetate extract of peel fruit	<i>In vitro</i> in T47D cells line	The IC ₅₀ is 29.41 ± 0.67 µg/mL	[29]
Chloroform young fruit extract	<i>In vitro</i> in KB cells line	The IC ₅₀ values is 603.45 ± 55.35 µg/mL	[55]
Kokosanolid A and C from <i>Lansium domesticum</i> Corr. seed	<i>In silico</i> test of molecular interactions of kokosanolid A and kokosanolid C with the estrogen receptor α (ERα)	Kokosanolid A and C showed strong bond-free energy (-8.8 kcal/mol and -8.7 kcal/mol) to ERα. These two compounds have molecular mechanism to inhibit ERα in breast cancer cells.	[56]
Methanol extract of <i>Lansium domesticum</i> Corr. fruit	<i>In vitro</i> in HT-29 cells line	IC ₅₀ value was determined by MTT assay after 2 days incubated (50.00 ± 0.02 µg/mL)	[57]
Active compound of fruit peel extract (sesquiterpene aldehyde)	<i>In vitro</i> in T47D and HepG2 cell lines	IC ₅₀ (µg/mL) value was determined by MTT assay 48.58 ± 0.96 (T47D) and 127.45 ± 25.76 (HepG2)	[28]
Active compound of fruit peel extract (sesquiterpene aldehyde)	<i>In vitro</i> in WidR cells line	The IC ₅₀ is > 50 µg/mL	[58]

medicinal chemists, and they have the potential to be lead molecules in the development of effective and safe antitumor medicines [60], [61], [62].

Conclusions

L. domesticum Corr. is a fruit-producing plant known as duku and is found in Southeast Asia, one of which is Indonesia. This plant has been widely used by the community such as its fruit that can be consumed so that it is sold in the market to improve the economy. Some parts such as leaves, fruit, fruit skins, and seeds contain secondary metabolite compounds so they are used as folk remedies. Based on the data that have been collected, *L. domesticum* Corr. has good antioxidant activity properties, is efficacious as an antibacterial, and has the potential to be developed as an anticancer because it has cytotoxic properties. Further studies are needed to explore the activity of *L. domesticum* Corr. so that it can be developed as a standardized herbal.

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