

**UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA  
GERAN PENYELIDIKAN UNIVERSITI  
PENYELIDIKAN  
LAPORAN AKHIR**

**ANTIMICROBIAL EFFECT OF COMMONLY USED HERBS  
IN MALAYSIA**

**PENYELIDIK**

**DR. SARLIZA YASMIN SANUSI**

**PENYELIDIK BERSAMA**

**DR. SITI ASMA' HASSAN**

**2013**



**ORANG PENAMBAHBAIKAN DAN PEMBETULAN GERAN PENYELIDIKAN JANGKA PENDEK**  
**IMPROVEMENT AND AMENDMENT FORM FOR SHORT TERM RESEARCH GRANT**



Permohonan baru  
New Application

Laporan Kemajuan  
Progress Report



**Nama Ketua Projek**  
Name of Project Leader

Dr. Sarliza Yasmin Sanusi

**Tajuk Projek Penyelidikan**

Antimicrobial Effect of Commonly used Herbs in Malaysia

Title of Research Project

**i. RINGKASAN PENAMBAHBAIKAN DAN PEMBETULAN**  
Improvement and Amendment Summary

NO.	REVISIONS	REVISIONS	REVISIONS	REVISIONS
1	Financial Statement & Journal Publication		Dilampirkan penyata perbelanjaan terakhir (Baki projek RM 10,373.80)	

**II. AKUAN PEMOHON**  
Applicant Declaration

Saya dengan ini mengaku telah membuat penambahbaikan dan pembetulan sepertimana yang dicadangkan oleh panel penilai seperti di atas.

*I declare to have made improvements and corrections proposed by the panel as above.*

Saya akui bahawa jika terdapat penambahbaikan dan pembetulan ini tidak menepati dan memenuhi sepertimana yang dikomen oleh panel penilai, pihak Universiti berhak untuk tidak meluluskan/ meneruskan geran ini.

*I understand if there is any improvement and correction which does not meet or satisfy as commented by panel, the University reserves the right to disapprove / discontinue the grant.*

Saya juga bertanggungjawab mendapatkan kelulusan etika manusia atau haiwan sekliranya berkaitan.

*I am also responsible for obtaining human or animal ethics approval if applicable.*

Sarliza  
Tandatangan Penyelidik  
Signature of Researcher

20/8/13  
Tarikh  
Date

**III. KELULUSAN OLEH PENGARAH RCMO**  
Approval by Director of RCMO

Lulus  
Approved

Tidak Lulus  
Not Approved

Catatan Pengarah RCMO  
RCMO Director Comments:

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Tandatangan & Cop Pengarah RCMO:  
Signature & Stamp Director of RCMO

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Tarikh  
Date

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA  
JABATAN BENDAHARI  
KUMPULAN WANG PENYELIDIKAN GERAN USM(304)  
PENYATA PERBELANJAAN SEHINGGA 30 NOV 2012

Jumlah Geran:	RM	30,373.00	Ketua Projek:	Rabia Sultana Siddiqui, Prof/Dr. Sarfiza Yasmin Samusi
Peruntukan 2009 (Tahun 1)	RM	19,478.00	Tajuk Projek:	Antimicrobial Effect of Commonly used Herbs in Malaysia
Peruntukan 2010 (Tahun 2)	RM	0.00		
			Tempoh:	15 Mei 2009- 14 Mei 2012
			No.Akaun:	304/PPSC/6139044

Kwg	Akaun	PTJ	Projek	Donor	Peruntukan Projek	Perbelanjaan Tikumpul Hingga Tahun Lalu	Peruntukan Semasa	Tanggungjawab Semasa	Bayaran Tahun Semasa	Belanja Tahun Semasa	Baki Projek
304	11000	PPSG	6139044		7,500.00	-	7,500.00	-	-	-	7,500.00
304	14000	PPSG	6139044		500.00	-	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
304	15000	PPSG	6139044		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
304	21000	PPSC	6139044		-	1,102.00	(1,102.00)	-	926.40	926.40	(2,028.40)
304	22000	PPSC	6139044		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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304	35000	PPSG	6139044		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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304	A11102	PPSC	6139044		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					19,478.00	5,166.80	14,311.20	1,661.00	2,276.40	3,937.40	10,373.80



Ruj. Kami : PPSG/015/034

Tarikh : 17 Julai 2013

Pejabat Pengurusan & Kreativiti Penyelidikan (RCMO)  
Bahagian Penyelidikan & Inovasi  
Universiti Sains Malaysia  
11800 Pulau Pinang.  
u/p : Pn. Anis Idayu Mohd. Tahir



Tuan/Puan,

**LAPORAN AKHIR GERAN JANGKA PENDEK**  
**DR. SARLIZA YASMIN BINTI SANUSI GERAN NO - 304/PPSG/6139044**

Dengan hormatnya perkara di atas adalah dirujuk .

2. Bersama ini disertakan 2 salinan laporan geran jangka pendek Dr. Sarliza Yasmin binti Sanusi daripada Pusat Pengajian Sains Pergigian, Kampus Kesihatan untuk tindakan tuan/puan selanjutnya.
3. Kerjasama tuan/puan dalam hal ini amat dihargai dan diucapkan ribuan terima kasih.

**"BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA"**

*"Memastikan Kelestarian Hari Esok"*

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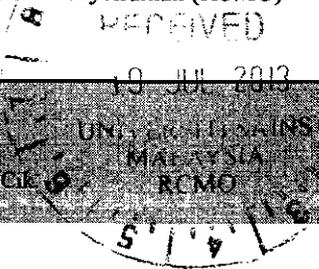
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Ketua Pegawai Sains  
Pusat Pengajian Sains Pergigian  
Kampus Kesihatan



**LAPORAN AKHIR PROJEK PENYELIDIKAN JANGKA PENDEK**  
**FINAL REPORT OF SHORT TERM RESEARCH PROJECT**

Sila kemukakan dua (2) salinan laporan akhir ini melalui Jawatankuasa Penyelidikan di Pusat Pengajian dan Dekan/ Pengarah/ Ketua Jabatan kepada Pejabat Pengurusan dan Kreativiti Penyelidikan (RCMO)



1. Nama Ketua Penyelidik: SARLIZA JASMIN SANUSI  
*Name of Research Leader*

Profesor Madya/ Assoc. Prof.       *Dr.*       Encik/Puan/Cik/ M/Mrs/Ms

2. Pusat Tanggungjawab (PTJ):  
*School/Department*

PUSAT PENGAJIAN SAINS PERGIGIAN

3. Nama Penyelidik Bersama:  
*Name of Co-Researcher*

DR. SITI ASMA HASSAN

4. Tajuk Projek:  
*Title of Project*

ANTIMICROBIAL EFFECT OF COMMONLY USED HERBS IN MALAYSIA.

5. Ringkasan Penilaian/Summary of Assessment	Tidak Memukap/ Inadequate		Boleh Diterima/ Acceptable	Sangat Baik/ Very Good	
	1	2		3	4
i) Pencapaian objektif projek: <i>Achievement of project objectives</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Kualiti output: <i>Quality of outputs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Kualiti impak: <i>Quality of impacts</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Pemindahan teknologi/potensi pengkomersialan: <i>Technology transfer/commercialization potential</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v) Kualiti dan usahasama : <i>Quality and intensity of collaboration</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vi) Penilaian kepentingan secara keseluruhan: <i>Overall assessment of benefits</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Abstrak Penyelidikan

(Perlu disediakan di antara 100 - 200 perkataan di dalam Bahasa Malaysia dan juga Bahasa Inggeris. Abstrak ini akan dimuatkan dalam Laporan Tahunan Bahagian Penyelidikan & Inovasi sebagai satu cara untuk menyampaikan dapatan projek tuan/puan kepada pihak Universiti & masyarakat luar).

*Abstract of Research*

*(An abstract of between 100 and 200 words must be prepared in Bahasa Malaysia and in English). This abstract will be included in the Annual Report of the Research and Innovation Section at a later date as a means of presenting the project findings of the researcher/s to the University and the community at large)*

SILA LIHAT LAMPIRAN

7. Sila sediakan laporan teknikal lengkap yang menerangkan keseluruhan projek ini.

[Sila gunakan kertas berasingan]

*Applicant are required to prepare a Comprehensive Technical Report explaining the project. (This report must be appended separately)*

Senaraikan kata kunci yang mencerminkan penyelidikan anda:

*List the key words that reflects your research:*

Bahasa Malaysia

Bahasa Inggeris

Curcuma xanthorrhiza Roxb

Curcuma xanthorrhiza Roxb

anti - mikrobial

antimicrobial

bakteria oral

oral bacteria

8. Output dan Faedah Projek

*Output and Benefits of Project*

(a) Penerbitan Jurnal

*Publication of Journals*

*(Sila nyatakan jenis, tajuk, pengarang/editor, tahun terbitan dan di mana telah diterbitkan/diserahkan)*

*(State type, title, author/editor, publication year and where it has been published/submitted)*

TIADA

(b) **Faedah-faedah lain seperti perkembangan produk, pengkomersialan produk/pendaftaran paten atau impak kepada dasar dan masyarakat.**  
*State other benefits such as product development, product commercialisation/patent registration or impact on source and society.*

TIADA

\* Sila berikan salinan/Kindly provide copies

(c) **Latihan Sumber Manusia**  
*Training in Human Resources*

i) **Pelajar Sarjana**  
*Graduates Students*  
(Perincikan nama, ijazah dan status)  
*(Provide names, degrees and status)*

Tiada

ii) **Lain-lain**  
*Others*

pelajar sarjana 5 kursus

1st runner up; 9th students Scientific Conference  
2012 (1st runner up); 9th students Scientific Conference  
(1st place). main supervisor presented  
at in Kuching + international conference on  
Natural Products

9. **Peralatan yang Telah Dibeli:**

- Equipment that has been purchased
1. S. MUTANS ATCC
  2. S. SANGUIS ATCC
  3. S. ORALIS ATCC
  5. MYELLER HINTON + HORSE BLOOD PLATES
  6. MYELLER HINTON AGAR PLATES
  7. ETHANOL

*Barliqa*

Tandatangan Penyelidik  
Signature of Researcher

09-07-13

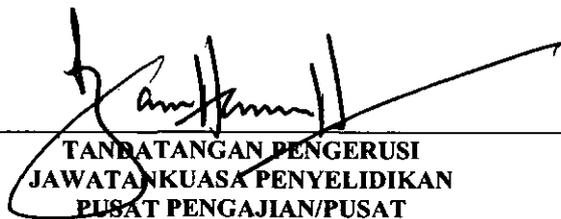
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**Komen Jawatankuasa Penyelidikan Pusat Pengajian/Pusat**  
*Comments by the Research Committees of Schools/Centres*

Satisfactory output: as grant was  
utilised for MelayuSuhale Final  
year studies (yrs) and had  
presented to conferences mentioned

Output Geran yg lemah.  
Tuduh Geran.

Dipin  
7/2/13

  
TANDATANGAN PENERUSI  
JAWATANKUASA PENYELIDIKAN  
PUSAT PENGAJIAN/PUSAT

*Signature of Chairman*  
*[Research Committee of School/Centre]*  
ASSOC. PROF. DR. ZAINUL AHMAD RAJION  
Deputy Dean (Research)  
School Of Dental Sciences  
USM Health Campus

16150 Kubang Kerian, Kelantan,

16/7/2013  
Tarikh  
Date

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### Bahasa Malaysia

Rhizome daripada *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb. (keluarga Zingiberaceae), juga dikenali sebagai temulawak, adalah sejenis herba yang digunakan dalam terapeutik selama beratus-ratus tahun. Walau bagaimanapun, kesannya terhadap bakteria oral kurang mendapat perhatian. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menentukan kesan antimikrob dan kepekatan perencatan minima (minimal inhibitory concentration) daripada Rhizoma *Curcuma Xanthorrhizae* terhadap bakteria oral. Kesan antimikrob ditentukan dengan menggunakan kaedah "agar agar well diffusion" manakala kepekatan perencatan minima (minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC)) ditentukan dengan menggunakan pencairan broth (Trypticase Soy Broth). Sembilan jenis bakteria oral iaitu *Streptococcus mutans*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus oralis*, *Streptococcus sobrinus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Lactobacillus Salivarius*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* dan *Eschericia coli* telah digunakan dalam kajian ini. Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa ekstrak air Rhizome *Curcuma Xanthorrhizae* tidak menunjukkan apa-apa kesan antibakteria terhadap bakteria oral. Ekstrak etanol temulawak menunjukkan kesan antibakteria terhadap *Streptococcus mutans*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus oralis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Enterococcus faecalis*. Nilai kepekatan perencatan minima adalah 1g/ml. Nilai kepekatan perencatan minima boleh digunakan sebagai data asas untuk membuat agen antimikrob seperti ubat atau ubat kumur. Kajian lanjutan perlu dijalankan untuk meneroka komponen aktif tumbuhan ini yang mempunyai kesan antibakteria.

### Bahasa Inggeris

The rhizome of *Curcuma xanthorrhiza* Roxb. (Zingiberaceae family, commonly known as temulawak) is a type of herb that has been used in therapeutics for hundreds of years. However, little attention has been paid to its effects on oral bacteria. The aims of this study were to determine the antimicrobial effects and the minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) of *Rhizoma Curcuma Xanthorrhizae* against oral bacteria. The former was determined using agar well diffusion method whereas the latter was determined using broth dilution (Trypticase Soy Broth) method. Nine types of oral bacteria namely *Streptococcus mutans*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus oralis*, *Streptococcus sobrinus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Lactobacillus Salivarius*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Eschericia coli* were used in this study. Results showed that water extract of Rhizome *Curcuma Xanthorrhizae* did not exhibit any antibacterial effects against oral bacteria. Temulawak ethanol extract demonstrated antibacterial effects against *Streptococcus mutans*, *Streptococcus sanguis*, *Streptococcus oralis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Enterococcus faecalis*: The MIC value was 1g/ml. The MIC value could be utilised as baseline data for contrivance of potential antimicrobial agents such as drugs or mouthwash. Further research should be carried out to deduce the active components of this plant that are responsible for its antibacterial activities.

## 7. Sila sediakan laporan teknikal lengkap yang menerangkan keseluruhan projek ini.

[Sila gunakan kertas berasingan]

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(This report must be appended separately)*



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# *Certificate of Award*

is presented to

**DR SABLZA YASMIN SANUSI**

as

**SUPERVISOR**

**1st RUNNER-UP OF POSTER PRESENTATION**

*4th National Dental Students'  
Scientific Conference 2012*

held at the  
Dewan Agong Tuanku Canselor,  
UiTM Shah Alam

on  
15 -16 June 2012

Prof. Dr Mohamed Ibrahim Abu Hassan  
Dean  
Faculty of Dentistry  
Universiti Teknologi MARA

Dr Nik Mohd Mazuan Nik Mohd Rosdy  
Chairperson  
4th National Dental Students'  
Scientific Conference 2012



# Certificate of Participation

PRESENTED TO

**DR SARLIZA YASMIN BT SANUSI**

FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE  
**POSTER PRESENTATION**

**2012 COMMONWEALTH DENTAL ASSOCIATION /  
MALAYSIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION joint  
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION & TRADE EXHIBITION  
CUM 69<sup>TH</sup> MDA AGM**

**1 DENTISTRY – BRIDGING TECHNOLOGIES:  
PAST, PRESENT & THE FUTURE**

**BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE KUCHING  
SARAWAK, MALAYSIA**

**FROM  
24<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**DR MOHAMAD MUZAFAR HANIFFA**  
President  
Malaysian Dental Association

**DR JOHNTIN**  
Organizing Chair  
2012 CDA/MDA  
Scientific Group  
cum



# *Certificate of* **APPRECIATION**

This is to certify that

**Dr Sarliza Yasmin Sanusi  
Dr Siti Asma' Hassan**

being the supervisor(s) of

**Chang Hui Qi**

has been awarded

**First Place (Poster Presentation)**

**9<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SCIENTIFIC  
CONFERENCE**

*Blooming Science for Excellence in Health*

on

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

Dr. Asilah Yusof  
Chairperson  
Elective Programme  
School of Dental Sciences  
Universiti Sains Malaysia

Dr. Adam Husein  
Dean  
School of Dental Sciences  
Universiti Sains Malaysia



Malaysian  
Natural  
Products  
Society



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UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA



# *Certificate of Appreciation*

This is to certify that

**SARLIZA YASMIN SANUSI**

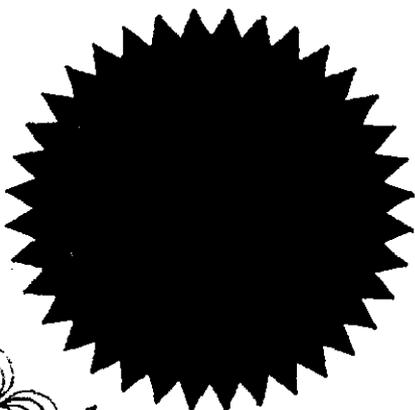
has participated in the

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATURAL PRODUCTS 2011**  
**METABOLOMICS: A NEW FRONTIER IN NATURAL PRODUCTS SCIENCE**

14-16 November 2011  
Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort, Putrajaya, Malaysia

as

**POSTER PRESENTER**



*Naved Hays*

**PROF. DR. MD NORDIN HJ. LAJIS**

Chairman

International Conference on Natural Products 2011  
(ICNP2011)

Universiti Putra Malaysia



**THE ANTIMICROBIAL EFFECTS OF  
*RHIZOMA CURCUMA XANTHORRIZAE*  
(TEMULAWAK) AGAINST ORAL BACTERIA  
– AN *IN-VITRO* STUDY**

## ABSTRACT

### **The Antimicrobial Effects of *Rhizoma Curcuma Xanthorrhizae* (Temulawak) against Oral Bacteria – an *in-vitro* study**

Chang Hui Qi<sup>a</sup>, Sarliza Yasmin Sanusi<sup>a</sup>, Siti Asma' Hassan<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>School of Dental Sciences, <sup>b</sup>School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 16150 Kubang Kerian, Kelantan, Malaysia.

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