

MATERIAL Ag₂O/BENTONIT SEBAGAI ANTIBAKTERI *Escherichia coli*

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INTISARI

Sintesis, karakterisasi dan uji aktivitas antibakteri material Ag₂O/bentonit terhadap bakteri *Escherichia coli* telah dilakukan. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah dapat membuat material Ag₂O/bentonit yang memiliki sifat antibakteri, dan dapat menentukan konsentrasi Ag₂O/bentonit yang memberikan aksi antibakteri paling efektif terhadap *E. coli*.

Preparasi diawali dengan perlakuan terhadap bentonit yang dihaluskan dan disaring 100 mesh, kemudian diaktivasi dengan H₂SO₄ 1 M untuk menghasilkan H/bentonit. Sintesis Ag₂O/bentonit dilakukan dengan cara impregnasi basah. Produk dikarakterisasi dengan FTIR, XRD dan SEM-EDS. Aktivitas antibakteri produk diuji dengan metode *Agar Diffusion Test* dengan variasi konsentrasi 5, 10, 15 dan 20 mg/L.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan jika Ag₂O/bentonit telah berhasil terbentuk yang dikonfirmasi oleh difraktogram XRD dengan keberadaan puncak pada $2\theta = 33,92$ dan $37,67^\circ$. Tampilan SEM menunjukkan jika modifikasi bentonit menjadi Ag₂O/bentonit menyebabkan perubahan pada permukaan bentonit. Data EDS menunjukkan kandungan Ag di dalam bentonit meningkat 20,32% (b/b) setelah dimodifikasi menjadi Ag₂O/bentonit. Hasil uji antibakteri menunjukkan bahwa ketiga produk memiliki aktivitas antibakteri. Ag₂O/bentonit dengan konsentrasi 20 mg/L menunjukkan aktivitas antibakteri paling efektif.

Kata kunci: Ag₂O/bentonit, antibakteri, bentonit, *Escherichia coli*

**MATERIAL OF Ag₂O/BENTONITE AS AN ANTIBACTERIAL OF
*Escherichia coli***

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ABSTRACT

Synthesis, characterization and antibacterial activity test of Ag₂O/bentonite against *Escherichia coli* bacteria had been done. The aim of this experiment were to make Ag₂O/bentonite material that has antibacterial properties, and determine the concentration of Ag₂O/bentonite which provided the most effective antibacterial action against *E. coli*.

Preparation initiated with the treatment of bentonite that was crushed and sieved to 100 mesh, then it was activated with H₂SO₄ 1 M to produce H/bentonite. Synthesis of Ag₂O/bentonite was done by wet impregnation. Products were characterized by FTIR, XRD and SEM-EDS. Antibacterial activity of the products were tested with Agar Diffusion Test method with concentrations variation of 5, 10, 15 and 20 mg/L.

The results of experiment showed that Ag₂O/bentonite had been formed. The formation of Ag₂O/bentonite was confirmed by XRD diffractogram with appearance of peaks at $2\theta = 33.92$ and 37.67° . SEM image showed that bentonite modification to Ag₂O/bentonite changed surface of bentonite. EDS data showed Ag wt % in the bentonite increased 20.32 wt % after modified to Ag₂O/bentonite. The result of antibacterial test showed that all three products had antibacterial activity. The Ag₂O/bentonite with concentration 20 mg/L showed the most effective antibacterial activity.

Keyword: Ag₂O/bentonite, antibacteria, bentonite, *Escherichia coli*