# A STUDY ON TOTAL PHENOLIC CONTENT AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITIES OF SELECTED MANGO SEEDS

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### ABSTRACT

# A STUDY ON TOTAL PHENOLIC CONTENT AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITIES OF SELECTED MANGO SEEDS

This study was aimed to determine the total phenolic content and antioxidant activities in selected mango seeds. Three different types of mango (Mangifera indica L.) commonly available in Malaysian supermarkets namely, 'Chokanan', 'Maha' and 'Madu' were selected. Ethanol was used as a solvent because it is safe to be used in the food system. Phenolic content was determined using a Folin-Ciocalteu assay. Antioxidant activitites were determined using FRAP and DPPH assays. Based on analysis of variance, 'Madu' showed the highest amount of total phenolic content (3994.27  $\pm$  20.6 mg GAE/g) and 'Chokanan' had the lowest total phenolic content (3424.33  $\pm$  76.7 mg GAE/g). However, 'Chokanan' showed the highest ferric reducing power for FRAP assay, followed by 'Maha' and 'Madu' extract. For radical scavenging activity using 2,2 – diphenyl - 1 – picrylhdrazyl (DPPH) method, the highest effect of scavenging free radical showed by 'Madu' followed by 'Maha' and 'Chokanan' seed which were 95.08 $\pm$ 0.052 %, 94.68 $\pm$ 0.044 %, and 94.56 $\pm$ 0.041 % respectively. All the mango seed extracts had lower antioxidant activity compared to BHA/BHT. Mango seeds will be a potential for natural antioxidants.