

## Research Profile

CENTRE FOR

DRUG AND HERBAL DEVELOPMENT

FACULTY OF PHARMACY



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## Introduction to Research at UKM

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) has been recognised as one of the five research universities in Malaysia since 2006 based on its excellent record in research for 50 years. The recognition has gained further ground when the Malaysia Genome Institute (MGI) and International Institute of Global Health and United Nations University were set up within the university. The research in UKM is currently focused into eight niche areas: Challenges to Nation Building, Sustainable Territorial Development, Renewable Energy, Health and Medical Technology, Climate Change, Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, Biological Diversity in Biotechnology Development and ICT: Content Informatics. In 2021, UKM was ranked at position 141 by the QS World University Ranking.



Research at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UKM

The research structure in the Faculty of Pharmacy, UKM consists of three research centres that represent the core areas of research in pharmacy. Our research activities cover fundamental pharmaceutical chemistry, biopharmacy, herbal development, pharmacology, formulation science, clinical pharmaceutical technology, pharmacy and professional pharmacy practice. We have a wide range of research facilities from the latest analytical instruments to a research-based teaching hospital. The faculty has managed to attract more than RM2 million in research grants in 2019 and 2020.

Faculty of Pharmacy research centres:

- Centre for Drug and Herbal Development (CDHD)
- Centre for Drug Delivery Technology (CDDT)
- Centre for Quality Management of Medicines (CQMM)

## **About Us**

Research at CDHD involves all aspects of drug discovery and development of bioactive natural products with the aims to aid and advance in the area of drug discovery and development by establishing various approaches to drug discovery. The research interests range from identification of chemical leads from tropical flora and fauna for specific therapeutic efficacy to the development of new drug candidates against complex and challenging drug targets and evaluation of herbs and their products for quality, safety and efficacy as therapeutic agents. A rational approach is applied to conduct high quality, collaborative and interdisciplinary research in drug discovery and development.

#### **KEY RESEARCH AREAS**

Various natural product research activities are ongoing at the CDHD laboratories. Among them are extraction and isolation of novel compounds, determination of various bioactivities, establishment of standardisation procedures, structure activity relationship studies, and rational modification and synthesis of active compounds.

- Drug discovery phytochemistry, drug design and synthesis
- Bioassays pharmaceutical biology, pharmacology, pharmacogenetics, toxicology
- Herbal analysis pharmacognosy, development of herbal, nutraceutical and cosmeceutical products
- Halal pharmaceuticals

#### **Phytochemistry**

 Isolation and determination of novel or new compounds from Malaysian plants using various chromatographic and spectroscopic techniques.

#### **Drug Design and Synthesis of Novel Compounds**

 Design and synthesis of novel compounds targeting cancer using various molecular modelling software including homology modelling, molecular docking, pharmacophore screening, 2D- & 3D-QSAR and molecular dynamics simulation.

#### **Bioassays**

• Extracts and isolated compounds are evaluated for their biological activities using in-house bioassays either in vitro, in vivo or ex vivo as well as to yield a novel mechanistic information that will drive a deeper understanding of biological functions and processes.

#### **Pharmacognosy**

 Development of herbal monographic specifications and standardisation of herbal formulation.

#### **Halal Pharmaceuticals**

• Quality assurance and quality control of halal pharmaceuticals.

#### Pharmaceutical and Herbal Analysis

- Quality control of raw materials and finished products containing pharmaceuticals and herbals.
- Fingerprinting analysis using spectroscopic and chromatographic data and chemometrics for adulterants and counterfeit drugs detection in pharmaceutical and herbal products.









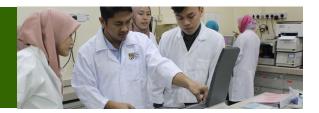
#### **TEACHING & TRAINING**

- Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours
- Master of Science (Pharmaceutical Analysis) by Coursework
- Master of Science by Research
- Doctor of Philosophy by Research
- Short courses in Education and Training
  - ☐ Phytochemical Screening and Extraction of Natural Products
  - ☐ Methods for Development of Malaysian Herbal Monograph (MHM)
  - ☐ Standardisation of Herbal Materials Based on Pharmacopoeial Requirement
  - ☐ Standardisation and Quality Control of Herbal Formulations
  - ☐ Computer-aided Drug Design
  - ☐ Basic Cell Culture Techniques
  - ☐ DNA and Protein Analysis
  - ☐ Animal Behaviour Tests

#### **SERVICES & FACILITIES**

- Pharmacognosy Lab solvent extraction, phytochemical screening, herbal quality control, bioassay-guided isolation of phytochemical compounds
- Computer-Aided Drug Design (CADD) molecular modelling software
- Pharmacology biological assay, in vitro, in vivo and ex-vivo studies
- Laboratory facilities
  - > Facilities for Herbal Quality Control based on the Malaysian Herbal Monograph
  - Soxhlet Extractor
  - High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
  - ➤ High-performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC)
  - Preparative HPLC
  - > Recycling Preparative HPLC
  - ➤ Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometer (UV-Vis)
  - > Attenuated Total Reflectance-Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer (ATR-FTIR)
  - ➤ Atomic Absorption Spectrometer (AAS)
  - > High-Speed Centrifuge & Ultracentrifuge
  - > Freeze Dryer
  - > ELISA Microplate Reader
  - ➤ Liquid Scintillation Counter
  - ➤ Cell Culture Suite

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## OUR LATEST RELATED JOURNAL ARTICLES

## **KEY PUBLICATIONS**

#### Phytochemistry

- Juriyati Jalil, Sakina Saadawi, Ibrahim Jantan & Malina Jasamai (2021).
   Chemical constituents and biological activities of Mitrella Kentii (Blume) Miq.
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#### Antimicrobial

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  peripheral blood mononuclear cells. Tropical Journal of Pharmaceutical Research
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- Evelyn Yun Xi Loh, Mh Busra Fauzi, Min Hwei Ng, Pei Yuen Ng, Shiow Fern Ng, Hidayah Ariffin, and Mohd Cairul Iqbal Mohd Amin (2018). Cellular and Molecular Interaction of Human Dermal Fibroblasts with Bacterial Nanocellulose Composite Hydrogel for Tissue Regeneration. ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces 10(46):39532-39543. Doi: 10.1021/acsami.8b16645.

#### Neuropharmacology

- Poh Kuan Wong, Fook Choe Cheah, Saiful Effendi Syafruddin, M. Aiman Mohtar, Norazrina Azmi, Pei Yuen Ng & Eng Wee Chua (2021). CRISPR geneediting models geared toward therapy for hereditary and developmental neurological disorders. Frontiers in Pediatrics 9:592571.
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- Manali Haniti Mohd-Zahid, Juriyati Jalil, Kok Meng Chan & Norazrina Azmi (2018). Neuroprotective effects of Ocimum basilicum extract against hydrogen peroxide-induced oxidative stress in SK-N-SH neuroblastoma cells. Sains Malaysiana 47(9): 2129–2139. Doi:10.17576/jsm-2018-4709-22.

#### Pharmacology and toxicology

- Eng Wee Chua, Simon P. Harger & Martin A. Kennedy (2019). Metoclopramide-induced acute dystonic reactions may be associated with the CYP2D6 poor metabolizer status and pregnancy-related hormonal changes. Frontiers in Pharmacology. 10:931. Doi:10.3389/fphar.2019.00931.
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#### Halal Pharmaceuticals

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