

# Clustering of 18 Local Black Rice Base on Total Anthocyanin

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## Abstract

Black rice has a high anthocyanin content in the pericarp layer, which provides a dark purple color. Anthocyanin serve as an antioxidant that control cholesterol level in the blood, prevent anemia, potentially improve the body's resistance to disease, improve damage to liver cells (hepatitis and cirrhosis), prevent impaired kidney function, prevent cancer/tumors, slows down antiaging, and prevent atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. Exploration results at AIAT Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 2011 to 2014 obtained 18 cultivar of local black rice Indonesia. The names of the rice are related to the color (black, red or purple) formed by anthocyanin deposits in the pericarp layer, seed coat or aleuron. The objective of the study was to classify several types of local black rice from explorations based on the total anthocyanin content. The study was conducted by clustering analyzing the total anthocyanin content of 18 local black rice cultivars in Indonesia. Cluster analysis of total anthocyanin content were done using SAS ver. 9.2. Clustering dendrogram shows that there were 4 groups of black rice cultivars based on the total anthocyanin content. Group I consists of Melik black rice, Patalan black rice, Yuniato black rice, Muharjo black rice, Ngatijo black rice, short life of Tugiyoy black rice, Andel hitam 1, Jliitheng, and Sragen black rice. Group II consists of Pari ireng, Magelang black hairy rice, Banjarnegara-Wonosobo black rice, and Banjarnegara black rice. Group III consists of NTT black rice, Magelang non hairy black rice, Sembada hitam, and longevity Tugiyoy black rice. Group IV consist only one type of black rice namely Cempo ireng. The grouping result indicate the existence of duplicate names among the black rice namely Patalan with Yuniato black rice, and short life Tugiyoy with Andel hitam 1 black rice.

**Keywords:** Clustering; black rice; exploration; total anthocyanin.

## INTRODUCTION

Black rice is a type of rice, along with white rice and red rice. Black rice is not consumed as a staple food, but consumed as functional food by some communities. Functional food is a food which naturally or through a certain process contains one or more compounds considered to have physiological functions that are beneficial to health (Wijayanti, 2004). Black rice has a high anthocyanin content in the pericarp layer, which provides a dark purple color (Ryu et al., 1998; Takashi et al., 2001). Black rice is one of the functional foods because of its anthocyanin content. Anthocyanin pigments effectively reduce cholesterol levels in the human body (Lee et al., 2008). Anthocyanin has been recognized as functional health foodstuff due to its antioxidant activity (Satue-Gracia et al., 1997; Nam et al., 2006; Philpot et al., 2006).

Anthocyanin serve as an antioxidant that cleans blood cholesterol, prevent anemia, potentially increase body resistance to disease, improve liver cell damage (hepatitis and cirrhosis), prevent impaired kidney function, prevents cancer/tumors, slows down antiaging (Harmanto, 2008), as well as to prevent narrowing of the arteries (atherosclerosis) and cardiovascular disease (Ling et al., 2001 and Ling et al., 2002).

Indonesia is a megabiodiversity country. Black rice is one of the wealth of Indonesia genetic resources that need to be conserved. Therefore, the explorations of black rice in the region of Yogyakarta and other regions in Indonesia are important. Eighteen black rice cultivars were collected by AIAT Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The name of the black rice was different, some even have no name, just given the name according to the farmers who cultivate it.

The difference in the name of black rice is allegedly caused by the diversity of the color of the rice, from bright black to black. The color difference of rice occurs as a result of differences in anthocyanin content. Characterization of morphological properties have been done, while the study of the diversity of anthocyanin content in some black rice has not been done. Solouki et al., (2008) suggests that the study of genetic diversity can be done with morphological, biochemical, and molecular markers. Biochemical studies of anthocyanin content in some black rice complement the morphological characterization, and was expected to help plant breeders to choose cultivars as parent in plant breeding programs.

Based on these considerations, this study aimed to classify the 18 black rice cultivars from Indonesia based on the total anthocyanin content.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research began by planting 18 black rice cultivars from exploration (Table 1), and maintained until harvest. The black rice from the harvest were analyzed for the total anthocyanin content in the Agricultural Production Technology Laboratory of Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta according to Lees & Francis method (1972)

(Appendix 1). Clustering analysis of total anthocyanin were done using SAS ver software. 9.2. Cluster method was analyzed using hierarchical cluster analysis to know the kinship relationship. Hierarchical cluster analysis was a common way of grouping objects in groups that share resemblance to each other.

**Table 1.** Eighteen black rice cultivars were collected by AIAT Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Black Rice Cultivar	Code	Origin
1. Melik	A	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2. Jliitheng	B	Sleman, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
3. Cempo ireng	C	Sleman, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
4. Pari ireng	D	Sleman, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
5. Beras hitam NTT	E	NTT, Indonesia
6. Beras hitam Bantul	O	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
7. Beras hitam Magelang berbulu	R	Magelang, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia
8. Beras hitam Magelang tak berbulu	S	Magelang, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia
9. Beras hitam Sragen	T	Sragen, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia
10. Beras hitam banjarnegara berbatasan wonosobo	W	Banjarnegara, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia
11. Beras hitam banjarnegara	Y	Banjarnegara, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia
12. Beras hitam Tugiyono umur panjang	AA	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
13. Sembada hitam	AB	Sleman, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
14. Beras hitam Muharjo	AC	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
15. Beras hitam Patalan	AD	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
16. beras hitam Tugiyono umur pendek	AE	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
17. Andel hitam 1	AF	Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
18. Beras hitam Yunianto	AG	Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Black rice was one of functional foods due to anthocyanin content that expressed in rice color. Black rice is one of anthocyanin sources. Other anthocyanin source are fruits, vegetables, and grains that have given color pigments. Healthy foods usually have a black or purple color, but in terms of appearance, this color less appealing. Most plants have the largest anthocyanin content in fruit (Houghton & Hendry 1995). Some plants, such as tea, cocoa, cereals, beans, red cabbage, and petunias have anthocyanins in plant parts other than fruits (Lila 2004; Sterling 2011). Anthocyanins also found in foods that have red, purple to black pigments such as black soybeans, black sesame, blackberry, and grapes.

Foods consumed daily are often sources of free radicals that harmful to the body. Free radicals can accelerate the aging process and increase the risk of diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, and cancer. Body damage due to free

radical attack can be prevented by antioxidants. Free radicals are atoms or molecules that are very active and unstable because the structure of an atom or its molecule has an unpaired electron. In order to be stable, these atoms or molecules need to get another electron by taking an electron from another molecule. Anthocyanin can serve as an antioxidant, a compound capable of donating its electrons to neutralize the damaging properties of free radicals (Bustanul 2007).

Based on these matters then conducted analysis of total anthocyanin content on 18 local black rice collection of AIAT of Yogyakarta. The total anthocyanin content of 18 black rice cultivars is presented in Table 2.

Table 2 shows that each black rice cultivar contains anthocyanin content varying from 53.22 to 428.38 mg/100 g, according to its genetic potential. The total anthocyanin content is expressed as the color of rice, and the color of rice from each rice cultivar is presented in Figure 1.

**Table 2.** Total anthocyanin content in 18 black rice cultivars.

Black Rice Cultivar	Code	Total Anthocyanin (mg/100 g)
1. Melik	A	100.06
2. Jlitheng	B	53.22
3. Cempo ireng	C	428.38
4. Pari ireng	D	230.48
5. Beras hitam NTT	E	264.43
6. Beras hitam Bantul	O	90.22
7. Beras hitam Magelang berbulu	R	196.34
8. Beras hitam Magelang tak berbulu	S	288.53
9. Beras hitam Sragen	T	65.04
10. Beras hitam banjarnegara berbatasan wonosobo	W	179.09
11. Beras hitam banjarnegara	Y	165.78
12. Beras hitam Tugiyu umur panjang	AA	298.93
13. Sembada hitam	AB	284.05
14. Beras hitam Muharjo	AC	122.45
15. Beras hitam Patalan	AD	107.22
16. Beras hitam Tugiyu umur pendek	AE	81.81
17. Andel hitam 1	AF	82.55
18. Beras hitam Yunianto	AG	107.39

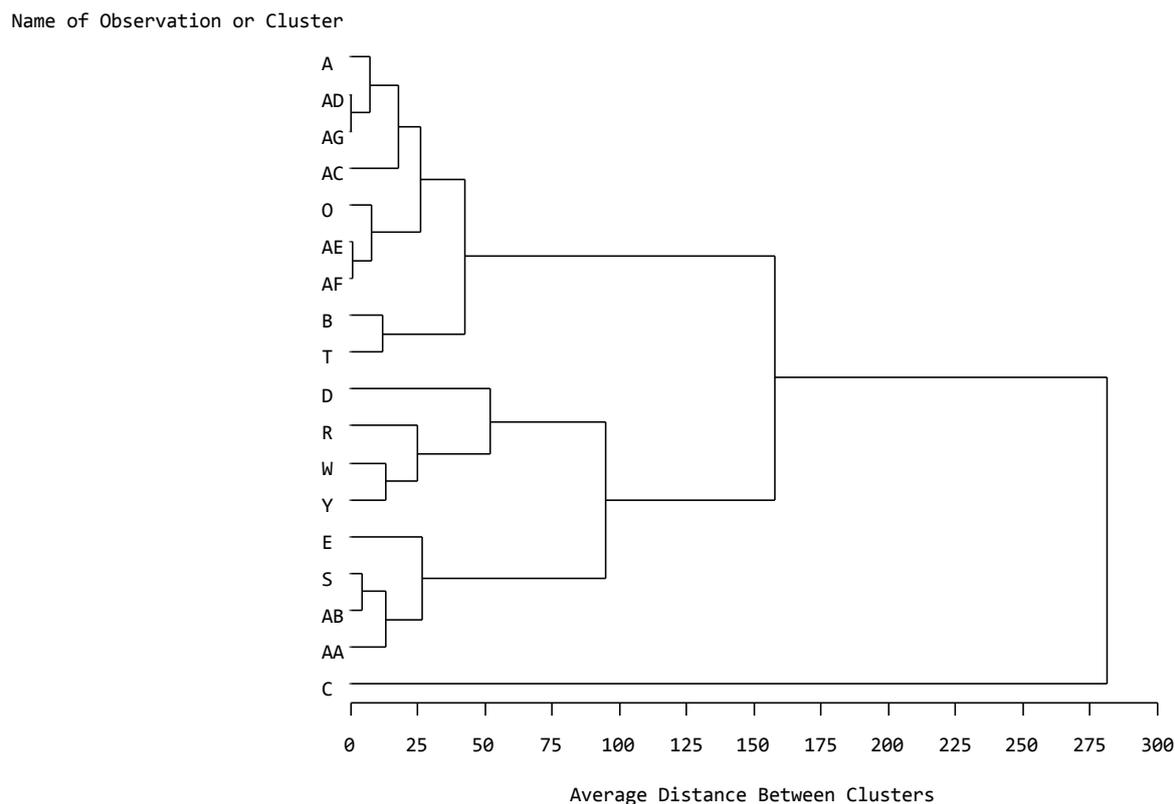


**Figure 1.** Appearance of rice color from 18 black rice cultivars. (A). Melik; (B). Jlitheng; (C). Cempo ireng; (D). Pari ireng; (E). Beras hitam NTT; (F). Beras hitam Bantul; (G). Beras hitam Magelang berbulu; (H). Beras hitam Magelang tak berbulu; (I). Beras hitam Sragen; (J). Beras hitam banjarnegara berbatasan wonosobo; (K). Beras hitam banjarnegara; (L). Beras hitam Tugiyu umur panjang; (M). Sembada hitam; (N). Beras hitam Muharjo; (O). Beras hitam Patalan; (P). Beras hitam Tugiyu umur pendek; (Q). Andel hitam 1; (R). Beras hitam Yunianto.

Black rice has a high anthocyanin content in the pericarp layer, which provides a dark purple color. The color difference of rice is regulated genetically. According to Chang & Bardenas (1965), the color of rice is determined by the pigments in the pericarp and the tegmen, namely white, bright red, red, reddish brown, brown, grayish, gold, purple, and purple (almost black), while endosperm from all rice varieties was

white. Ayoola & Faluyi (2007), said that pericarp rice seeds are usually white but may be red, brown or almost purple, pigmentations/colorations are no deeper than pericarp and endosperm was always white.

Clustering of black rice based on total anthocyanin content in 18 black rice cultivars in the form of dendrogram in Figure 2.



Information:

Melik	: A	Beras hitam banjarnegara berbatasan wonosobo	: W
Jlitheng	: B	Beras hitam banjarnegara	: Y
Cempo ireng	: C	Beras hitam Tugiyu umur panjang	: AA
Pari ireng	: D	Sembada hitam	: AB
Beras hitam NTT	: E	Beras hitam Muharjo	: AC
Beras hitam Bantul	: O	Beras hitam Patalan	: AD
Beras hitam Magelang berbulu	: R	beras hitam Tugiyu umur pendek	: AE
Beras hitam Magelang tak berbulu	: S	Andel hitam 1	: AF
Beras hitam Sragen	: T	Beras hitam Yunianto	: AG

**Figure 2.** Dendrogram of clustering of 18 black rice cultivars based on the total anthocyanin content.

Dendrogram in Figure 2 shows that 18 black rice cultivars based on their total anthocyanin content were divided into 3 groups. Group I consists of A (Melik), AD (Beras hitam Patalan), AG (Beras hitam Yunianto), AC (Beras hitam Muharjo), O (Beras hitam Bantul), AE (beras hitam Tugiyu umur pendek), AF (Andel hitam 1), B (Jlitheng), and T (Beras hitam Sragen). Group II consists of D (Pari ireng), R (Beras hitam Magelang berbulu), W (Beras hitam banjarnegara berbatasan wonosobo), Y (Beras hitam banjarnegara), E (Beras hitam NTT), S (Beras hitam Magelang tak berbulu) AB (Sembada hitam) and AA (Beras hitam Tugiyu umur panjang). Group III consists of only cultivar C = Cempo ireng, because Cempo ireng has the highest anthocyanin content of 428.38 mg / 100 g. It appears in Figure 2 that, in Group 1, there are 2 cultivars that have the same genetic distance as the total antioxidant content, that was AD (Beras hitam Patalan) and AG (Beras hitam Yunianto). Two other cultivars in group I also have the

same genetic distance, that was AE (beras hitam Tugiyu umur pendek) and AF (Andel hitam 1). The cultivars are allegedly the same or there was duplication of names based on their total anthocyanin content. The result of clustering based on the total anthocyanin content still needs to be supported by clustering based on plant morphology, such as plant height, plant age, stem color, leaf color, leaf tongue color, leaf ear color and so forth.

## CONCLUSION

The total anthocyanin content in 18 black rice cultivars of AIAT of Yogyakarta collection varies according to its genetic potential. There are 3 groups of black rice based on the total anthocyanin content, some cultivars have the same genetic distance (close kinship relationship) and there were suspected duplication of the name based on the total anthocyanin content.

## SUGGESTION

Required clustering of black rice cultivars based on morphological properties to support of clustering based on the total anthocyanin content.

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