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**Abstract**

Zingiberaceae is a family that consists of many edible ginger plants. *Etilingera pubescens* (B.L.Burtt & R.M.Sm.) R.M.Sm. was studied for its antioxidant properties. Preliminary screening of the methanol extracts of its leaves, stems, rhizomes showed that the fresh leaves had the highest antioxidant activity, with total phenolic content (TPC), ascorbic acid equivalent antioxidant capacity (AEAC), and oxygen radical absorbance capacity (ORAC) values of  $1020 \pm 20$  mg GAE/100 g,  $1130 \pm 30$  mg AAE/100 g, and  $140 \pm 30$   $\mu$ mol TE/g, respectively.

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