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# **Editorial Message from the Head of Scientific Committee**

Welcome to the Proceedings of the 1st IPB International Conference on Nutrition and Food 2020 (1st IPB ICNF 2020) that is published by the Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences. Amidst the current global pandemic situation, the conference was successfully organized fully online by the Department of Community Nutrition, Faculty of Human Ecology, IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia on 18 – 19 November 2020.

This conference was aimed to be a platform where academia, researchers, private sectors and general audience could get update on latest issues in nutrition and food. Recognizing the importance of promoting research and innovation in nutrition and food, we have chosen to focus on Nutrition and Food Innovation for Better Life as the theme of the conference this year. The conference speakers, oral presenters, poster presenters and participants of this conference came from a variety of countries, such as Australia, Bangladesh, India, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, UK and USA.

On behalf of the scientific committee of ICNF 2020, I would like to congratulate all participants who submitted their research papers to the conference and 61 of them are featured in this issue. The articles covered three main areas: clinical nutrition, community nutrition, and food innovation. Each of those articles underwent three cycles of thorough review by two reviewers, to ensure their academic merit and quality. The significance of the research presented in this conference represents the importance of nutrition and food in improving our quality of life. I would like to thank the organizing committee of the 1st IPB ICNF 2020 and all their supporting partners for ensuring the success of the conference. Finally, I hope that these proceedings serve the need for high quality research articles in the area of nutrition and food.

Head of the Scientific Committee of the 1st IPB ICNF 2020,

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# The Effect of Monday and Thursday Fasting on Body Weight and Body Fat Percentage among Overweight and Obese Men

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#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this study was to analyze the effect of Monday and Thursday fasting on body weight and fat percentage among overweight and obese men. Twenty subjects aged 19-29 years living in Bogor district were divided into 2 groups. The intervention group followed a 12-week Monday and Thursday fasting while the control group did none. The paired T-test and Mann Whitney test were used to analyze the data. The results indicated that after 12 weeks of Monday and Thursday fasting, the body weight, BMI, body fat percentage, and visceral fat of both groups were not significantly different with the baseline data and from each other.

Keywords: Body fat percentage, Body weight, Monday-thursday fasting, Obese, Overweight

# **INTRODUCTION**

Obesity is a growing nutritional problem in the world with 39% of men and women in the world having excess weight (1). This problem also occurs in Indonesia Data of the Ministry of Health show that 35.4% of the population suffer from either obese or overweight (2). Monday and Thursday fasting are commonly practiced by Muslim community. They are one type of intermittent fasting (IF) that may regulate energy intake. The latest meta-analysis results showed that restriction during IF reduced energy intake by 70-75% on fasting day and fasting for the period 3-12 months was effective for weight loss in overweight and obesity cases (3). IF also affects other anthropometry indicators such as waist circumference, body fat mass and lean body mass (4). With 87.2% of Indonesian identified themselves as Muslims, this study aims to analyze the effect of Monday and Thursday fasting on weight loss and body fat in Indonesian overweight and obese adult men.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

This quasi-experimental study was conducted in Bogor district, Indonesia. The subjects were selected using convenient sampling and divided into 2 groups, control and intervention group. The Intervention Group did Monday and Thursday fasting for 12 weeks while the control group did nothing. The total subjects who participated were 20, with 10 subjects in each group. The inclusion criteria were males aged 19-29 years, BMI ≥ 25.0 kg/m2, not suffering from diseases that affect body weight (e.g. cancer, hypothyroid, diabetes mellitus), and

willing to participate in the research. The data collected were the subjects' characteristics, food consumption and physical activity as well as baseline and end line measurement of body weight, total fat percentage, and visceral fat. The food consumption and physical activity data were collected by recall, while body weight, total fat percentage and visceral fat data were collected using Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis. Data were tested using Mann Whitney tests, and paired T-tests.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I shows that subjects in the intervention group tend to experience weight loss (- 2.3 kg), but it was not significantly different from that of the subjects in the control group (p > 0.05). A similar trend in the body mass index (BMI) was found, in which the intervention group also experienced a decline. However, the difference was not significant compared to the control group (p > 0.05).

The subjects in the intervention group fulfilled only around 60% of their energy adequacy level on their fasting days. Meanwhile, the control group had the same energy and macronutrient intake on fasting and non-fasting days, making its BMI scores remain stable until the 12th week of intervention.

Table I also shows that the percentage of body fat in the intervention group was not significantly different from that of the control group. However, the tendency of decline in body fat percentage after 12 weeks was greater in the intervention group. Furthermore, the data also show that there is a tendency that the visceral fat

Table I: Body weight, body mass index, body fat and visceral fat

Variable	Gro		
variable	Intervention	Control	- p-value
Body Weight (kg)			
Baseline	83.0 ± 17.9	89.1 ± 12.7	0.259
Week-12	80.7 ± 15.0	89.1 ± 12.3	0.131
Δ	$-2.3 \pm 3.9$	$0.1 \pm 2.3$	0.175
p-value	0.066	0.788	
Body Mass Index (kg/m²)			
Baseline	$29.8 \pm 4.4$	$31.4 \pm 4.0$	0.354
Week-12	$29.0 \pm 3.4$	$31.5 \pm 3.9$	0.141
Δ	$-0.8 \pm 1.3$	$0.0 \pm 0.8$	0.135
p-value	0.077	0.821	
Body Fat (%)			
Baseline	$26.8 \pm 5.0$	$29.1 \pm 5.1$	0.318
Week-12	$26.0 \pm 5.2$	$28.9 \pm 5.1$	0.225
Δ	$-0.8 \pm 1.8$	$-0.2 \pm 1.3$	0.421
p-value	0.185	0.588	
Level of Visceral Fat			
Baseline	$13.2 \pm 4.5$	$14.9 \pm 4.4$	0.391
Week-12	$12.8 \pm 3.9$	$14.9 \pm 4.5$	0.276
Δ	$-0.4 \pm 0.8$	$0.0 \pm 0.6$	0.272
p-value	0.209	0.397	

level decreases after 12 weeks of intervention in the intervention group (-0.4  $\pm$  0.8) in contrast to an increase in the control group (0.7  $\pm$  2.3), although it is not statistically different. Lowering fat intake accompanied with physical activities would be more effective in decreasing visceral fat (5). Almost all of the subjects in the intervention group had low physical activity on both fasting and non-fasting days. Physical activity is one of the factors that affects the decrease in visceral fat levels

at the end of the intervention.

# **CONCLUSION**

After 12 weeks of Monday and Thursday fasting intervention, the body weight, BMI, body fat percentage, and visceral fat of the Intervention and Control group were not significantly different from the baseline data and from each other. However, intervention group showed a tendency of decreased weight, BMI, body fat, and visceral fat.

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# The Effect of Brewing Temperature Variation on the Glycemic Control Capacity of *Moringa oleifera* Drinks

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#### **SUMMARY**

Moringa oleifera leaves contain Epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), which is potential for controlling blood glucose. The research aims to analyze the effect of Moringa oleifera leaves brewing temperature on healthy adults' glycemic control capacity. Ten subjects consumed anhydrous glucose diluted in 200 ml water, and 3-gram moringa leaves diluted in 200 ml water according to various brewing temperatures (26°C, 70°C, and 90°C). The glycemic control capacity observed include the Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) and Glucose Score (GS). This study showed that groups treated with moringa leaves brewed at 70°C and 90°C had lower glucose score than did the control and when brewed at 26°C.

Keywords: Brewing temperature, Glucose score, Glycemic response, Moringa oleifera

# **INTRODUCTION**

Controlling blood glucose levels is essential for preventing and treating non-communicable diseases like diabetes mellitus. Drinking tea and leave-based drinks after eating has become a culture in many countries.  $Previous\, studies\, showed\, that\, drinking\, brewed\, tea\, reduces$ glycemic responses (1) due to polyphenol content, mainly EGCG in tea leaves, dissolved in hot water. Polyphenol level that was dissolved in water is affected by brewing temperature. The optimal temperature for brewing is from 70 to 90oC (2). The EGCG contained in Moringa oleifera leaf extract has anti-hyperglycemic activity by inhibiting the α-glucosidase enzyme found in the brush border of the small intestine (3). Therefore, this study investigates the effect of brewing temperature variation on the glycemic control capacity of Moringa oleifera drinks.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The study was conducted in Natuna Hospital, and it has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of IPB University No. 085/IT3.KEPMSM-IPB/SK/2018. Moringa leaves were dried at 30-35°C for three days. Ten healthy adult subjects with normal BMI and fasting blood glucose were involved in four sessions with 1-week interval of OGTTs. First, 50 g glucose diluted in 200 mL water (control), and the next 3 sessions were glucose with 3 g moringa leaves brewed in 200 mL water for 5 minutes at 26°C (P1), 70°C (P2), and 90°C (P3). The drinks were consumed directly after

brewing for P1 and when the temperature reached 50°C for P2 and P3. Capillary blood glucose was measured by glucometer device (Easytouch GCU, Taiwan). The OGTT method used blood glucose level data at 0, 30, 60, 90, and 120 minutes. The GS was calculated using the Incremental Area Under Curve (IAUC) (4) obtained from subjects receiving P1, P2, or P3 divided by control (1)

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Figure 1 shows the increase of blood glucose level with 30 minutes interval. The increase of blood glucose level in the subjects who consumed moringa leaves brewed at 70°C (P2) and 90°C (P3) were lower than those at 26°C (P1) and control (p<0.05). At 30 minutes, all groups reached their maximum blood glucose level, but groups of P2 and P3 had significantly lower peak blood glucose levels than P1 and control. After 60 minutes, all blood glucose levels decreased, and the treatment of P3 has lowered blood glucose sharply. As shown in Table I, at 120 minutes, the blood glucose level of P3 was significantly lower than P1 and control. IAUC in P2 and P3 is significantly lower than control and P1. Groups with the treatment of moringa leave brewed in 70°C and 90°C have significantly smaller IAUC units than those in control and 26°C. P2 have 12.27±6.07% and P3 have 11.39±5.37% smaller IAUCs than the control. The lowest GS was obtained from P2 (80.9±9.7), followed by P3 (83.3±9.9) and P1 (96.2±9.8). The lowest peak glucose level was observed in P2. Results of this study show that Moringa oleifera leaves brewed in water

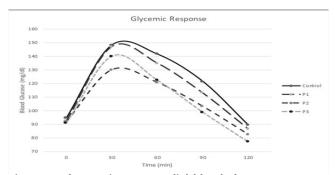


Figure 1: Changes in postprandial blood glucose concentration over time after drinking *Moringa oleifera* leaves brewed in the water at P1 (26°C), P2 (70°C), and P3 (90°C).

at 70°C seem to be more potent in controlling blood glucose levels than those boiled at 90°C and 26°C. Brewing at room temperature may not dissolve catechin from the *Moringa oleifera* leaves, while brewing at 90 °C may cause some catechin degradation. It has been shown that brewing tea at 100°C causes degradation of catechin (5).

# **CONCLUSION**

Moringa oleifera leaves brewed at 70°C, and 90°C had lower GS than those brewed at 26°C. The lowest peak

glucose level was shown by the subject drinking Moringa oleifera leaves brewed at 70°C. Further research on the effect of *Moringa oleifera* on GS is needed, especially in hyperglycemic subjects.

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Table I: Glycemic responses of sujects after drinking Moringa oleifera leaves brewed in the water at different temperatures

Group	FBG ± SD (mg/dl)	Peak Blood Glucose ± SD (mg/dl)	2 hour Blood glucose ± SD (mg/dl)	Incremental Area Under Curve ± SD (units)	Glucose Score ±SEM
Control	94.7 ± 6.2 <sup>a</sup>	$148.3 \pm 9.5^{a}$	$89.7 \pm 5.9^{a}$	14556 ± 783 <sup>a</sup>	$100 \pm 0.0^{a}$
P1 (26°C)	$92.7 \pm 5.7^{a}$	$147.1 \pm 9.8^{a}$	$86.9 \pm 5.5^{ab}$	$13948 \pm 1055^{a}$	$96.2 \pm 9.8^{a}$
P2 (70°C)	$92.0 \pm 4.6^{a}$	$130.1 \pm 17.0^{b}$	$82.7 \pm 6.0^{bc}$	11747 ± 1261 <sup>b</sup>	$80.9 \pm 9.7^{\rm b}$
P3 (90°C)	91.1 ± 5.2 <sup>a</sup>	$140.2 \pm 8.6^{ab}$	$77.3 \pm 3.4^{\circ}$	$11645 \pm 1096^{b}$	$83.3 \pm 9.9^{b}$

p ≤ values calculated by ANOVA. Numbers in the same column followed by different letters are statistically different p 0.05 (Tukey's test). FBG = Fasting Blood Glucose.

# The Effect of Different Methods of Rice Consumption on Eating Rate, Glycemic Response, and Glycemic Index of Healthy Adults

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#### **SUMMARY**

Different chewing habits can affect postprandial blood glucose. This study assessed the effect of different methods of Japonica rice consumption (spoon, chopsticks, and fingers) on the eating rate (ER), glycemic response (GR), and the glycemic index (GI) of healthy adults. The ER was not significantly different between the different methods of consumption. The GR of consuming rice with chopsticks tended to be lower, but not significantly different compared to the spoon and fingers. There were no significant differences among the GI of rice eaten using chopsticks, spoon, and fingers, categorized as high with scores of 79.3, 92.2, and 94.1, respectively.

Keywords: Eating rate, Glycemic index, Glycemic response, Method of consumption

#### INTRODUCTION

Rice remains as a staple food in Indonesia and is consumed in different methods such as using a spoon, chopsticks, and fingers. Different methods of eating may affect the speed of eating and will cause varying levels of the breakdown of food particles, resulting in differences in postprandial glucose levels (1) and glycemic response. This research analyzes the effect of Japonica rice's different consumption methods by using spoons, chopsticks, and fingers-on eating rate, glycemic response (GR), i.e. the postprandial change in the blood glucose when foods containing carbohydrate sources are digested (2), and the glycemic index (GI) of healthy adults.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Commission of Human Subjects, IPB University through approval Number: 227/IT3.KEPMSM-IPB/SK/ 2019. The test sample was Japonica rice cooked using a rice cooker with rice to water ratio of 1:1.5 (w/v). Proximate and dietary fiber analyses of rice using AOAC methods (3) were performed to calculate available carbohydrates. Ten healthy adult subjects were involved in the research. For GR and GI measurement, they received 50 gr of pure glucose as a control food and 149 g of rice, which is equivalent to 50 g of available carbohydrates. Rice was consumed using three different eating methods (spoon, chopsticks, and fingers). The interval time between periods was 1-week. The glycemic index was calculated

by comparing the area of the Incremental Area Under Curve (IAUC) of the test food with the control food (4). Statistical data analysis was performed using ANOVA followed by Duncan's test.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Subjects consisted of four men and six women with an average age of  $21.9 \pm 0.7$  years and an average BMI of 21.1± 1.7 kg/m2. Age, weight, height, and BMI among subjects were not significantly different (p> 0.05), meaning that all subjects were homogeneous in those aspects. Eating rate can be determined from the number of mouthfuls, the average weight per mouthful, and the length of eating time; these all are related to the process of chewing food (4). The average weight per mouthful was calculated by dividing the weight of one serving of rice (149 g) with the number of mouthfuls. The data presented in Table 1 shows that for consuming one serving of Japonica rice using chopsticks resulted in significantly less weight per mouthful and a higher number of mouthfuls compared to the method of eating using a spoon and fingers. However, there was no significant difference in the length of time to consume one serving of rice.

The data presented in Figure 1 show that the peak blood glucose of subjects who consumed Japonica rice using chopsticks tended to be lower, but not significantly different from using a spoon and fingers. The GI score of Japonica rice consumed using the three different consumption methods is classified as high GI with

Table I: Eating rate of consumption of Japonica rice using a spoon, chopsticks, and fingers

Con- sumption method	No. of Mouthfuls ± %SEM	Weight of rice per mouthful (g) ± %SEM	The length of eating time (minutes) ± %SEM
Spoon	$12.1 \pm 6.9^{a}$	$12.9 \pm 6.8^{a}$	$7.9 \pm 7.5^{a}$
Chopsticks	$18.3 \pm 5.8^{b}$	$8.4 \pm 5.6^{\rm b}$	$9.1 \pm 6.7^{a}$
Fingers	$11.8 \pm 5.2^{a}$	$12.9 \pm 4.7^{a}$	$8.8 \pm 6.4^{a}$

Note : p values calculated by ANOVA. Different letters following numbers in the same column are statistically different p  $\leq$  0.05. SEM = Standard Error of Mean

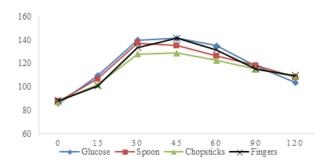


Figure 1: The glycemic response of the healthy adult subjects after consuming Japonica rice using a spoon, chopsticks, and fingers

Table II: Glycemic Index (GI) of Japonica rice in healthy adults

Consumption Method	GI score	SEM
Spoon	92.2ª	10.4
Chopsticks	79.3ª	7.8
Fingers	94.1ª	10.9

Note: p values calculated by ANOVA. Different letters following numbers in the same column are statistically different  $p \le 0.05$ . SEM = Standard Error of Mean

no statistical differences. The consumption method using chopsticks produced a lower GI score than the spoon (14%) and fingers (15.7%). The consumption of rice using chopsticks causes a faster-chewing speed. The resulting rice particle size is larger than the other

two methods, making carbohydrates digested slowly. Another study reported that Thai Hom rice consumption using chopsticks resulted in a 13% lower GI score than the spoon and fingers consumption methods (5).

### **CONCLUSION**

Consumption using chopsticks method provides a higher number of a mouthful and a lower average weight of rice per mouthful than spoon and fingers. The GR and the Gl of Japonica rice consumed using chopsticks tend to be lower, but they are not significantly different from spoon and fingers.

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# Observational Study on the Diet of Burn Patients at Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, Jakarta

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# **SUMMARY**

A certain administration of diet to support the healing process of burn patients is necessary. This study aimed to observe the dietary intake of burn patients at Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital. Research data were collected using food weighing, integrated patient progress notes, and medical records. The results revealed that on average, the nutrient intake during hospitalization was inadequate (energy 71,92%, protein 66.93%, carbohydrate 58.58%, fat 83.55%). Further, the blood parameters level after 21 days admission was not significantly different from the baseline. Therefore, diet modification is needed to increase the nutrition intake of the patients.

Keywords: Burn, Diet, Liquid food, Nutrition, Patient

### **INTRODUCTION**

Burn patients are patients with a very high level of pain from moderate to severe burn injury. Their condition usually gets worse, and the other co-morbidities caused a higher mortality rate (1). A worsening of the patients' condition is associated with the hyper-catabolism, especially if it is not supported by a proper diet (2). The administration of a high energy-protein diet to support the healing process is crucial (3). They also need micronutrients such as vitamins A, C, and D, Fe, Cu, Se, and Zn which have been found to affect wound healing and skeletal function, neuromuscular, and immune system (4). A proper nutrition supply could improve the patients' recovery process. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to observe the diet for burn patients at Cipto Mangun Kusumo Hospital.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This is an observational study; the data were collected from November 2019 to January 2020. There were 53 patients who were admitted to the burn unit of Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital during that period, but only seven patients who met the criteria (20-50% burn area, aged 18-59 years, only receiving soft and liquid diet, not suffering from diabetes mellitus, and chronic kidney failure). The subjects were observed intensively

for 21 days. The main variables were energy, protein, carbohydrate, and fat intake. The laboratory assessment result such as ALT, AST, albumin, eGFR, blood creatinine, blood urea, procalcitonin (PCT), lactate, and leucocytes were recorded from the patients' medical record. We collected dietary intake data by the food weighing method and performed a cross-check to integrated patient progress notes from a dietitian. The other data were collected from the patients' medical records

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the burn diet is to achieve daily nutrient intake up to or more than 80% of the nutrient requirement. However, most of the patients could not achieve the target. This is related to their medical condition since they had to undergo several surgeries during the hospitalization. Most of the patients have a 20-30% burn area, and it was caused by a flame burst (Table I). The dietitian usually provides a soft texture diet: 1100-1500 kcal (rice and dishes), two portions of extra animal-based protein side dishes, 2-3 portions of egg, and liquid food (low-fat milk) 3x250 ml. Unfortunately, the patients usually consumed only 1/2 - 2/3 portion of soft foods but consumed all the liquid food. Therefore, the nutrient adequacy level for energy, protein and carbohydrate were deficit; only fat that meets the

**Table I: Characteristic of Patients** 

Characteristics	n	%	
Total Body Surface Area	(TBSA)		
20-30 (%)	5	71	
31-50 (%)	2	29	
Total	7	100	
Cause of burn			
Hot oil	2	29	
Flame burst	5	71	
Total	7	100	

requirement (Table II). There was a significant decrease in haemoglobin levels in end-line data (Table III). It could be because of the low protein intake, which in turn will inhibit the process of haemoglobin formation. Moreover, their erythrocyte production usually decreases, and it is due to low erythropoietin level in the burn patients (5).

Table II: The average of nutrient requirement, nutrition planning, nutrition intake, and nutrition adequacy level

Nutrients	Nutrient require- ment	Nutri- tion Planning	Nutrient Intake	Nutrient adequacy level (%)
Energy (Kal)	2324	2500	1670	71.92
Protein (g)	116.0	125.0	74.7	66.93
Fat (g)	64.8	69.4	54.1	83.55
Carbohydrate (g)	324.1	343.8	188.6	58.58

Table III: Blood indicators before and after 21 days observation

<b>Blood Indicator</b> s	Base- line	End- line	Normal Range	P-Value
Albumin	3.54	3.68	3.5 – 5.2 (g/dL)	0.671 a
Blood Creatinin	0.76	0.74	0.73 - 1.18 (m/dL)	0.736 a
Pro Calcitonin	0.50	0.30	<0.05 (ng/mL)	$0.225^{\rm b}$
Lactate	2.84	2.63	0.7-2.5 (mmol/L)	0.704 a
Haemoglobin	14.87	11.50	13 – 17 (g/dL)	0.001* a

a) Paired t-test, significant on p<0.05, b) Wilcoxon test, \*significant on p<0.05

#### **CONCLUSION**

The dietitian planned a sufficient nutrition plan for the patients, but the total nutrient intake is still inadequate. Left-over food was commonly found during observation, especially food with a soft texture. Increasing the portion or the quality of liquid food is an alternative way to achieve nutrient requirement.

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# The Effect of Chicken Essense on Lactation and Recovery from Fatigue: A Meta-Analysis

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# **SUMMARY**

Chicken essence (CE), known as a traditional liquid supplement popular in Asian Country, contains high protein and various valuable amino acids. Many studies have shown the benefits of CE in mice and humans. This study aimed to synthesize the previous studies on the effect of CE on lactation and recovery from fatigue using Hedges'd effect size method. The results showed that the contents of iron, lactoferrin, Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$ 2 (TGF- $\beta$ 2) and Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF) in colostrum have a significant cumulative effect size. A similar result was obtained from the effect of recovery from fatigue for total protein.

Keywords: Carnosine, Chicken essence, Functional supplement, Lactation, Protein

# **INTRODUCTION**

Chicken essence is a traditional drink from Asian Country (China) made from chicken meat extract. Usually, Chinese people add herbal plants to increase the benefits and variations of chicken essence according to consumer needs. A number of studies have been published evaluating the health benefits of chicken essence i.e increasing protein intake, restoring and increasing physical strength, overcoming fatigue, and improving memory and learning concentration in mice and human. CE is also mainly used in postpartum woman to restore physical strength, lowering plasma lipids and for neonatal by improving milk quality (1). Daily intake of CE can be an alternative treatment for recovery from fatigue in mice and humans (2,3,4). This study aimed to synthesize the previous studies on the effect of CE on lactation and recovery from fatigue, especially to observe how much CE can be considered to improve health conditions in preclinical dan clinical study.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The literature search was conducted by using literature database, i.e. Science Direct and PubMed with keywords used in the search- 'chicken essence', 'chicken extract', 'lactation', 'recovery\*fatigue', 'carnosine', 'anserine', 'food\*supplement'-. The criteria used in this study were: (1) articles written in English; (2) Published peer-reviewed articles . The screening yielded 15 studies which were included in the data

synthesis with 19 parameters from 4 articles used in this study, with subject mice and human. Meta-analysis in this study used Hedges'd effect size method to quantify the parameter between control and chicken essence products. 95% CI was used for precision of the effect size in this study (5).

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The studies were done in Taiwan and Japan (Table I). The results showed (Fig.1) the content of iron, lactoferrin, TGF- $\beta$ 2 in colostrum and 37 weeks was significantly higher in CE group, with cumulative effect size  $\pm$  95% CI were 0.54 $\pm$ 0.51; 0.75 $\pm$ 0.74; 1.15 $\pm$ 0.77, respectively, and EGF in colostrum was 0.33  $\pm$ 0.31. This intake plays many roles in the development of neonate. The analysis also indicated that the total protein was higher in the control group during postpartum, but the total protein was higher in CE group for colostrum and 37 weeks pregnancy (d,  $\pm$ CI, 0.33 $\pm$ 0.31).

Similar result was obtained on the effect of recovery from fatigue. The total protein for recovery from fatigue from CE group is significantly higher than that of the control group (d++ $\pm$ CI, 0.42 $\pm$ 0.29). The biomarkers of physical fatigue i.e. glucose, serum lactate and creatine kinase after treatment indicated lower in CE group than the control group with d<sub>++</sub>  $\pm$  CI of 0.13 $\pm$ 0.51; 0.13 $\pm$ 0.36; 0.27 $\pm$ 0.36, respectively. This shows that CE product decreased physical fatigue-related biomarkers. In heathy males, reaction times after doing the cognitive

Table I. Comparison study in meta-analysis

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Country	Subject	CE Effect	Nc	No	Refer- ence
Taiwan	Pregnant Woman	Lactation	15	15	1
Taiwan	Male ICR Mice	On fatigue	10	10	2
Taiwan	Male ICR Mice	Anti fatigue	10	10	3
Japan	Healthy Male	Fatigue	10	10	4

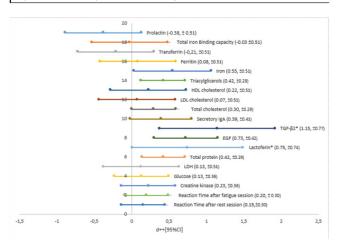


Fig.1: Forest plot of biomarker CE effect (cumulative effect size  $d_{\perp} \pm CI$ ); \*: effect size,  $\pm CI$ 

task trial were shorter in CE groups. The limitation of this study is the limited number of reference. Therefore, this study has combined studies in mice and humans to observe how large the effect of CE in improving the health conditions in preclinical dan clinical study. This research is widely open for further studies.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The meta-analysis presents an argument that CE has an improvement effect on lactation for lactating woman and neonatal and also improvement effect for recovery from fatigue after activity. Further research on lactation and the aspect of specific component in CE and their effect needs to be done.

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# The Effect of Ethanolic *Cajanus cajan* Leaves and *Zingiber officinale* Extracts on Spermatogenic Cells, Interstitial Cells and Superoxide Dismutase in Testicular Tissues of Experimental Diabetic Rats

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# **SUMMARY**

Hyperglycaemia in diabetes mellitus causes oxidative stress. Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) attacks all cell types, including spermatogenic and Leydig cells in testicular tissues. This study aimed to evaluate the effect of ethanolic *C. cajan* and *Z. officinale* extracts on the profile of spermatogenic and interstitial cells, SOD content in rat's testis, body weight, and blood glucose level of alloxan-diabetic rats. This study concluded that the combination extracts of *C. cajan* (300mg/kgbw) and *Z. officinale* (60 mg/kgbw) increased the profile of spermatogenic and interstitial cells number, Cu,Zn-SOD antioxidant content in testis and body weight, reduced blood glucose level of alloxan-diabetic rats.

Keywords: Cajanus cajan, Diabetes mellitus, Superoxide dismutase, Testis, Zingiber officinale

# **INTRODUCTION**

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a metabolic disorder characterised by hyperglycaemia. Hyperglycaemia causes oxidative stress through increased ROS (1). ROS attacks all cell types including spermatogenic and interstitial cells. Hyperglycaemia also causes disturbances in hypothalamus pituitary gonadal axis (HPG) that lead to the decrease of luteinizing hormone synthesis, followed by Leydig cell activity decline (2). It was reported that DM decreased the spermatogonia, primary spermatocyte, and interstitial cells number, as well as SOD content in testis of alloxan-diabetic rats (3). Therefore, hyperglycaemia and oxidative stress in DM could be controlled by the presence of exogenous antioxidants and hypoglycaemic agents. *C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* exhibit hypoglycaemic and antioxidant activities (4). This study aimed to evaluate the effects of C. cajan and Z. officinale extracts on the profile of spermatogenic and interstitial cells number, and SOD antioxidant content in testis, body weight and blood glucose level of alloxan-diabetic rats..

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

*C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* were extracted using maceration with 96% ethanol as solvent. This study used 30 male Sprague-Dawley rats that were divided

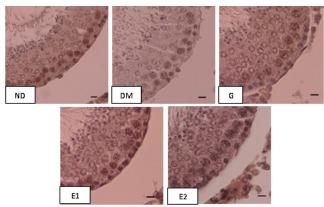
into five treatment groups: 1. non DM (NDM), 2. DM, 3. DM rats given glibenclamide (G), 4. DM rats given a combination extracts of C. cajan (300mg/kgbw) and Z. officinale (60 mg/kgbw) (E1), and 5. DM rats were given a combination of *C. cajan* (300mg/kgbw) and *Z.* officinale (125 mg/kgbw) (E2). The diabetic condition was caused by alloxan induction. The treatment was conducted for 28 days. Body weight and blood glucose level were measured every four days. Testicular tissues were processed using paraffin embedding standard method and then stained with hematoxylin-eosin for spermatogenic and interstitial cells analysis, and immunohistochemical technique for Cu,Zn-SOD antioxidant content analysis. The SOD content was observed quantitatively based on the intensity of positive reaction product in spermatogenic cells.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results revealed that the combination of *C. cajan* leaves (300mg/kgbw) and *Z. officinale* (60mg/kgbw) (E1) extracts showed the best effect; it increased the spermatogenic and interstitial cells number (Table I), the SOD antioxidant content in spermatogenic cells, body weight, and decreased blood glucose level of alloxan-diabetic rats (Fig.1, Table II). There were abundant number of antioxidants and compounds in the extract of *C. cajan* leaves (4) and *Z. officinale*.

Table I: The interstitial cells number in interstitial seminiferous tubule of rats testis.

Group	Number of Interstitial Cells	
NDM	24.80±2.34°	
DM	17.90±2.23ª	
G	20.70±2.26 <sup>b</sup>	
E1	24.90±1.37°	
E2	23.80±2.04°	



**Fig.1: Photomicrograph of immunohistochemical localization of Cu,Zn-SOD in rats seminiferoustubule-testis.** The SOD content in E1 and E2 groups showed higher than other groups.

Flavonoid and saponin increased the insulin secretion, and inhibited alpha-glucosidase (5), gingerol stimulated glucose absorption; thus, the blood glucose was effectively absorbed from blood circulation. These conditions resulted in normal blood glucose level, and hyperglycaemia condition could be reduced, resulting in increased body weight. The production of ROS could be suppressed, and subsequently all types of cells could be protected from reactive free radicals. The disturbances in hypothalamus pituitary gonadal axis (HPG) could also be removed, so luteinizing hormone (LH) synthesis could be increased.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The combination of *C. cajan* leaves (300mg/kg bw) and *Z. officinale* (60 mg/kg bw) extracts increased the body weight, reduced blood glucose level, maintained the interstitial cells number, and increased spermatogenic cells number and the content of Cu,Zn-SOD antioxidant in the testis of alloxan-diabetic rats.

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Table II: The profile of Cu,Zn-SOD content in rats spermatogonia, primary spermatocyte, and spermatids per seminiferous tubule-testis

Spermatogenic Cells	Cu,Zn-SOD content level	Number of spermatogonia, primary spermatocyte and spermatids in different level cont Cu,Zn-SOD					
		NDM	DM	G	E1	E2	
C	++++	52.80±3.11 <sup>b</sup>	37.60±2.41a	49.10±7.34 <sup>b</sup>	64.30±5.22 <sup>d</sup>	59.70±2.31°	
Spermatogonia +++	+++	7.20±5.67	12.75±16.58	3.00±4.35	8.00±3.82	1.00±0.00	
	++++	22.50±3.92°	12.50±2.83a	10.10±2.13 <sup>a</sup>	18.10±2.88 <sup>b</sup>	20.80±2.29 <sup>c</sup>	
Primary Spermato	+++	64.30±14.71 <sup>b</sup>	50.40±6.13 <sup>a</sup>	51.70±7.42a	62.50±9.28 <sup>b</sup>	49.30±14.52a	
cyte	++	127.50±33.42 <sup>b</sup>	95.40±15.16 <sup>a</sup>	135.00±30.57 <sup>b</sup>	170.80±25.66°	171.50±24.32°	
	+	55.90±6.15°	43.80±7.28 <sup>b</sup>	29.70±7.05 <sup>a</sup>	51.40±2.71°	25.10±5.08 <sup>a</sup>	
Spermatids	-	262.20±40.89bc	135.30±25.06a	168.20±40.87a	300.40±63.86°	224.10±33.32 <sup>b</sup>	

Note: Different superscript letters on the same row indicate significantly differences (P < 0.05). The level of Cu,Zn-SOD in each cell was indicated by positive(+) sign (++++ = high, +++ = moderate, ++ = low, + = very low), and negative (-) sign means there is no Cu,Zn-SOD.

# In Vitro and In Vivo Hypoglycaemic Activity Test of Indonesian Cajanus cajan Leaves and Zingiber officinale Extracts

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# **SUMMARY**

Hypoglycaemic agent can manage diabetes mellitus. This study aimed to analyse phytochemical content, in vitro inhibitory activity to alpha-glucosidase, antioxidant activity, and in vivo hypoglycaemic activity of Indonesian *C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* extracts in experimental hyperglycaemic rats. Both *C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* extracts contained steroids, tannin, saponin, flavonoids, and exhibit antioxidant (IC50 value 287 and 232) and alpha-glucosidase inhibitory activities. The combination of *C. cajan* leaves 96% etanol extract (300 mg/kgbw) and *Z. officinale* extract (60 mg/kgbw) demonstrated the best hypoglycaemic effect, with area under the curve of blood glucose value significantly lower than acarbose (P≤0.01).

Keywords: Alpha-glucosidase, Antioxidant, Cajanus cajan, Hypoglycaemia, Zingiber officinale

# **INTRODUCTION**

Hyperglycaemia is an abnormally high level of glucose in the blood. Hyperglycaemia is one of diabetes mellitus (DM) symptoms. The low secretion of insulin, the low sensitivity of insulin receptors, or both cause hyperglycaemia in people suffering from DM. Hyperglycaemia is a very dangerous condition as it could induce an increased production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) (1), thus resulted in oxidative stress. Continuous oxidative stress will exacerbate the patients' condition and could lead to complications related the microvascular and macrovascular impairments. Therefore, antioxidants and hypoglycaemic agent are directly needed to control DM. This study aimed to analyse the phytochemical contents, in vitro inhibitory activity to alpha-glucosidase enzyme, antioxidant activity and in vivo hypoglycaemic effect of C. cajan leaves extract, specifically from Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara, combined with *Z. officinale* extract from Solo, Central Java, that exhibit high antioxidant property, in experimental hyperglycaemic rats.

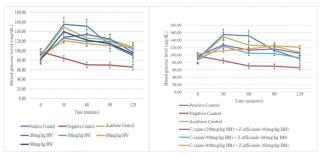
# MATERIALS AND METHODS

The extraction of *C. cajan* and *Z. officinale* was conducted by maceration method using water, ethanol 70% and ethanol 96% (2). These extracts were then analysed for phytochemical contents and antioxidant activity using the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl

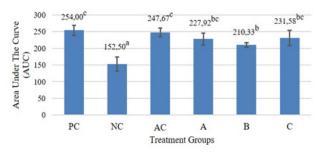
method. Inhibitory activity of these extracts against alpha-glucosidase was analysed using ELISA reader. In vivo oral glucose tolerant test was used for this study to evaluate the hypoglycaemic activity of *C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* extracts (2). This study used 50 male Sprague Dawley rats for ten treatment groups: positive control (hyperglycaemia), negative control, acarbose control, four groups treated with *C. cajan* leaves extract (200, 300, 400, 500 mg/kgbw), and three groups treated with the combination extracts of *C. cajan* (200, 300, and 400 mg/kgbw) and *Z. officinale* (60 mg/kgbw) for 120 minutes. Area under the curve of the blood glucose level was also calculated.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

C. cajan leaves extract contained steroids, tannin, saponin, and flavonoids, whereas the Z. officinale extracts contained steroids, saponin, and flavonoids. The IC50 value of antioxidant activity and inhibitory activity to alpha-glucosidase of both C. cajan leaves and Z. officinale 96% ethanol extracts revealed the best activity. It was reported that terpenes, alkaloid, quinones, flavonoid, phenols, phenylpropanoids, and steroids exhibited alpha-glucosidase inhibitory function (3). Flavonoids exhibited alpha-glucosidase inhibitor properties (4). Saponin had also been reported to have antioxidant as well as alpha-amylase and alpha-glucosidase inhibitory activities (5). In vivo analysis of C. cajan leaves extract showed hypoglycaemic



**Fig.1:** The level of blood glucose in the experimental rats. The 96% ethanolic extract of *C. cajan* leaves showed hypoglycaemic effect (left). The hypoglycaemic effect of combination between 96% ethanolic extract of *C. cajan* leaves at a dose of 300 mg/kgbw and 96% ethanolic extract of *Z. officinale* at a dose of 60 mg/kgbw displayed the best performance (right).



**Fig. 2:** The profile of area under the curve (AUC) of blood glucose level in rats. The combination B showed the best hypoglycaemic effect. PC = positive control, NC = negative control, AC = acarbose control, A = 200 mg/KgBW (*C. cajan* extract) + 60 mg/KgBW (*Z. officinale* extract), B = 300 mg/KgBW (*C. cajan* extract) + 60 mg/KgBW (*Z. officinale* extract), C = 400 mg/KgBW (*C. cajan* extract) + 60 mg/KgBW (*Z. officinale* extract).

activity (Fig.1). The administration of the combined *C. cajan* leaves (300 mg/KgBW) and *Z. officinale* extracts (60 mg/KgBW) demonstrated the best hypoglycaemic effect, with area under the curve of blood glucose level significantly lower than acarbose ( $P \le 0.01$ ) (Fig. 1 & 2). These results suggested that bioactive components in *C. cajan* leaves and *Z. officinale* extracts had synergistic action in suppressing the value of blood glucose and maintaining it at normal level.

#### **CONCLUSION**

*C. cajan* and *Z. officinale* extracts contained steroid, tannin, saponin, and flavonoids. The ethanolic extracts of *C. cajan* and *Z. officinale* had antioxidant, alphaglucosidase inhibitory, and hypoglycaemic activities. The combination of *C. cajan* (300 mg/kgbw) and *Z. officinale* (60 m,g/kgbw) extracts could be proposed as a potential hypoglycaemic agent.

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# Carbohydrate Intake as a Dominant Factor of Underweight among Toddlers in Bogor District, Indonesia

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#### **SUMMARY**

Globally, underweight contributes to more than half of the total annual deaths in toddlers. This study was performed to determine a dominant factor of underweight among toddlers in Bogor District, Indonesia. The design of this study was cross-sectional, using secondary data with a total sample of 612 toddlers. Chi-square test and multiple logistic regression were used to determine factors contributing to toddler underweight. The prevalence of underweight in toddlers in Bogor District, Indonesia in 2019 was 19.8%, and carbohydrate intake was found to be a dominant factor of underweight in toddlers (p-value<0.05; OR=2.45; 95% Cl=1.43-4.18).

Keywords: Carbohydrate intake, Cross-sectional, Multiple logistic regression, Toddler, Underweight.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Malnourishment in children remains a main issue in developing countries because of its long-term effects, which include cognitive problems, growth, toddler development, and children's morbidity and mortality (1). Two-to-five-year-old children belong to a vulnerable age group that experiences malnourishment because of the increased need for nutrition to maintain growth and development. Meanwhile, toddlers generally have insufficient nutrient intake and get an infectious disease. This condition results in a weak immune system, so that the toddlers vulnerably become underweight as their nutrition intake decreases. Based on previous research in 2019, the prevalence of stunting in Bogor is still high. This condition indicates that there are serious public health problems which need to be resolved. However, factors of nutrition intake related to underweight are still underresearched. This study was conducted to determine the dominant factor of underweight among toddlers in Bogor District, Indonesia.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research used secondary data of a study receiving a grant from Universitas Indonesia. The design of this study was cross-sectional with 95% confidence intervals. Samples were taken using a cluster random sampling method, and 612 toddlers paired with their mothers were recruited as the sample. A questionnaire was used to collect data. Weight data were needed to understand nutritional status, so that toddler underweight could be determined by plotting the z-score on a Weight/Age

WHO table. The energy and macronutrient intake data were collected through a 24-hour food recall method and presented in kilocalorie and grams. The data were then converted into intake percentage based on the Recommendation Dietary Allowance of Indonesian. Data analysis was performed using SPSS. Multiple logistic regression was used to determine factor that contributed to underweight. This research has been approved by the Research and Community Engagement Ethical Committee of the Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia (No: Ket/612/UN2.F10/PPM.00.02/2019).

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This research found that the prevalence of toddler underweight in Bogor District is higher (19.8%) compared to the results of 2018 Nutritional Status Monitoring (17.3%). The results show that underweight is a public health issue. This needs required attention because the prevalence of underweight is above 10.0% (2,3). The majority of the toddlers (70.6%) had inadequate energy intake and inadequate carbohydrate intake (73.0%). Table I shows that the statistical relationship between the energy and carbohydrate intake and toddler underweight was significant (p-value<0.05).

The final model of the multiple logistic regression analysis is provided in Table II which shows that carbohydrate intake was the only statistically significant predictor of toddler underweight. The condition happened because the average carbohydrate intake in toddlers (122 gram) is lower than Recommended Dietary Allowance of Indonesian (220 gram) (4). The deficiency of carbohydrate

Table I: The relation between the nutritional intake factors and toddler underweight

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Independent Variable		nder- eight		althy eight	p-val- ue	Odds Ratio (95% Cl)
	n	%	n	%		
Energy Intake						
Deficit (<90% AKG) Sufficient (≥90% AKG)	95 26	22.0 14.4	337 154	78.0 85.6	0.043*	1.625 (1.011- 2.612)
Protein Intake						
Deficit (<90% AKG) Sufficient (≥90% AKG)	42 79	20.7 19.3	161 330	79.3 80.7	0.769	1.025 (0.671- 1.567)
Fat Intake						
Deficit (<90% AKG) Sufficient (≥90% AKG)	76 45	19.6 20.1	312 179	80.4 79.9	0.964	0.937 (0.620- 1.417)
Carbohydrate Intake						
Deficit (<90% AKG) Sufficient (≥90% AKG)	103 18	23.0 10.9	344 147	77.0 89.1	0.001*	2.384 (1.393- 4.080)

<sup>\*</sup>Significant (p-value<0.05)

intake in the toddlers can be found in many countries and it seems to be related to the global phenomenon. Previous studies conducted in various countries across the world have shown that macronutrients, such as carbohydrate, have been found insufficient. Consuming food that does not provide a sufficient amount of nutrients and dietary diversity, balanced nutrients, and safe food will affect the nutritional status of toddlers. Food should provide a sufficient quantity and quality of nutrients and should be consumed based on humans' need for nutrient absorption. Sufficient and qualified nutrients from consumed food are needed to nourish the growth and development of children (5). Children with a low carbohydrate intake will be at 2.4 times greater risk of being underweight than those with adequate carbohydrate intake. The condition implies that the need for macronutrients, especially carbohydrates for toddlers, must be fulfilled to avoid underweight.

Table II: Predictor of toddlers being underweight\*

Variable	В	p-value	Odds ratio	95% Cl
Carbohydrate Intake	0.894	0.001*	2.445	1.430 – 4.180

\*Results of a multiple multivariate logistic regression analysis in a prediction model.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The prevalence of underweight among toddlers was found to be high. Carbohydrate intake is a dominant factor of toddlers underweight in Bogor District, Indonesia. This research provides some useful information for facilitating a design intervention strategy to prevent toddlers from becoming underweight based on toddler food intake issues.

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# **Consumers and Food Manufacturers Preferences for Front-of- Pack Nutrition Labelling in Indonesia**

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# **SUMMARY**

In Indonesia, front-of-pack (FoP) nutrition label is a voluntary action, which could potentially improve consumers' understanding on nutrient profile of food products. This study assessed the preferences of consumers and food manufacturers in Indonesia for FoP nutrition label. A cross-sectional study using questionnaire was conducted involving 400 consumers and 117 food manufacturers, with six types of FoP mock label presented. The consumers were interviewed while the food manufacturers were surveyed online. The results indicated that the majority of consumers and small and medium enterprises preferred 'healthier choice' style, with information about energy, fat, sugar and salt deemed to be the most important information.

Keywords: Front-of-pack label, Healthier choice logo, Nutrition fact, Traffic light labelling

# **INTRODUCTION**

Front-of-pack nutrition label can attract attention and encourage healthy eating behaviour in consumers through convenient label reading and enhanced attention to nutrient profile of food products (1, 2). The Indonesian FDA currently mandates all processed food to have nutrition facts consisting of total energy, fat, saturated fat, protein, carbohydrate, sugar, and salt. Meanwhile, FoP nutrition label is still a voluntary action, although there have been intensive discussions on making it compulsory. Several types of FoP nutrition label are used globally to present condensed nutrition information, where each type has its own benefits and might bring different behaviours from consumers (1). Decision on which type of FoP nutrition label to be implemented in a country has to be made carefully based on robust research evidence (3). This study aimed to investigate the preferred style of FoP nutrition label in Indonesia from the perspectives of general consumers and food manufacturers.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A cross-sectional study was conducted using a structured questionnaire from August to September 2018 in five cities in Indonesia: Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi, by interviewing 400 general consumers. Simultaneously, a survey was also conducted online with 117 food manufacturers, involving large food manufacturers and small and medium enterprises

(SMEs). A control (no FoP label) and six styles of FoP mock label, which were based on existing labels used in other countries, were prepared (Fig. 1). The mock labels were included in the questionnaire along with information on each of them to help respondents understand the concept.

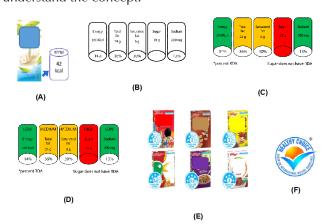


Fig. 1: FoP labels used in the survey: (A) single nutrient in monochrome, (B) multiple nutrients in monochrome, (C) multiple nutrients with traffic light colours, (D) multiple nutrients with traffic light colours and warnings, (E) star rating, and (F) health tick

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The age of the respondents was almost equally split between older and younger than 23-year-old and 78.5 % of them were female. About one-third of the respondents were university students and 36 % were employees.

Almost 80 % of the food manufacturers surveyed were from large industries.

Most consumers and one-third of food SMEs considered 'health tick' as the most preferred style (Table I). Health tick and other simpler logos, e.g. smileys and stars, could significantly reduce the time needed by consumers to evaluate healthfulness of a product (4). Meanwhile, not all large food manufacturers agreed on the implementation of FoP nutrition label, perhaps due to the concern over consumers' reaction and effectiveness of label format (3). Those who agreed selected single and multiple nutrients in monochrome as their preferences. Table I also shows that all food manufacturers unanimously selected dairy products, beverages and snacks as the priority in implementation of FoP nutrition label in Indonesia, as the trend shows that most new and/or reformulated products have recently been focused on sodium reduction, dietary fibre enrichment, as well as saturated fatty acids and sugar reduction (5). Interestingly, the consumers opted for cerealbased products more than beverages. Inclusion of FoP

Table I: Top-three types of FoP nutrition label, food groups, and types of nutrient most selected by respondents

	Most preferred type of FoP nutrition label		Most sugge food grou		Most suggested types of nutrients	
	FoP nutrition label	%	Food group	%	Nutrient	%
General consumers	Health tick	42.5	Milk & dairy products	30.4	Sugar	20.1
	Multiple nutrients with traffic lights and warnings	33.5	Snacks	17.3	Energy	19.3
	Star rating	15.0	Cereals & cere- al-based products	14.8	Total fat	16.8
Large food manufac- turers	No FoP nutri- tion label	40.9	Milk and dairy products	32.9	Energy	27.2
	Single nutrient in monochrome	19.4	Beverages	20.7	Total fat	19.7
	Multiple nutrients in monochrome	19.4	Snacks	14.3	Sodium	17.9
SMEs	Health tick	29.2	Milk and dairy products	26.9	Sugar	22.9
	Multiple nutrients with traffic lights and warnings	25.0	Beverages	19.2	Energy	22.9
	No FoP nutri- tion label	16.7	Snack	17.3	Sodium	19.3

nutrition labels was expected to help increase attention and improve consumers' ability to judge the nutritional quality of a product (1, 2).

In terms of type of nutrients, all respondents agreed on the inclusion of energy, total fat, sugar, and salt in FoP label. These results could inspire food manufacturers in Indonesia to start reformulating their products, as a study has shown that FoP label helped motivate food manufacturers to develop new healthier products (5). Simultaneously, it could hopefully contribute to lowering the risk of non-communicable diseases in Indonesia, such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and stroke, which are linked in majority to diet.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Consumers and food manufacturers in Indonesia welcome the idea of FoP nutrition label, starting with selected food groups and nutrients. If the Government of Indonesia plans to make it mandatory, the style selected should be simple, intelligible, informative and feasible, e.g. health tick, to optimally help achieve public policy objectives.

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# The Effect of Interactive Nutrition Education on Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of Primary School Children in Sub-Urban Indonesia

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# **SUMMARY**

Healthy eating and active lifestyle play a significant role in the health and development of school children. This study measured the effect of interactive nutrition education on knowledge, attitude, and practice of primary school children in suburban Indonesia. A quasi-experimental study using a questionnaire was conducted from August to November 2018 involving 220 school children aged 9 – 10 years old from SDN Gunung Batu 1 and 2. Nutrition knowledge, attitude and practice (KAP) scores of the participants show an improvement following the interactive nutrition education implementation. The increasing practice scores in some participants may be due to multiple factors.

Keywords: Attitude, Interactive nutrition education, Knowledge, Practice

# INTRODUCTION

Interactive nutrition education has an important role in helping children aged 9-10 years old to develop good nutritional KAP. This specific method is considered to have better effectiveness in increasing KAP because the targets are involved actively and the topics are closely related to their daily life. Furthermore, the interactive delivery methods are in the game format which encourage targets to perform some physical activities they prefer. Good nutritional KAP also plays a significant role in targets' school achievement because children at this age are at risk of experiencing nutrition and health problems which can interfere their educational process (1, 2). The objective of this study was to measure the effectiveness of interactive nutrition education in increasing their nutritional KAP. Nutrition interventions are necessary for various areas, including suburban because these areas have very high information exposure that will affect children's nutritional KAP.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study was conducted at SDN Gunung Batu 1 and 2, Bogor, West Java, which are located in a suburban area. Participants of this study were 3rd and 4th-grade students from both schools, who were willing to participate and get their parents' permission to take part in the research activities. Those participants will be

excluded if did not fully participate. The intervention was conducted weekly and required 30-45 minutes per session. The implemented kit was based on the previously reported method (3, 4). Briefly, the kit has some forms (guide book, game cards) designed colourfully and interestingly. This kit was developed by the Technical Working Group (TWG) that consists of academics, professionals, and school teachers from the target schools. The research data collected included the pre-post KAP (by questionnaire) and nutritional status (by anthropometric measurement). In addition, before the study was conducted, the TWG obtained a recommendation letter from Bogor Educational Office No. 421.2/2.7.37–SD.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Questions that many participants answered incorrectly (<20%) in the pre-activity survey include examples of food that should be limited regarding obesity and diabetic issues and protein-containing foods. After the lessons, more participants (84.1%) managed to provide correct answers (Table I). Most of them had better nutritional knowledge scores after the lessons and the majority had good (60-70) scores. There is one question that slightly decreases to be answered correctly and this question was about an example of whole-grain. However, this finding was relevant because the whole-grain food is a type of food that is rarely accessed by the participants.

Table 1: Number of students with correct answer in nutritional knowledge questions (n = 220)

			r of Participant orrect Answer	s with
Topic	Questions	Pre-ac-	Post-ac-	% im-
		tivity, n	tivity,	prove-
Franciska .	Food which on the first	(%)	n (%)	ment*
From Pyramid to Plate	level of the Indonesian Food Guide Pyramid	75 (34.1)	160 (72.7)	38.6
	Nutrient that should be limited as excessive con- sumption may cause obesity.	27 (12.3)	203 (92.3)	80.0
Be Active, Be Healthy	Example of sedentary activities?	196 (89.1)	211 (95.9)	6.8
	Frequency to do the physi- cally active weekly	67 (30.5)	98 (44.5)	14.1
Cereals, Cereal products & Tu-	Example of cereal food group.	51 (23.2)	96 (43.6)	20.5
bers for Energy	Example of whole grain	81 (36.8)	74 (33.6)	-3.2
Veggies & Fruits for Health	Nutrient content in fruits and vegetables.	210 (95.5)	216 (98.2)	2.7
	Result of vitamin A defi- ciency	121 (55.0)	144 (65.5)	10.5
Protein Foods Make You Grow	Example of protein source food	39 (17.7)	76 (34.5)	16.8
Stronger	Result of iron deficiency	86 (39.1)	101 (45.9)	6.8
Limit Fats, Sugar	Example of high sugar food	167 (75.9)	184 (83.6)	7.7
& Salt for Health	Result of excessive con- sumption of fat and sugar?	123 (55.9)	165 (75.0)	19.1
Choose Save and Healthy Foods especially	"Look, Smell and Taste" concept to identify unsafe food.	180 (81.8)	198 (90.0)	8.2
when Eating Out	Example of a healthy snack?	131 (59.5)	155 (70.5)	10.9
Use Food Labels for Healthier	List of nutrients contained in a food	72 (32.7)	148 (67.3)	34.5
Food Choices	Term is NOT used to represent date marking:	46 (20.9)	86 (39.1)	18.2

\*Note: % participants with improved knowledge (incorrect at pre-activity, but correct at post-activity)

After 4 months of intervention, the average score of the participants' nutritional knowledge has increased from 45.76±0.14 (average) to 60.74±0.13 (good).

The participants' KAP showed improvement following the intervention (Table II). However, in terms of the attitude aspect, there is the same percentage of those who have improved and unimproved. From the 10 aspects of the attitudes, there are 7 aspects that improve and these aspects includes eating high fat foods, choosing whole grains, eating less healthy snacks, doing exercise, filling half of plate with vegetables and fruits, eating a variety

Table II: Changes in knowledge score, attitudes, and practice (n = 220)

Knowledge score, attitude, and practice categories	Total students, n (%)		
Knowledge (K)			
Improved	185 (84.1)		
Unimproved	35 (15.9)		
Total	220 (100.0)		
Attitude (A)			
Improved	110 (50.0)		
Unimproved	110 (50.0)		
Total	220 (100.0)		
Practice (P)			
Improved	116 (52.7)		
Unimproved	104 (47.3)		
Total	220 (100.0)		

of protein foods, and checking the expiry date before consuming any packaged foods. This improvement achieved by the 50% of the participants.

Briefly, of the 10 nutrition practice aspects, there is one aspect that is unimproved and that is about the frequency of drinking sugar-sweetened beverages. Others aspects include frequency of eating less healthy snacks, fast foods, breakfast, vegetables, fruits, drinking milk, water per day, spending time in front of the screen, and doing exercise have improved. Only 52.7% of the participants achieved this improvement because the majority of the participants already have good nutrition practices even before they get the intervention. Moreover, the results also showed that there are still many participants who do not practice consistently in their daily life.

# **CONCLUSION**

This study showed that there is an improvement in the participants' nutrition KAP scores. However, the percentage of the participants improved in the practice aspect is slightly higher than the number of those unimproved. It may be due to multiple factors influencing the good nutrition practice, such as environment and parent support in providing healthy foods.

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# **Nutritional Status of Children Receiving Freshwater Fish Intervention**

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#### **SUMMARY**

The research objective was to improve the nutritional status of children under five years old. The research employed experimental method by feeding in the form of freshwater fish nuggets for 16 weeks to 180 children on the coast of Bandarharjo (PB) and in the mountains of Ngijo (PN). The results showed that there was a significant relationship (p<0.05) between the consumption of nuggets with an increase in nutritional status. The nutritional improvement by giving freshwater fish nuggets attractive to children can be applied to prevent stunting. This means that feeding nuggets can improve the nutritional status of children under five years old.

**Keywords:** Fish consumption, Intervention, Children under five, Nutritional status.

# **INTRODUCTION**

In Indonesia, malnutrition is increasingly visible, which correlates with the incidence of stunting. The prevalence of stunting in Indonesia is very high. Based on Basic Health Research 2018, the prevalence of stunting in Indonesia has reached 30.8% (1). Based on the WHO target, the stunting rate should not be more than 20%. Malnutrition is one of the causes of stunting. Fish consumption in the city of Semarang is 33.07 kg/ cap/year which is lower than the national standard, 43.88 kg/cap/year. This becomes the primary reference for this program to increase consumption of Freshwater Fish (FWF) as a raw ingredient. The results of research Widayani and Triatma (2012) became the reference for the FWF intervention study, which state that children do not like fish-based foods (2). Fish consumption is to increase children's growth (3). The research aimed to improve the nutritional status after FWF nuggets consumption.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The research used experimental design in the form of a randomized controlled trial. This study involved children in the Semarang area purposively. The Food Consumption Recall was used to explore consumption, and anthropometry was employed to determine nutritional status. The research subjects were taken purposively from the Semarang area. The research was carried out within the period of April-November 2019. The sampling areas, where there were a lot of children under-five years old who were not severely ill, were

selected. The children aged between 24-36 months. The age criteria were selected for non-infants and off-breastfeeding children, so that nutritional status is not much influenced by breastfeeding. The total samples of this research were 180 children. The intervention of this research was providing nuggets to children underfive years old by 100 gram/day for 16 weeks and by distributing it every week to cadres of Integrated Healthcare Centres (Fig 1).



Figure 1: Freshwater fish Nugget

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The protein and calcium content of Freshwater fish nuggets are 14.91% and 1.95% every 100 gram. The average consumption of energy and protein in the PN and PB areas was described by homogeneous food consumption. It means food consumptions in the two areas are not different; the consumption variant of both areas is equal to the same effect on the results of research.

The average energy consumption in both areas before the nugget is good enough, 1130.4 kcal in PN and 1135.8 in PB (Table I). After the nugget consumption, the energy consumption was 1150.5 kcal in PN areas and 1158 kcal in PB areas. The average consumption of proteins is quite good which is 26.3 g in PN and 26.9 g in PB. The average protein consumption was 28.2 g in

Table I: Average child consumption according to daily consumption

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<b>Nutrition Status</b>	n (PN)	%	n (PB)	%
Before Giving Nugget				
1. overweight	1	1.1	1	1.1
2. well-nourished	47	52.2	50	55.6
3. underweight	38	42.2	36	40.0
4. severe malnutrition	4	4.4	3	3.3
	90	100.0	90	100.0
After Giving Nugget				
1. overweight	1	1.1	1	1.1
2. well-nourished	66	73.3	69	76.7
3. underweight	20	22.2	18	20.0
4. severe malnutrition	3	3.3	2	2.2
	90	100.0	90	100.0

PN areas and 28.9 g in PB areas. There is an increase in the average energy and protein consumption. The average energy consumption in preliminary research at PN areas was 947.7 - 1313.1 kcal/cap/day and in PB increased to 956.2-1315.4 kcal/cap/day. Protein consumption was 19.6 - 33.0 g/cap/day in PN and 20.5 - 33.3 g/cap/day in PB. The consumption of energy and proteins at the end of research in both areas equally increased. The energy consumption in PN areas was 983.2-1317.8 kcal/cap/day and 989.0-1327.4 kcal/cap /day in PB. Protein consumption also increased at the end of the research, 20.6-33.3 g/cap/day in PN areas and 25.6-34.2 g/cap/day in PB areas. The average energy consumption increased by 1.8% in PN and 2% in PB. The protein increased by 2.6% in PN and 7.4% in PB after the feeding of fish nuggets. The mean z-score WAZ index (-0.87 and -0.76) SD, HAZ (-0.71 and -0.43) SD. Children are categorized as underweight are 12.22% of PN and 10.00% of PB.

Severe malnutrition remains 3.3% in PN areas and 2.2% in PB areas at the end of the study. The nutritional improvement status of children after being given nuggets was 14.1% both in the PN and PB. The percentage of underweight children at the end of research in both areas was 3.3% and 2.2%.

# **CONCLUSION**

The children prefer eating fish. Nuggets can be utilized

Table II: The Nutritional status of the toddler according to the WAZ index

Nutrition Status	n (PN)	%	n (PB)	%
Before Giving Nugget				
1. overweight	1	1.1	1	1.1
2. well-nourished	47	52.2	50	55.6
3. underweight	38	42.2	36	40.0
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for the preparation of a nutrient improvement program based on freshwater fish. Therefore, the society can be more nutrient conscious and is also able to lower stunting. Freshwater fish nugget consumption has a significant effect (P<0.05) on nutritional status and stunting.

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# Economic Status, Stunting and Diet Quality as Important Determinants of Anaemia among Indonesian Children aged 6-35 Months Old: A SEANUTS Study

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#### **SUMMARY**

More than half of Indonesian children in their golden age period of 6-35 months are anaemic. In order to solve this problem, a more effective approach needs to be designed to identify the determining factors. The study objective is to analyse determinants of anaemia among children aged 6-35 months. We conducted secondary data analysis using the SEANUTS cross sectional survey for Indonesia. Our study found that the children's haemoglobin levels were associated with economic status, stunting, and diet quality. Hence, nutrition sensitive and nutrition specific intervention are both pivotal for prevention of anaemia in young children.

Keywords: Children aged 6-35 months, Diet quality, Haemoglobin concentration, Economic status

# **INTRODUCTION**

Anaemia in early childhood has a significant effect on human resources quality. In Indonesia, the prevalence of anaemia was considered high to very high, especially in young children where more than half (55%) of Indonesian children under 2 years old were anaemic.1 Many country wide studies have found that children's age, residential areas, nutritional status and family wealth are significant predictors for anaemia among young children in developing countries.2,3 From this knowledge on the possible determinants of anaemia, this study aimed to analysed the available South East Asian Nutrition Survey (SEANUTS) data on anaemia in Indonesian children aged 6-35 months old in relation to their economic variables, nutrient intake and their anthropometric status. The result will provide insights useful for addressing the problem of high prevalence of anaemia among young children in Indonesia.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

For data analysis, we extracted 578 samples of children aged 6-35 months from the SEANUTS data and weighted the data to represent the national level. Details of the SEANUTS methodology for data collection is published elsewhere.4 Weight factors were based on the 2010

census data on the number of children in specific age groups. Independent variables for this study are economic status, children's height and weight as well as protein and energy intake. The children were classified into two age groups: 6-12 months and 12.1-35 months. We conducted a two-way ANOVA test and set the significance at p<0.05 to determine the variables associated with haemoglobin (Hb) level, using the IBM SPSS 17 software. Only variables with significant difference in mean Hb are presented in this extended abstract.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

There were 25.6% of children aged 6-12 months and 74.4% of children aged 12.1-35 months. More children were from rural area (57.7%) compared to urban area (42.3%). The mean Hb level was 111.3 g/dl (SD = 13.4 g/dl). The anaemia prevalence among children aged 6-35 months was 43.1%. Summary of the ANOVA test is presented in Table I.

We found no significant associations between economic level and nutritional status with mean Hb in children under 12 months old. However, in older children we found a significant difference in mean Hb between different economic status (p=0.023). Our

Table I: Mean haemoglobin levels of children 12.1-35 months by economic status, nutritional status, and energy and protein intake

Characteristics	Haemoglobin g/dl) Mean ± SD)	95% CI	Р
Economic status	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Quintile-1	$110.0 \pm 13.7^{a}$	107.7-112.4	0.023*
Quintile-2	$109.9 \pm 13.6^{ab}$	106.8-113.0	
Quintile-3	$109.7 \pm 12.3^{a}$	107.0-112.3	
Quintile-4	$114.0 \pm 13.8^{ab}$	110.6-117.4	
Quintile-5	$115.0 \pm 12.9^{b}$	111.9-118.1	
Nutritional Status			
Severe stunted	$108.5 \pm 13.6^{a}$	104.5-112.5	0.043*
Stunted	$109.4 \pm 12.1^{a}$	108.9-111.8	
Normal stature	$112.5 \pm 13.7^{b}$	110.9-114.1	
Protein Adequacy			
RDA ≥80%	$112.9 \pm 13.0^{a}$	111.4-114.4	0.001*
RDA < 80%	108.2 ± 13.7 <sup>b</sup>	105.9-110.5	
Energy Adequacy			
RDA ≥70%	$112.5 \pm 13.3^{a}$	110.9-114.0	0.024*
RDA < 70%	$109.4 \pm 13.5^{b}$	107.3-111.6	

<sup>\*</sup>Two-way ANOVA, p<0.05; Different superscripts indicate significant difference

findings confirm the results of previous studies where anaemia prevalence is higher in children from less affluent families due to limited access to quality food and sanitation.2,3 We also found a significant difference in mean Hb of children with different height-for-age Z (HAZ) score (p=0.043) echoing country wide studies results from Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan, where chronic malnutrition was a strong predictor for anaemia in young children (2,3).

Hb level is also related to food intake in children aged 12.1-35 months old. Lower mean Hb was found in children with inadequate protein intake (p=0.001) and children with inadequate energy intake (p=0.024). Findings from the SEANUTS study in Indonesia showed that intakes of animal protein and milk are negatively correlated to economic status.5 This study confirms that the same patterning of anaemia by economic status was also applied for children in Indonesia, especially for those older than 12 months where family meals are the main source of nutrition. Low consumption of animal source foods due to limited access leads to lower intake of both iron and protein as the building blocks for haemoglobin.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This study found a significant association between low economic status, stunting, diet quality and anaemia. Hence, the study suggests that nutrition sensitive intervention to address economic determinant of nutrition and nutrition specific intervention to improve diet quality are important for anaemia prevention in young children in Indonesia.

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# Exclusive Breastfeeding for Preventing the Occurrence of Wasting among Under-Five Children in Guntung Payung, Banjarbaru

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# **SUMMARY**

Wasting is a growth failure based on weight for height z-score due to chronic lack of nutrition. The purpose of this study was to analyze the relationship between parity, family size, exclusive breastfeeding and complete basic immunization, and the prevalance of wasting among under-five children in Guntung Payung Community Health Center Banjarbaru. A case control design was conducted on 60 respondents (30 controls and 30 wasting). These variabels were analyzed by Chi-square test. The results showed that mothers who do not provide exclusive breastfeeding (p<0.036) are 3.6 times more likely to have wasted children.

Keywords: Exclusive breastfeeding, Under-five children, Wasting

# **INTRODUCTION**

Wasting is a chronic malnutrition of under-five children which is characterized by failure of optimal growth as measured by weight for height z-score (WHZ). Around 13.5% of Indonesian under-five children experience wasting, which ranks 12th highest in the world (1). The prevalence of wasting in Banjarbaru City is 9%. In the area of Guntung Payung Health Center, Landasan Ulin District, the prevalence is 10.3%. So, it can be considered a serious problem. Wasting can decrease intellectual performance, negatively affect work capacity, and increase mortality in children (2,3). Parity, number of families, history of exclusive breastfeeding and complete basic immunization are factors associated with wasting among under-five children (4). This study aims to investigate these factors related to wasting among under-five children in the area of Guntung Payung Public Health Center, Banjarbaru City.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A case-control study was conducted involving 60 underfive children (aged 12-59 months): 30 controls and 30 wasting. Wasting children were categorized based on WHZ -3 to <-2 SD. Parity data, family size, exclusive breastfeeding and complete basic immunization

were collected using the questionnaire. Exclusive breastfeeding was determined by choosing the history of exclusive breastfeeding, then verified by the type of food given for the age of under 6 months. The 2x2 chi-square test was used to analyze these variables.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I shows that there is a significant relationship between the history of exclusive breastfeeding and wasting among under-five children (p = 0.036, OR: 3.596), meaning that mothers who do not provide exclusive breastfeeding have a 3.6 times risk of having a wasted children. Exclusive breastfeeding is one of the indicators of success in fulfilling the nutrition of underfive children, affecting their growth and development (5). The high number of mothers of under-five children who are involved in economic activities as active workers in various sectors might reduce the fulfillment of exclusive breastfeeding for under-five children, so that the risk of malnutrition is higher. Exclusive breastfeeding plays an important role in the prevention of malnutrition in childhood, including wasting, stunting, overweight, underweight, and micronutrient deficiencies. The risk of infectious diseases can also be minimized by exclusive breastfeeding. On the other hand, we cannot prove the relationship between parity, family size, complete basic

Table I: Correlation of parity, family size, exclusive breastfeeding, complete basic immunization on wasting under five children.

	Category	Case	Control	n (60)	p value
Parity	1	10(33.3%)	6(20%)	16	0.381
	>1	20(66.7%)	24(80%)	44	0.361
Family size	>4	19(63.3%)	14(46.7%)	27	0.299
	1-4	11(36.7%)	16(53.3%)	33	0.299
Complete basic	Incomplete	3(10%)	4(13.3%)	7	1 000
immunization	Complete	27(90%)	26(86.7%)	53	1.000
Exclusive	No	22(73.3%)	13(43.3%)	35	0.026+
breastfeeding	Yes	8(26.7%)	17(56.7%)	25	0.036 <sup>†</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Significant at p<0.05, 95%CI: 3.596 (1.216-10.638)

immunization and wasted children.

# **CONCLUSION**

Our study suggests that mothers who do not provide exclusive breastfeeding are 3.6 times more likely to have wasted children. On the other hand, parity status, family size, and complete basic immunization have no relationship with wasted children. It seems that breastfeeding prevents the occurrence of wasted among under-five children.

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# Relationship between Breakfast Types and Blood Glucose Level and Short-Term Memory of Elementary School Children in Bogor, Indonesia

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# **SUMMARY**

Breakfast consumption has a positive effect on blood glucose level (BGL) and short-term memory (STM) of elementary school children (ESC). This research aimed to analyze the effect of different breakfast types on BGL and STM of ESC. Quasi-experimental study was conducted on 90 ESC. Subjects were divided randomly into control group (C), fried rice with egg group (RE), and fried instant noodles with egg group (NE). The BGL and STM of subjects were significantly higher after provision of breakfast. There was a positive significant correlation between breakfast type and STM. Breakfast with better nutrient profile increased BGL and STM better than breakfast with lower nutrient profile.

**Keywords:** Blood glucose level, Nutrient profile of breakfast, Breakfast type, School-aged children, Short-term memory

# **INTRODUCTION**

Breakfast consumption has a positive effect on BGL and STM of ESC (1). School children who do not eat breakfast will have low blood glucose level; therefore, the energy supply for brain work decreases (2). Breakfast type should be considered because they contain different nutrients. The type of breakfast menu is better if it consists of a variety of food sources containing energy, protein, and other nutrients. The different types of breakfast might also relate to nutrient profiles. There are some foods usually eaten as breakfast, such as rice, noodles, bread, egg, etc. However, in Indonesia, there are no studies analyzing the effect of different types of breakfast on BGL and STM. This research aimed to analyze the effect of different breakfast type on BGL and STM of ESC.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Quasi-experimental study was conducted on 90 ESC aged 10-12 years old from one public elementary school in Bogor. This research had received approval from the IPB ethics commission number 083/IT3. KEPMSM-IPB/SK/2018. Subjects were randomly divided into three groups, as follows: control group (C), fried rice with egg group (RE) and fried instant noodles with egg group (NE). Rice and instant noodles were selected as intervention breakfast because ESC frequently eat these two food types for breakfast. Pre-test measurement was done before intervention and post-test measurement

was done 1 hour after intervention. The intervention was only done once. As for C group, breakfast was not given before the measurement of BGL and STM, but was given after the measurement of BGL and STM were finished. Subjects' STM was estimated using word list and figure test (1). Mann-Whitney, Kruskal Wallis, Wilcoxon and Spearman test were used for statistical analysis.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The result showed that not having breakfast (C group) caused BGL to decrease. BGL of C group subjects decreased approximately 1 hour after the intervention. BGL of RE subjects were significantly higher than that of C and NE subjects after intervention. STM of subjects was significantly higher after the provision of breakfast. Even though STM of RE subjects was not significantly different from that with NE, STM of RE subjects tended to be higher than that of NE subjects after intervention (Table I). RE can maintain BGL longer than NE. Moreover, this research showed there was a positive significant correlation between BGL and STM of word (p=0.023, r=0.240) and STM of figure (p=0.044, r=0.213). Spearman correlation test also showed that the provision of RE increased STM of word (p=0.004, r=0.302) and the figure (p=0.000, r=0.402) was higher than NE and C, respectively. The composition of the type of carbohydrate of the two types of breakfast intervention was quite different. Complex carbohydrates in rice are digested longer. Therefore, the increase of

Table I: Blood glucose level and short-term memory score based on intervention group

intervention group			
Variables	Rice	Noodle	Control
BGL			
Pre-test (mg/dL)	93.0±10.8 <sup>a</sup>	91.6±7.2a	92.1±8.7a
Post-test (mg/dL)	106.3±15.1a	96.6±8.6 <sup>b</sup>	86.3±7.6°
Change	13.3*a	5.0*b	-5.8*c
STM			
Word:			
Pre-test	42.3±12.8 <sup>a</sup>	41.7±8.7a	46.0±9.3a
Post-test	48.7±9.0 <sup>a</sup>	47.3±8.7a	42.3±9.0 <sup>b</sup>
Change	6.3 <sup>a*</sup>	5.7 <sup>a*</sup>	-3.7 <sup>b</sup>
Figure:			
Pre-test	60.3±11.3 <sup>a</sup>	60.0±11.1a	64.0±7.2a
Post-test	69.7±13.8 <sup>a</sup>	67.7±17.8 <sup>a</sup>	59.7±11.3 <sup>b</sup>
Change	9.3 <sup>a</sup> *	7.7 <sup>a</sup> *	-4.3 <sup>b*</sup>

<sup>- (\*)</sup> indicated significant differences between pre-test and post-test

BGL occurred slowly. Instant noodles contain higher refined carbohydrate and lower fiber. This showed that rice (RE) has better nutrient profile than instant noodles (NE). Breakfast with better nutrient profile, such as high nutrient, high fiber and low-fat foods is related to blood glucose control (3). The main source of energy for the brain is glucose; therefore, maintaining glucose supply is important for a person's memory mechanism (4).

# **CONCLUSION**

BGL and STM were significantly higher after provision of breakfast. Rice increased BGL and STM better than

instant noodles. Breakfast with better nutrient profile increased BGL and STM higher than that with lower nutrient profile. This research emphasizes that we should prioritize the nutrient profile of breakfast compared to the quantity.

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# Determinants of Stunting in 6-59-Month-Old Children from Rural Agricultural Households in Cianjur, Indonesia

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# **SUMMARY**

Stunting is affecting children from rural agricultural households in Indonesia. This study aimed to identify determinants of height for age Z (HAZ) score among children under five years old in Cianjur district, an agriculture area with high stunting prevalence. The sample were 200 children aged 6-59 months old from farmers' households, selected randomly proportionate to size based on the community health post list. The HAZ score was strongly associated with age, access to clean water, vaccination and energy intake adequacy. Hence, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH), vaccination and energy intake are important elements for stunting prevention in rural Indonesia.

Keywords: Clean water, Energy adequacy, Height-for-age, Stunting, Vaccination

# **INTRODUCTION**

The number of chronic malnutrition indicated by stunting prevalence among under-five children in Indonesia is fluctuating, but it remains high; the prevalence was 35.6%, 36.8% and 37.2% respectively for 2007, 2010 and 2013 (1). By the WHO standard, prevalence of stunting over 30% is considered as a serious public health problem. In addition, stunting is found to be more prevalent in rural areas, especially among poor farmer households (2). Hence, this population group needs more attention.

Cianjur district is a stunting prevalent area where most of the population earn a living from agriculture sector. Thus, to better address the stunting problem among children from rural agricultural households, knowledge of the factors contributing to children's linier growth in this demography is pivotal to design a more effective intervention. This study aimed to explore factors associated with height for age Z score (HAZ) in children aged 6 to 59 months from rural agricultural households in Cianjur.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

We conducted a cross-sectional survey in Cianjur district, West Java in September 2019. Two hundred children aged 6-59 months old from farmers' households participated in the study. The sampling frame used was the

community based health post list of under-five children; the children were sampled randomly proportionate to size based on this list. The dependent variable for the study was the children's HAZ score. The independent variables at individual level consisted of children's age and sex, nutrient adequacy for energy, protein and calcium, history of diarrhea and acute respiratory tract infection. Meanwhile, factors for household level were income level, household size, vaccination, ownership of sanitary toilets, access to clean water, and household dietary diversity. Multiple linier regression analysis was conducted using IBM SPSS version 24.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

In terms of gender, 55.5% of the participants were male and 44.5% were female. The stunting prevalence was 37% and 49.5% of all families surveyed from the lowest socioeconomic background. However, the majority of the families had access to both clean water (87.5%) and sanitary toilet (87.5%). Fifty eight percent had a complete vaccination according to their age, but only 25.5% received exclusive breastfeeding. Data on children's age, history of illness, household dietary diversity score (HDDS) and household size are presented in Table I.

We conducted a multiple linear regression analysis using the backward method where all variables had significance coefficient of < 0.25. We found that age, energy adequacy, diarrhea episodes, vaccination and

Table I: Mean value of individual and household level variables (n = 200)

Variables	N	Unit	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age	200	Months	33.9	15.7
Diarrhea in the last 6 months	200	Times	0.7	1.4
Acute Respiratory Tract Infection in the last 6 months	200	Times	0.1	0.8
Energy intake adequacy	200	%	71.6	34.4
Protein intake adequacy	200	%	125.3	68.5
Calcium intake adequacy	200	%	47.5	69.4
HDDS	200	Score	5.3	1.3
Household Size	200	Person	3.9	0.9

access to clean water were significant contributors for HAZ. The R2 of the model was 0.19 (F 11,027, Sig 0.000, d=2.066). Thus, the model may predict that 19% of difference in HAZ score in children from rural agricultural households aged 6 to 59 months is due to variance in these factors. The equation of the model is as follows:

Children's HAZ = (-0.997) - 0.534 (Age in months) + 0.005 (Energy adequacy) + 0.088 (Diarrhea Episodes) + 0.347 (Vaccination Status) + 0.475 (Access to Clean Water)

Age was negatively associated with HAZ, which is consistent with previous studies i.e. older children had a higher risk for stunting (3). Meanwhile, energy adequacy, vaccination and access to clean water had showed positive contribution to HAZ. A study revealed higher prevalence of stunting in children from households with untreated drinking water (4). In addition, another Indonesian study found that children aged 12 to 59 months with complete vaccination had the lowest stunting prevalence (5). However, counter intuitive finding was found regarding diarrhea episodes where it showed positive associations to HAZ. This might be attributed to recall bias among mothers because of the

long recall periods of 6 months.

# **CONCLUSION**

Energy intake, vaccination, and household access to clean water were positive predictors for HAZ in children aged 6 to 59 months from rural agricultural households. Thus, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) as well as vaccination programs are pivotal to complement the nutrition specific stunting prevention in this area.

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# Risk Factors of Stunting Among 24-59-Month-Old Children in the Work Area of Bakarangan Public Health Center, Tapin District

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#### **SUMMARY**

Stunting is a growth failure in infants under five years old due to chronic malnutrition, which is related to either the z-score of length or height according to age is <-2 SD based on the standard of WHO. In 2018 the percentage of stunting in Tapin District is 32.7% and the highest is in the work area of Bakarangan's Public Health Center, which is 44.35%. The purpose of this study was to analyze the risk factors of stunting in the Work Area of Bakarangan's Public Health Center in Tapin District. This observational analytic study used case control design. The results showed that there was a relationship between the basic immunization status with the incidence of stunting, while there is no relationship between maternal education, maternal occupation and exclusive breastfeeding with the incidence of stunting.

**Keywords:** Basic immunization status, Exclusive breastfeeding, Maternal education, Maternal occupation, Stunting

# **INTRODUCTION**

Stunting is a growth failure in infants under five years old due to chronic malnutrition. Under this condition, the children are too short for their age. Stunting children can be known if the z-score of length or height according to age is <-2 SD (standard deviation) based on World Health Organization-Multicentre Growth Reference Study (WHO-MGRS) standards in 2005 (1). The average prevalence of stunting toddlers in Indonesia in 2005-2017 was 36.4%. The percentage of stunting in infants (0-59 months) in South Kalimantan Province continued to decline starting from 2016, amounting to 21.31%, 2017 by 21.2% and 2018 by 21.1%. However, according to WHO, the prevalence of stunting under five can be regarded as a public health problem if the prevalence is 20% or more. Even though the stunting incidence in South Kalimantan continues to decline, it is still a health problem because the prevalence is still above the limits set by WHO (2,3). In 2016, the percentage of stunting in Tapin District was 24.4%; in 2017, it was 28.7%, and in 2018, it was 32.7% (4). The highest incidince of stunting in Tapin District in 2017 and 2018 was in the work area of Bakarangan's Public Health Center with a percentage of 40.08% and 44.35% (5). Stunting in toddlers needs special attention because it can inhibit physical growth, mental development, and health status in toddlers.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This observational analytic study used case control design. This research was conducted in August 2019 in the work area of Bakarangan's Public Health Center. The population in this study included toddlers aged 24-59 months old in the work area of Bakarangan's Public Health Center. The research sample was determined by simple random sampling method. The sample of this study included 88 respondents, consisting of 44 stunting toddlers and 44 normal toddlers. The research instrument was microtoise/length board to measure height/length and body sheets. The bivariate analysis used an alternative chi-square test with a 95% confidence level with a significance value of 5%.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I shows that in the normal group, almost half of the respondents (45.5%) have high maternal education, while in the stunting group, the percentage was only 27.3%. Further, it is found that in the normal group, almost all of the respondents (93.2%) received complete basic immunization, while in the stunting group, the percentage was 56.8%.

The level of education affects the way a person receives information. People with higher levels of education will

**Table I: Distribution of Respondent Based on Their Characteristics** 

	Stu	ınting	Normal	
Variables	N	%	N	%
Maternal Education				
Low	32	72.7	24	54.5
High	12	27.3	20	45.5
Maternal Occupation				
Work	11	25	9	20.5
Not work	33	75	35	79.5
<b>Exclusive Breastfeeding</b>				
No	34	77.3	27	61.4
Yes	10	22.7	17	38.6
<b>Basic Immunization Status</b>				
Incomplete	19	43.2	3	6.8
Complete	25	56.8	41	93.2

receive information more easily than those who have lower levels of education. This information is used as a provision for mother to take care of her toddler in everyday life. The research results showed no relationship between maternal education level and the incidence of stunting (p=0.121). Mothers who already had jobs could no longer give full attention to their toddlers because of the business and workload that they bear, causing the mother not to be able to give full attention in preparing dishes that are suitable for her toddler. The research results also showed no relationship between maternal occupation and the incidence of stunting (p=0.799). Exclusive breastfeeding means not giving a baby foods or drinks including water. Babies who get exclusive breastfeeding will be healthier, because breast milk contains various immune substances. The research results showed no relationship between exclusive breastfeeding and the incidence of stunting (p=0.165). Immunization is an attempt to actively induce or increase a person's immunity to a disease. The research results showed a significant relationship between basic immunization status and the incidence of stunting (p=0.0001). The odds ratio is 10.387, meaning that toddlers who do not get complete basic immunization have a 10.387 times greater risks to suffer from stunting compared to toddlers who get complete basic immunizations (Table II).

**Table II: Bivariate Analysis Risk Factors of Stunting** 

		Nutritio	_			
Variables	Stunting		No	ormal	p-value	OR
	N	%	N	%	_	
Maternal Education						
Low	32	72.7	24	54.5	0.121	
High	12	27.3	20	45.5	0.121	
Maternal Occupation	n					
Work	11	25	9	20.5	0.799	
Not work	33	75	35	79.5	0./99	
<b>Exclusive Breastfeed</b>	ing					
No	34	77.3	27	61.4	0.165	
Yes	10	22.7	17	38.6	0.165	
Basic Immunization	Status					
Incomplete	19	43.2	3	6.8	0.0001	10.207
Complete	25	56.8	41	93.2	0.0001	10.387

# **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, in the work area of Bakarangan Public Health Center Tapin District, basic immunization status was highly related to the incidence of stunting in toddlers aged 24-59 months. The level of maternal education, maternal occupation and exclusive breastfeeding were not significant contributors to stunting.

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# Online Food Delivery and Food Consumption Quality among Students of SMA Negeri 2 Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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# **SUMMARY**

OFD (online food delivery) applications might alter individuals' dietary pattern, including adolescents. This research aimed to analyze the correlation between OFD with sample characteristics and food consumption quality among students of SMA Negeri 2 Yogyakarta. The design of this research was a cross-sectional study. The data were collected in November-December 2019 with 87 samples. There were significant correlations between OFD frequency with gender (C=-0.334,p=0.002) and age (r=-0.316,p=0.003), but there was no significant correlation between OFD frequency and food consumption quality. This research may depict how OFD correlated with dietary habit.

Keywords: Adolescent, Fast food, Food delivery, Obesity, Online application

# **INTRODUCTION**

OFD applications, such as Gojek, have increased the transaction volume of MSMEs (micro, small, and medium enterprises) that have joined as their partners (1). Increasing transactions in food businesses in Indonesia can also have an impact on increasing community's consumption. Purchasing fast food is associated with a higher risk of obesity. There was a significant correlation between the frequency of online food delivery with BMI of Medan University students (2). One of the age groups that mostly use gadgets and the internet is adolescents. The users of the Gojek application were mostly high school students with a percentage of 42% of the entire education level group (1). This study aimed to analyze the correlation between OFD with the quality of high school students' food consumption.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The study population included students of SMA Negeri 2 Yogyakarta. Convenience sampling method was used to select 87 subjects from 900 students. They were girls and boys aged 15-18 years. Data collection consisted of filling out a questionnaire, a week period of SQ-FFQ (3), and also measuring the subject's anthropometry (weight and height). Data analysis was performed using Microsoft Excel, WHO Anthro-plus, and SPSS 16.0. The data consisted of the characteristics of the subjects and the quality of their food consumption. Subjects' characteristics consisted of gender, age, pocket money,

and nutritional status. The quality of the subjects' food consumption consisted of food consumption, nutrient intake, nutrient adequacy level, and nutrient density. Each parameter's normality test was done using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov normality test. The correlation tests were done using the Spearman correlation test, except for the correlation of the subject's gender and their OFD frequency that was done using Chi-square.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

OFD applications available on the subjects' gadget were Gojek, Grab, and Mc Delivery. Subjects' average frequency of OFD was 1.6±2.0 times per week and most of them infrequently (≤3 times a week) order food through online applications (83.9%). The most common reason for the subjects to order food through the online application was discounts and promotions offered (74.7%).

Subjects' gender and age had a significant correlation with their OFD frequency. Girls were more likely to buy food through online applications (C=-0.334, p=0.002). The correlation may happen because girls tend to be more interested in discounts and promotions offered by the restaurants (4). Other than that, the older the subjects, the less their frequency of using OFD (r=-0.316, p=0.003). Locus of control that grows along with the age of someone may correlate with their food purchasing and food habits, including OFD frequency (5). OFD only contributes to the group of grain, tubers,

and its product and the group of meats, eggs, milk, and its product based on the subject's food consumption frequency and amount. Food ordered through online application also contributed to the subjects' energy and nutrient intake as shown in Table I.

Table I: Average of OFD contribution to subject's daily intake of energy and nutrients

	Total Intake -	Online Food Delivery			
Nutrient	(per Day)	Intake (per Day)	Contribution (%)		
Energy (kkal)	1606±671	118±165	8.8±12.6		
Protein (g)	47.9±22.4	4.0±5.2	9.8±13.0		
Fat (g)	33.8±21.4	3.7±5.6	11.9±17.2		
Carbohydrate (g)	270.6±123.2	17.1±25.8	8.5±13.7		
Vitamin A (mg)	478±419	103±154	26.9±30.6		
Vitamin B1 (mg)	0.58±0.27	0.06±0.10	11.6±15.7		
Vitamin B2 (mg)	1.36±0.82	0.11±0.40	7.1±12.5		
Vitamin B3 (mg)	18.8±8.9	0.6±1.0	4.6±8.3		
Vitamin C (mg)	26.7±35.6	$0.9 \pm 3.8$	4.8±11.9		
Zinc (mg)	7.1±4.1	$0.9 \pm 2.5$	9.9±16.1		
Calcium (mg)	611±427	51±78	9.8±14.0		
Phosphorus (mg)	685±381	45±58	8.3±11.2		
Iron (mg)	13.1±6.9	0.9±1.1	8.8±11.9		

Based on those contributions, there were no significant correlations between OFD frequency and food consumption quality of the subjects. This may happen because online food delivery is a new tool to access food and still continuously developing. It also shows the infrequent use of the applications by most of the subjects. The subjects' consumption of home-cooked or direct-purchased food was still dominant. However, online food delivery may outgrow in the following years as technology develops.

## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, there were significant correlations between age and gender with OFD frequency. However, there was no significant correlation between OFD frequency and food consumption quality. This might be due to the infrequent used of OFD for most of the subjects.

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# Facilitators and Barriers to Sunnah Eating Practices among Overweight Middle-aged Muslim Women

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## **SUMMARY**

Sunnah eating practices (SEP) as guided by the Prophet Muhammad contains an element of healthy eating practices. This study assessed the facilitators and barriers towards SEP among overweight middle-aged Muslim women. A total of 22 participants were recruited through purposive sampling technique and were interviewed face-to-face using a semi-structured interview guide. The major facilitators of SEP are health status, awareness, observed Sunnah practice and culture. Meanwhile, the major barriers are time constraints, outside foods, preferences and culture. Overall, the facilitators and barriers to SEP were much influenced by several factors including family, environment and education.

Keywords: Barriers, Facilitators, Overweight, Sunnah eating practices

# **INTRODUCTION**

Malaysia, which has been recognized as a Muslim country (1), has also been recognized as having the highest number of overweight (38.5%) and obese (13.3%) people among ASEAN countries (2). This had portrayed Malaysia as one of Muslim countries with a high number of over-nutrition. Numerous efforts have been done in order to overcome the overweight issue. The Sunnah eating practices (SEP), has been widely discussed as the best way to practice (3). This includes eating in moderation, healthy food choices and fasting (4-5). The element of Islamic faith in SEP can be the mediator to behaviour change, especially for the Muslim community. In order to design an appropriate faith-based intervention using SEP, the facilitators and barriers towards it should be studied and addressed. Hence, this preliminary study was conducted to explore the facilitators and barriers towards SEP with a focus on Middle-aged Women Muslim.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This qualitative study employed phenomenology study design. A semi-structured interview guide consisting of a series of open-ended questions based on the facilitators and barriers to SEP was administered. Interview session was recorded by voice recorder. In-depth interview lasted from 15 to 20 minutes. Weight and height measurements were performed and the Body Mass Index (BMI) was calculated. Participants were chosen among 40-59 years old healthy overweight Muslim women

living in the Muslim community around Klang Valley (residential area and mosque).

The audio-recording was transcribed into verbatim within 24 hours after the interview session and was listened entirely at least twice. The researcher then coded the facilitators and barriers into themes and categories. In the first instance, coding was done as broad as possible. The codes were revised, re-grouped, and re-coded to obtain the final theme and categories before they were managed by NVivo10.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

A total of 22 overweight Muslim women participated in this study. The findings from thematic content analysis revealed that there are four major themes for facilitators and barriers to SEP respectively (Table I).

# **CONCLUSION**

This study provided insights into the implementation of SEP. The facilitators include health status, awareness, observed Sunnah practice and culture while the barriers are time constraints, outside foods, preferences and culture. Therefore, factors including family, environment and education should be considered in designing or providing cost-effective Islamic intervention studies.

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**Table I: Facilitators and Barriers towards SEP** 

Elements	Themes	Quotes
Facilitators	Health Status	"that is because, I have diseases like I told before, I have cholesterol, high blood pressure. From what I knew, oat is good for cholesterol."(P4)
	Awareness	"To be healthy, ehehe (chuckles). It is because I get used to it, it has become my routine to eat like that. When eating, there must be protein, vegetable, every day will always be like that." (P12)
		"That is to prevent us from disease. What I know, our stomach is the disease den, we are recommended to fast, fast to avoid overeating. When we fast, our stomach will relax. It will not become non-stop machine, it must have some restthat it is. " (P13)
	Observe <i>Sunnah</i> Practices	"It is the prophet's practice. We have to munch foods longer enough." (P1) "My parents really taught me on having proper daily eating practice." (P9)
	Culture	"Because it was practiced by my parents. So, I will apply the same practice to my children." (P19)
Barriers	Time Constraints	"I'm in a hurry to settle important things or anything maybe that will happen but it is so seldom." (P1)
	Outside Foods	"As we know, when we are eating outside like eating at restaurant, the vegetable is very little." (P9)
	Preferences	"If during weekdays, I am usually out of my house. When I ate outside, well you know how." (P4)
	Culture	"Okay, of course the kids do not like the foods that are healthy and required by our body, but slowly auntie train them to absorb all the things." (P15)

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# Dietary Quality in Indonesian Adults with and without Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus using Healthy Eating Index

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## **SUMMARY**

Diet affects the incidence of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM), whilst dietary quality in Indonesia has not been assessed by the Healthy Eating Index (HEI). This study examines differences in dietary quality between T2DM and non-T2DM. There were 246 subjects T2DM and non-T2DM selected from The Non-Communicable Disease Cohort Study. Dietary quality was measured using HEI scores adjusted for Balanced Nutrition Guidelines (BNG). The result showed that dietary qualities in T2DM and non-T2DM adults were not different. T2DM adults consumed higher foods source of polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) and lower sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) compared to non-T2DM.

Keywords: Balanced nutrition guidelines, Case-control, Diabetes mellitus, Healthy eating index

# **INTRODUCTION**

Lifestyle changes and an increasingly unhealthy dietary quality in adult population result in the increasing incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCD), one of which is T2DM (1). Indonesia is among the top 10 countries with the largest adult population with T2DM where new cases continue to grow in the last five years (2). Dietary quality assessment instruments can be NCD predictors, such as the lower value of dietary quality, the higher blood sugar levels (1). Some countries developed HEI instruments to assess the dietary quality of the population by applicable guidelines (3). Indonesia has not yet applied a dietary quality instrument to prevent T2DM. This study aimed to analyse differences in diet quality between T2DM and non-T2DM adults.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study used data from The NCD Cohort Study, The Indonesian Ministry of Health's Centre for Research and Development of Public Health Efforts. In this case-control study, subjects were selected by simple random sampling from 284 new cases of T2DM in 2018 with 123 subjects finally chosen. The non-T2DM was determined using matching processes; from 499 healthy subjects, 123 subjects were selected. Matching began by selecting healthy subjects whose gender and age were similar to T2DM, subjects whose nutritional status

and physical activity approached T2DM subjects were selected. Determination of T2DM status was done based on the results of blood glucose levels and diagnosed by health professional. The nutritional status used body mass index and abdominal circumference. The dietary quality assessment was adopted from Alternate HEI (AHEI) (3), and its portion size was adjusted for BNG. Data on food consumption was collected by using 24-hours dietary recall.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This study analysed 123 subjects in each group, consisting of 24 males and 99 females. The subjects involved were 31-67 years old; 38.6% of subjects were obese. In terms of physical activity, all subjects were classified as active. The blood glucose levels showed a difference between groups (p <0.001) (Table I).

The good dietary quality (score  $\geq$  66.9) proportion of T2DM and non-T2DM was 15.9% and 8.9% respectively. There were no differences in the proportion of dietary quality (p = 0.141). Non-T2DM subjects consumed more SSB (p < 0.05), while T2DM subjects consumed more PUFA (p < 0.05). Mostly, the dietary quality in both groups still needs improvement. The dietary quality in non-T2DM was lower because they adopted a western diet (4). The T2DM subjects already have nutritional knowledge from routine checks, thereby increasing their

Table I: Difference in Dietary Quality in T2DM and Non-T2DM

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Component	T2DM (n= 123)	Non-T2DM (n= 123)	p-value
Vegetables	0.5 (0.3-1.0)	0.5 (0.3-0.9)	0.466
Fruits	0.3 (0.0-2.3)	0.6 (0.0-2.2)	0.730
Cereals	150.0 (100.0- 225.0)	150.0 (90.0- 200.0)	0.602
Sugar-sweetened beverages	1.0 (0.0-1.9)	1.0 (0.0-2.4)	0.004*
Nuts	1.2 (0.1-2.2)	1.0 (0.4-2.0)	0.943
Red and pro- cessed meat	0.0 (0.0-0.4)	0.0 (0.0-0.9)	0.103
Trans-fat	4.8 (3.4-7.2)	5.1 (3.4-8.8)	0.266
Omega-3	64.6 (28.5- 165.2)	77.2 (35.2- 153.9)	0.590
PUFA	11.3 (4.7-45.2)	7.5 (3.9-15.7)	0.032*
Sodium	1854.3 (1157.2- 2925.6)	1782.1 (1114.3- 2864.9)	0.902
Alcohol	-	-	-
Total score	64.1 (56.0- 71.3)	61.9 (54.5-70.1)	0.141

Notes: Dietary quality (portions) are presented as median (percentiles 25-75); portions for trans-fat and PUFA as percent of energy, Omega-3 and sodium in milligram; *p-value* Wilcoxon (portion) and McNemar (total score in the category); \*significant if *p-value* <0.05.

self-management ability to change wrong diets (5).

# **CONCLUSION**

The results indicate that when compared to non-T2DM, T2DM subjects consumed a higher PUFA and lower SSB, despite the fact that there are no differences in

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# Diet Quality among Postgraduate Students with Obese and Normal Nutritional Status at IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia

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## **SUMMARY**

Obesity is caused by imbalanced consumption and poor diet quality. The aim of this study was to evaluate diet quality among postgraduate students with obese and normal nutritional status at IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia. This study employed cross sectional design. The subjects were selected using random sampling method. The instruments used to collect food consumption and food diversity data were 24-h diet recall and Individual Dietary Diversity Score (IDDS), respectively. The result showed that the subjects had medium diet quality ( $\geq$ 5 food groups). There is no difference in average adequacy level among subjects with obese and normal status (p>0.05).

Keywords: Diet quality, Individual dietary diversity score, Nutrient intake, Nutritional status

# **INTRODUCTION**

Obesity is caused by imbalanced consumption pattern. Poor diet quality is common among people in Indonesia. The percentage of obesity has increased from 5% to 11% in men and 8% to 15% for women, based on World Health Organization (WHO) (1). Besides that, the obesity prevalence among adults in Indonesia increased to 21.8% (2). The advances of technology give advantages to the society. Not only does the fulfilment of food consider the nutritional content and quality in food ingredients, it also prioritizes satiety. The Individual Dietary Diversity Score (IDDS) is a method for measuring the nutritional quality of food at both individual and household levels (3,4).

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research employed cross sectional design. The research was conducted from January-March 2020 at IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia. Samples of this study consisted of 60 postgraduate students who were selected by random sampling method.

Collection of data on subject characteristics, age and monthly income was carried out using a questionnaire and interviews. Nutrient adequacy level was obtained by interviewing using 24-h recall taken twice, one on weekday and one on weekend. Data of diversity food consumption were calculated using Individual Dietary Diversity Score (IDDS) method which consist of nine

food groups. Nutritional status was directly determined based on body weight for height. Body weight was measured using digital scales and height was measured using microtoise. Mann-Whitney test and independent sample t-test were used within statistical analysis.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This study involved 30 obese subjects and 30 subjects with normal nutritional status. The age of the subjects ranged from 21-28 years old. The average monthly living allowance of obese and normal nutritional status subjects was US\$ 138.12 and US\$ 129.22, respectively. Monthly living allowance affects purchasing power to buy food and drinks. About 56.7% of the subjects consumed group of staple food with rice as the food often consumed (Table I).

This result showed that subject consumption level is classified deficit. Based on this study, subjects who have low consumption also have low physical activity. Besides, the subjects have higher percentage of body fat levels than their muscle mass which impact on the normal nutritional status. The results of the study which used IDDS method showed diversity in food consumption, which cannot describe nutritional status because it represents a long-term consumption pattern. The type of food groups that these subjects commonly consumed were documented previously namely staple foods, vegetables and something from the energy dense group (oil/sugar) (5). Data of 24-h recall in this

Table I: Food Consumption among Postgraduate Students with Obese and Normal

Nutritional status	Energy (kcal)	Fat (g) <sup>5</sup>	Dietary fiber (g)	Protein (g)	Carbo- hydrate (g) <sup>5</sup>	IDDS <sup>1</sup>
Normal	$64.48^{2}$	$2.09^{4}$	6.33	25.11 <sup>2</sup>	$9.29^{3}$	5.55
Obese	57.20 <sup>2</sup>	1.724	7.31	21.012	8.343	5.65
P-value	0.249*	0.181*	0.395**	0.126**	0.351*	0.772**

Notes: ¹ IDDS = Individual dietary diversity score; ²-Adequate level of energy and protein deficit <90%, normal = 90-119% RDA, over ≥120% RDA; ³-Adequate level of carbohydrate deficit <50%, normal = 50-65%, over >65%; ³-Adequate level of fat deficit <15%, normal = 15-30%, over >30%; ³-Adequacy level of carbohydrate and fat is percentage contribution to total energy; \*T-independent test; \*\*Mann Whitney test.

research were taken twice, on weekday and holiday. Future research should use 7 days food record to get quantitative data.

## **CONCLUSION**

Food diversity in the two subject groups was moderate with the average consumption of 5 food groups. Besides that, the adequacy level of macronutrient was classified deficit. Therefore, it is necessary to have nutritional knowledge related to consumption patterns, especially in relation to quality and quantity of foodstuffs.

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# The Diversity of Indigenous Staple Foods from Palembang, South Sumatera, Indonesia and Their Potentials to Support Food Security

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## **SUMMARY**

This study explores and analyses Palembang's traditional staple foods which are easy to produce and have some potentials to improve food security. Sixty types of traditional foods are still preserved and consumed by Palembang people, which use local food sources. Nine types of food are mostly choosen by the people and still consumed as staple food made of tapioca, rice flour, and/or fish. Food analysis showed that indigenous staple foods provide a higher effect size on calorie (17.39±9.91 %db) and comparable content of carbohydrate, protein and fat, 6.30±9.20; 0.02±3.33, -0.88±4.53 %db, respectively.

Keywords: Food security, Local food, Traditional food

## **INTRODUCTION**

According to the FAO, IFAD, and WFP, food security can be defined as a situation that happens to individuals anytime they have access to adequate, safe, and nutritious foods that fulfill their dietary needs and food preferences to reach an active and healthy life (1). Food regulation is carried out to meet basic human needs that provide fair, equitable, and sustainable benefits based on food sovereignty, food independence, and food security (2). The definition of food is often "limited" to the staple food source of carbohydrates, such as rice, even though there are many traditional local staple foods, sources of carbohydrates that can replace rice as an energy source (3). Palembang has a variety of traditional staple foods made from other carbohydrate sources. This study aims to analyse traditional Palembang staple foods that are easy to made and have the potential to increase community food security.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study was conducted in Palembang, South Sumatera, Indonesia. Qualitative descriptive design was used in this research. The data collection obtained general information from six key persons using purposive sampling technique. It was based on the perceptions of producers, traders, and consumers using in-depth interviews to find out what the most favorite and often consumed foods are. The transcripts

were analysed using thematic analysis. The nutritional value of nine most preferred foods were analysed with proximate and dietary fiber analysis. Proximate analysis based on AOAC International (2019) standard was performed to gather the content of water, ash, protein, fat, and carbohydrate using gravimetric method 925.10, gravimetric method 923.03, Soxhlet extraction method 920.39, Kjeldahl method 955.04, and by-difference calculation, respectively. The dietary fiber was assessed using enzymatic gravimetric method 994.13 (4). The nutrient composition was analysed in IPB and SIG (Saraswanti Indo Genetech) laboratories.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Two producers and traders, and four consumers participated in the study. Sixty types of traditional food preserved and consumed by people in Palembang were identified from producers and traders. From the sixty types of food, nine types of food were still chosen and consumed by the consumers as staple foods such as tekwan, laksan, celimpungan, pempek lenjer, pempek adaan, pempek pistel, burgo, lakso, and model. The local foods are made of cassava and its derivatives.

The ingredients of most of these foods are made from a mixture of tapioca and fish meat (pempek lenjer, pistel, adaan, laksan, celimpungan, model ikan, and tekwan). The others are made from a mixture of rice flour and fish meat (lakso and burgo). The nutrient content of

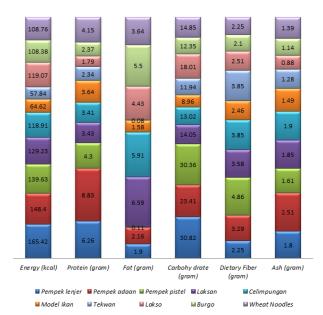


Fig.1: Nutrients composition of traditional Palembang staple food (per 100 g dry basis)

the identified sources was expressed into types of unit dry basis. Food analysis proved that indigenous staple foods provide a larger effect on calorie (17.39±9.91) and comparable content of carbohydrate, protein and fat, 6.30±9.20; 0.02±3.33, -0.88±4.53 %db, respectively, compared to wheat noodles. Cassava production in South Sumatera is still relatively high to meet the needs of people in Palembang if these traditional foods are

maintained as staple foods. The consumption of tubers has not entirely replaced rice as the staple food source of carbohydrates, meaning that the traditional staple foods made of cassava and corn as the main staple food will still be "defeated" by rice when conditions and situations are allowed (3).

# **CONCLUSION**

The nine mostly-chosen and consumed Palembang traditional foods have the potential for supporting food security. It is necessary to harmonize production and food industry with food consumption policies, followed by comprehensive and sustainable local food promotion.

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# Physical Activity, Daily Steps, Sleep Duration and Sleep Quality in Overweight and Obese Women

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# **SUMMARY**

This study aims to determine the level of physical activity, daily steps, sleep duration, and sleep quality in overweight and obese women. The study applied a survey-based cross-sectional study on forty female students at IPB University in Indonesia. Data were analyzed using an independent sample t-test. The results showed that the daily steps of both are less active compared to the recommended steps a day. Furthermore, the obtained level of overweight physical activity and obesity were categorized as low. The two groups had a lack of sleep compared to the recommended sleep duration and quality per night. In addition, no significant difference was observed between the two groups with p> 0.05.

Keywords: Daily steps, Sleep duration, Sleep quality, Overweight, Physical activity level

## **INTRODUCTION**

Obesity is a serious public health threat because its prevalence has increased almost all over the world. Physical inactivity is one of the factors causing the increasing prevalence of overweight and obese, which is the cause of global death around 3.2 million deaths each year (1). Walking is considered as an activity for increasing the daily physical activity for the less active population, and the average daily steps for adults in Indonesia are very low at around 3513 steps daily (2). In addition, sleep duration and sleep quality also contribute to overweight and obesity. Therefore, it has a major influence on health problems such as the increased risk of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, coronary heart disease, and risk of the ovarian, breast as well as uterine cancer specifically for women. This study aims to identify patterns of physical activity levels, daily steps, sleep duration, and sleep quality in overweight and obese women.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

A cross-sectional survey was conducted on forty overweight and obese female students at IPB University in Indonesia. The inclusion criteria for the respondents were woman aged 20-30 years old, having BMI of more than 25 kg/m², willing to wear smart band devices for seven days. Meanwhile, the level of physical activity was measured for 3x24 hours with mild (PAL 1.40-1.69),

moderate (PAL 1.70-1.99), and severe (PAL 2.00-2.40) criteria. Daily steps, sleep duration, and sleep quality were measured using the Xiaomi Smart band version 4 for seven consecutive days with active and inactive criteria ≥ 7500 and <7500 steps respectively. Furthermore, sleep duration categories on a daily basis were good and bad at 7-9 and <7 hours respectively. However, sleep quality in the night was good and bad at 1.5-2 and <1.5 hours respectively. Finally, this study used descriptive statistical analysis and independent sample t-test with a level of p<0.05 considered statistically significant.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The age of the respondents ranged from 23-25 years old, and most of them were obese than overweight. Almost all respondents have a very high percentage of body fat and most of the respondents did not have a history of obesity (Table I).

Furthermore, when compared with the recommended daily steps of  $\geq 7500$  (3), both groups were classified as inactive with obesity and overweight of 5675  $\pm$  2194 and 5014  $\pm$  2546 respectively. Overweight and obesity groups had a physical activity level of 1.48  $\pm$  0.1 and 1.59  $\pm$  0.4 respectively and are still very low compared to the normal PAL standard of 1.70-1.99 (4). They tend to do more passive activities such as using gadgets, watching YouTube, doing tasks, and not having exercising habits.

**Table I: Characteristics of participants** 

Variable	n (40)	%
Age (Year)		
20 – 22	6	15.0
23 – 25	26	65.0
26 – 28	8	20.0
Body Mass Index (kg/m²)		
Overweight (≥ 25.0 - 26.9)	7	17.5
Obesity (≥ 27.0)	33	82.5
Body Fat Percentage (%)		
Very High (≥ 40%)	35	87.5
High (35.0% - 39.9%)	5	12.5
Obesity History		
Father	3	7.5
Mother	7	17.5
Both	8	20.0
None	22	55.0

The sleep duration and sleep quality in the overweight group were  $7.01 \pm 0.51$  and  $1.20 \pm 0.34$  hours, while obesity at  $6.27 \pm 0.43$  and  $1.14 \pm 0.24$  hours, which are lower compared to the normal standard of 7-9 hours as well as sleep quality of 1.5-2 hours per night. (5) This occurred because the respondents have a lot of tasks to complete so they have the habit of sleeping late as well as waking up at night. Lack of sleep duration and sleep quality especially at night can increase the consumption of high calory intake due to the imbalance of the leptin and ghrelin hormones. Besides, fatigue throughout the day causes a decrease in daily physical activity, causing weight gain. In addition, there were no statistical differences in physical activity level, daily steps, sleep

duration, and sleep quality in the overweight and obese groups with a value (p> 0.05) (Table II).

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the level of physical activity, daily steps, sleep duration, sleep quality in overweight, and obesity groups are still very low compared to the existing recommendations. The study suggests the importance of increasing daily physical activity and improving sleep patterns, especially in the overweight and obese population.

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Table II: Analysis of variables between overweight and obese groups

Variable		Overweight n=7		Obesitas n=33		
	Mean±SD	Min-Max	Mean±SD	Min-Max		
Daily Step	5014±2546	2546-9303	5675±2194	1332-10385	0.485	
Sleep Quality (hour)	1.20±0.34	0.23-2.13	1.14±0.24	0.33-2.20	0.632	
Sleep Duration (hour)	7.01±0.51	6.09-8.09	6.27±0.43	4.42-7.44	0.070	
Physical Activity Level	1.48±0.1	1.41-1.71	1.59±0.4	1.34-3.46	0.479	

<sup>\*</sup>t-test no significant (p>0.05)

# **Eating Behaviour and Physical Activity among Female Workers** with Metabolic Syndrome: A Qualitative Study

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## **SUMMARY**

This study explored eating behaviour and physical activity among female workers with metabolic syndrome conducted from June to July 2020 in the Government Offices of East Kalimantan Province. Twelve female workers with metabolic syndrome participated in this study. The primary data were collected by using in-depth interviews, and the transcripts were analyzed using a thematic analysis. The five key themes were identified as their eating behavior and physical activity: low consumption of fruit and vegetables, irregular eating time, unhealthy food choices, eating outside the home, and physical inactivity.

Keywords: Eating behaviour, Physical activity, Female workers, Metabolic syndrome

# **INTRODUCTION**

Metabolic syndrome leads to many chronic diseases, in which unhealthy eating behavior and low physical activity can increase individuals' risk of developing metabolic syndrome. The occurrence of metabolic syndrome at a productive age has a significant relationship with the high consumption of saturated fat, sodium, sugar, and low dietary fiber. Most studies have shown that low physical activity is associated with metabolic risk factor in adults (1). This qualitative study was conducted to better understand eating behavior and physical activity among female workers with metabolic syndrome by exploring the views and experiences of all participants that may not be answered by quantitative study.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The subjects were female workers purposively selected from the Government Offices in East Kalimantan Province. The eligibility criteria were defined as follows: i) age between 30 to 55 years; ii) diagnosed with metabolic syndrome according to International Diabetic Federation (2005) criteria by the presence of any three of the five following indicators: 1) waist circumference (> 80 cm), 2) blood pressure level (≥130/85 mmHg), 3) fasting blood glucose level (≥100 mg/dL), 4) triglyceride levels (>150 mg/dL), and 5) high-density lipoprotein levels (<50 mg/dL). A qualitative method was used

to find out the eating behaviour (fruit and vegetables consumption, food choices, eating time, eating outside the home) and physical activity (activity at work, travel to and from places, recreational activities) of female workers. In depth interviews were conducted as the primary data collection method with 12 female workers. Thematic analysis was carried out using NVivo 12.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Almost all female workers consumed less fruit and vegetables. One female workers mentioned, "I don't eat fruits and vegetables every day because I don't have time to prepare and cook at home". Studies shows that low consumption of fruits and vegetables is associated with an increased risk of chronic diseases, such as CVD and diabetes. Fruit and vegetables have the protective constituents such as potassium, folate, vitamins, fibre and phenolic compounds which are useful for preventing chronic disease (2). It was reported that most female workers were more likely to skipped meals especially breakfast. One of them said, "I rarely eat breakfast. Lunch and dinner also at irregular times". Skipping meals and irregular eating time makes people more likely to consume foods containing high carbohydrates, fat and less fruits and vegetables (3). The lack of unhealthy food choices was mentioned by many of the subjects in the canteen or nearby foodstall. One subject reported, "In the canteen most foods sold are soto, rawon, bakso and fried food. It's difficult to get healthy food choices. I only choose food that are available in the canteen or fast food like instant noodles". Most of the female workers often eat outside the home or buy food from street vendors. One of them stated, "I often buy food outside the home because it's practical". People who rarely prepare food from home have been shown poor diet quality and consume more calories, which increases the risk for excess weight and chronic disease (4). Physical inactivity was identified in most of the subjects. One subject mentioned, "I mostly sitting at work. I never exercise. Time after work I used for rest or relax with my family". A worker who were physically inactive reported have an increased risk of comorbidities such as hypertension, obesity and diabetes (5).

# **CONCLUSION**

The five key themes related to eating behaviour and physical activity among female workers with metabolic syndrome are: low consumption of fruit and vegetables, irregular eating time, unhealthy food choices, eating outside home and physical inactivity. This research provides information for supporting and improving the health of the workers.

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# An Overview of Adolescents Nutrition Status in Samarinda, East Kalimantan

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## **SUMMARY**

The nutritional status of adolescents determines the state of nutrition and health in adulthood. This cross sectional study aims to provide an overview of adolescents' nutrition status in Samarinda. The study involved 1402 students from four junior high schools (JHS). The results showed that almost two third (65%) of the students had normal nutritional status and around a quarter (27%) were overweight-obese. Overnutrition were experienced by almost three times more compared to undernutrition, and by more boys than girls. It is advisable to pay attention to diet and physical activity to avoid nutritional and health problems.

Keywords: Adolescent, Nutrition status, Samarinda

# **INTRODUCTION**

The nutritional status of adolescents will determine the state of nutrition and health in adulthood. In 2018, the nutritional status of adolescents aged 13-15 years in East Kalimantan were normal for almost three quarter (73.4%) and overweight-obese for almost one fifth (19.1%). It shows over nutrition almost four times higher than under nutrition. The nutritional status of adolescents is greatly influenced by diet and physical activity. There is a shift in the diet of adolescents to a modern diet that contains imbalanced nutrients. Then imbalance between food intake and needs will also under and over nutrition problems (1,2). This malnutrition has an impact on the occurrence of noncommunicable diseases, such as hypertension, coronary heart disease, diabetes mellitus, and also low learning ability, and reproductive problems. This study aims to provide an overview of adolescents' nutrition status in Samarinda.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This cross-sectional study involved four JHS from 49 JHS in Samarinda, East Kalimantan. The student numbers from each JHS were 308 (JHS 1), 304 (JHS 4), 329 (JHS 5), and 462 (JHS 7). Body weight was measured using bioelectric impedance analysis with a precision of 0.1 kg and height was measured using a microtoise with a maximum capacity of 200 cm and an accuracy level of 0.1 cm. Nutritional status was determined

using BMI-for-age- for children aged 5-18 years with a classification based on Regulation of Indonesian Ministry of Health Number 2 Year 2020 concerning Children's Anthropometric Standards, i,e., severely thinness (<-3SD), thinness (-3SD sd <-2SD), normal (-2SD to +1SD), overweight (+1SD to +2SD, obese (>+2SD). Processing and data analysis were done using Microsoft Excel and SPSS version 22 and pearson correlation test.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The result showed that 65% of the adolescents had normal nutritional status, 17% were overweight and 10% were obese. The percentage of students with overweight and obese are higher than students who had thinness and severely thinness. Figure 1 also showed that the obesity was higher in boys than girls. Losing weight in adulthood is more difficult than at a young age. The higher the BMI in adolescence, the greater the risk of developing cardiovascular disease in adulthood (3). Cardiovascular disease risk factors increase in adulthood if obesity occurs in childhood.

Table 1 shows that around two third (68%) of the JHS students were 12 years old, one third (36%) of their parents' occupation were private employees and almost half (44.3%) of their parents' education were graduates from senior high school. Parents' education is crucial in children's food choice. The higher the education of parents, the more they are able to educate their children on balance and nutritious diet. The correlation test

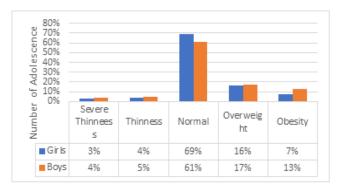


Figure 1: Nutrition Status of School Children by Gender

**Table I: Distribution of Parent Education** 

Education	Total	%
Not finish school	39	2,8
Primary school	149	10,6
JHS	134	9,6
Senior high school	621	44,3
Bachelor degree	379	27,0
Magister	66	4,7
Doctoral	14	1,0
Total	1402	100,0

reveals no relationship between nutritional status and the parents' education level. This fact is in line with Kurniasari's research (2017) (4).

The eating habits of JHS students show that in general they like snacks, namely fast food (42%) and soft drinks (53%). The fast food stores were accessible to the students, so fast food consumption is a trend among teenagers. Fast food and soft drinks contain unbalanced nutrients which will affect the nutritional status of adolescents. Physical activity is a factor that determines adolescents' nutritional status by maintaining ideal body

weight and body fitness (5). The JHS students should do more physical activity regularly in order to have more normal nutritional status.

## **CONCLUSION**

The prevalence of overnutrition is about three times more than undernutrition, both for boys and girls. More attention should be given to healthy lifestyle such as consuming more nutritious food and practising more physical activity to avoid nutritional and health problems.

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# **Nutrition Education: Media Development and Nutrition Knowledge of Prospective Brides to Prevent Stunting on Newborns**

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# **SUMMARY**

Prospective brides as the target of pre-1000 first day of life nutritional status have implications for the growth, development and long-term health of their offspring. This research aims to develop nutrition education materials as an effort to prevent stunting in newborns as well as knowing the acceptability and effectiveness of change in bride nutrition knowledge. The result shows that the acceptance of the materials was high; 88.9% of the subjects liked it very much and the rest like it. Paired t-test revealed a significant increase in the brides' nutrition knowledge (p=0.000).

Keywords: Bride, Nutrition education, Nutrition knowledge, Stunting

# **INTRODUCTION**

Stunting shows a slow growth due to cronic deficiency of energy, macronutrient and micronutrient intake and chronic infection, that contributes to morbidity and mortality in infants / children. Factors affecting fetus growth and development in the womb until born are nutritional status and health of pregnant women. The brides are strategic entry poin for improving knowledge, attitude, nutritional practice and health of expectant pregnant women and give birth to a quality generation. Nutritional intake, behavior and good health before and during pregnancy can prevent the incident of stunting (1). Problems before pregnancy can be overcome through health education. Education and improved access to health information for childbearing age women in Brazil have be proven to be able to decrease the prevalence of short toddlers from 37% in 1974, to 7% in 2006 (2). The objective of this study was to develop nutrition education materials and nutrition knowledge for brides to prevent stunting in newborns.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The research used quasi experimental pre and post test one grup design. Subject were selected using purposive sampling technique. Media development trial involved forty five women of childbearing age, between 20 and 30 years old, to assess the acceptability of the pocket book based on the perceptions of the subject by using a questionnaire. Evaluation of product feasibility was

carried out by material and media experts. Knowledge was assessed using questionnaires before and after given the pocket book (80 question). Each correct answer was given a score of 1 (one) and incorrect answer was given zero (0). The effectiveness of nutrition education was analyzed using paired t-test.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The assessment of pocketbook acceptability includes communicative material so that it is better understood, the writing can be read, the pocketbook is easy to carry, it contains attractive images and colors so that it can increase the subject's knowledge in applying the material to prevent stunting (Figure 1).

Pocket book content validation was set by two media experts in the field of nutrition. Every expert was required to assess the pocket book to ensure that the pocketbook fit the purpose. Each pocket book was judged on the basis of content, language and design with a score of 1 for dislike, score 2 like (with revision) and score 3 really like (no revisions). Suggestions were given to improve the pocket book in terms of language content and design. Two experts valued the pocket book with a score of two (like and there are revisions). After the pocket book was corrected based on suggestions and criticism from the validator, then a trial was done on the subject. The results show that there is a significant difference in knowledge before and after being given pocket book (p value = 0.000). The pocket book is very effective in

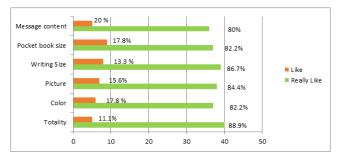


Figure 1: Subject's acceptance on pocket book media

increasing the knowledge and practice of the respondent (3),(4). The subject which has not been well-understood by the respondents based on the presentation is nutrition of pregnant women because it does not show an increase in the pre and post test scores.

# **CONCLUSION**

The overall acceptance of the pocket book media is in the high category; it is effective in increasing the nutritional knowledge of the brides (paired t-test: p =

0.000). Further research should improve attitudes and behaviors of the brides toward nutrition.

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Table I: Subject's knowledge score

Cultinus	Pre test (n=45)		Post test (n=45)		,	
Subject	Median	Min-Max	Median	Min-Max	– p-value	*р
Stunting and 1000 First Days of Life	5	4 – 7	6	5 – 9	0.000	P<0.05
Macro and Micro Nutrient	5	3 – 8	6	4 – 9	0.008	P< 0.05
Balance Nutrition Guidlines	5	3 – 8	6	3 – 9	0.001	P<0.05
Nutrition Before Pregnancy	6	4 – 9	7	4 – 9	0.003	P<0.05
Nutrition of pregnant women	6	3 – 8	6	3 – 8	0.573	P>0.05
Breastfeeding and Complementary Food of Breastfeeding	5	4 – 8	6	3 – 8	0.070	P>0.05
Growth and Development and Parenting	6	4 – 8	7	4 – 9	0.000	P<0.05
Hygiene and Sanitation Behavior	6	3 – 8	7	5 – 8	0.000	P<0.05
Paired t-test					0.000*	P<0.05

\*pairet t-test Significant P<0.05

# Maternal Parity and Height as Determinants of Stunting for Infants 0-6 Months Old

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# **SUMMARY**

This study aims to analyze factors during pregnancy that cause stunting in children. The data used are secondary data from a cohort study of child development. The analysis was performed using normality test and logistic test. The analysis results show that maternal parity and height affect the incidence of stunting. Meanwhile, maternal age, upper arm circumference, body mass index before pregnancy, and maternal anemia status did not significantly influence stunting.

Keywords: Bogor cohort study, Maternal height, Parity, Pregnancy, Stunting infant 0-6 months.

## INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a form of growth failure that results from the accumulation of nutritional insufficiency from pregnancy (1). The incidence of stunting in children will have an impact on their growth, development, health, and productivity in the future (2). The prevalence of stunting incidence by 2018 in zero to five month age group is 11.7% (severe) and 11.4% (moderate) (3). The cohort study of child development in Bogor city assessed factors that influence the growth of children from the womb to the age of 18. The results of this cohort study show that stunted infants had a history of being born by mothers aged >35 years, mothers who gave birth to children more than twice, mothers with height <150 cm, and mothers whose upper arm circumference is <23.5 cm (4). Therefore, this study aims to focus on analyzing maternal factors during pregnancy that affect the incidence of stunting in children aged 0-6 months.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study used secondary data sourced from Cohort Study of Child Growth and Development. The research design used was a retrospective cohort study. Research subjects were infants aged zero to six months. The determination of the samples was based on the calculation formula. A total of 140 subjects were selected for this study, consisting of 70 children experiencing stunting and 70 children not experiencing stunting (control group). Furthermore, the research subjects were recruited based on the cohort study data to be selected according to the inclusion criteria. Exclusion criteria

for case groups and control groups were children with congenital abnormalities and incomplete data. Analyzed variables were maternal factors including age, maternal BMI before pregnancy, parity, height, and hemoglobin level measured in trimester 1, 2, and 3. The next step was checking the completeness of the data, cleaning the data, and testing the normality. Then, logistic regression analysis was performed.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Statistical test results with logistic regression showed that parity is a maternal factor during pregnancy that affects the incidence of stunting (p <0.05) and has a positive coefficient (OR 2.760, 95% CI 0.880-0.865). A mother with parity  $\geq$  4 children has a risk of 2.760 times stunting in her child compared to those with parity < 4 children. In addition, there is a factor of maternal height <150 cm (OR 2.203, 95% CI 1.025-7.735) which also affects the incidence of stunting. Mothers who are less than 150 cm tall will have a risk of 2.203 times compared to a woman whose height is >150cm (Table I).

This study is in line with previous studies which show that there is an effect of parity on the incidence of stunting. The study showed that children with mothers who had high parity had a 3.25 time greater risk of experiencing stunting than children with mothers who had little parity (5). Other factors that showed insignificant results are maternal age [OR 0.954, 95% CI 0.245-3.720], upper arm circumference <23.5 cm [OR 1.012, 95% CI 0.309-3.316], low BMI (underweight) before pregnancy [OR 2.041, 95% CI 0.306-13.622] and anemia status [OR

Table I: Factor analysis of pregnant women results

Variable	D	C.F.	14/-14	D Value	Complusion	C	I OR	O.P.
variable	В	SE	Wald P-Value Conclusion	Conclusion	Lower	Upper	– OR	
Parity	1.015	0.583	3.030	0.082	Accept H0	0.880	8.659	2.760
Maternal Height	0.790	0.390	4.095	0.043	Deny H0	1.025	4.735	2.203

1.241, 95% CI 0.011-137327]. Parity is a factor that indirectly affects the incidence of stunting; however, it is closely related to parenting and adequate nutrition in children. More children in a family make food distribution become uneven, resulting in inadequacy of nutrients among pregnant women, consequently increase the risk of the child with low birth weight. Low nutrient intake at the time of the mother breastfeeding will cause a decrease in the amount of breast milk; consequently, it is difficult to fulfil the nutritional needs of the baby and this is one of the reasons stunting happened especially in Bogor City.

# **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, data of the study show that pregnant women with parity  $\geq 4$  children and height <150 cm affect the occurrence of stunting in children aged 0-6 months in Bogor City. Therefore, the application of birth control (KB) and nutrition intake for pregnant women need to be improved.

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# **Could Food Diary Intervention Improve School Children's Eating Habit?**

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## **SUMMARY**

This study examines the efficacy of My Eating Journal (MEJ) to improve healthy dietary behaviour. Using a quasi-experimental design, the study divided 70 children and their mothers as participants into 2 groups, control and intervention. In the intervention group, the children were asked to record their dietary intake data in MEJ for 30 days, and the mothers reviewed their child's dietary diversity score report every 2 weeks. The results showed that knowledge score of healthy dietary behaviour increased for the intervention group compared to the control; however, no improvement for eating practices was observed during the intervention.

**Keywords:** Dietary diversity score, Nutrition education, School children

## INTRODUCTION

Food diary is an assessment method for dietary intake that may serve different purposes based on the diary design. Recorded data can be used to analyse and change dietary habits (1). The diary is also useful for developing healthy eating habits if the process of reflection is incorporated with food tracking (2). Eating behaviours established in childhood persist; therefore, healthy dietary habits must be shaped at a young age. Specifically developed for children, MEJ is a medium for nutrition education in the form of a food diary (3). This tool provides functions that help individuals see the suitability of their daily eating frequency in terms of guidelines for balanced nutrition. This study evaluates the efficacy of MEJ to change children's eating habits to become healthy dietary behaviour.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Using a quasi-experimental design, the study involved 70 fifth-grade children and their mothers as participants, who were divided into 2 groups. The control group received no treatment. Children in the intervention group were asked to record their dietary intake data for 30 days using MEJ, which comprised a food chart and food menu notes. Mothers in the intervention group were given a weekly pamphlet about balanced nutrition guidelines and a biweekly report on their child's Individual Dietary Diversity Score (IDDS) based on MEJ data from the end of Day 15 and Day 30 for reflection. To test the ability of MEJ to serve as nutrition education media, both groups completed the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP)

survey before and after the intervention period. To assess improvement of dietary habits during intervention, differences in IDDS between Days 1–15 and Days 16–30 of the intervention period were analysed.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Results of the KAP survey showed a significant increase in the knowledge score and a tendency for improvement in attitude score after the intervention compared with the control group (Table I). Interestingly, the intervention group practice score decreased, although this finding was not statistically significant. This result was attributed to the practice question about weekly portion size consumed because children in the intervention group had more awareness of portion size for each food type after completing the MEJ for 30 days; therefore, it did not truly reflect the deterioration of eating practice. Based on Attitude-Behaviour-Context theory, contextual factors such as economic values, social norms and physical capabilities may play a greater role than knowledge alone to change eating behaviour (4). Because children's food choices are limited to what their parents provide, nutrition intervention should also involve the parents as food provider, which is why mothers in the intervention group were given a nutrition education pamphlet and IDDS report. The report serves as a reflection for the mothers on the areas for improvement to provide a balanced diet, supported by the pamphlet information. No IDDS improvement was observed; the mean IDDS decreased from 5.2 pre-intervention to 5.0 post-intervention (Table II). Most of children in the intervention group were in moderate IDDS category.

Table I: KAP Score Related to Balance Nutrition Guidelines

KAP	Control (n = 35)	Intervention (n = 35)	р
Knowledge			
Pre-test (mean ± SD) Post-tests (mean ± SD) p	62.1 ± 11.1 61.1 ± 12.6 0.605 <sup>a</sup>	$63.2 \pm 10.9$ $66.8 \pm 10.1$ $0.051^{a}$	0.679° 0.038°*
Attitude			
Pre-test (mean $\pm$ SD) Post-test (mean $\pm$ SD) p	82.1 ± 7.4 83.9 ± 6.3 0.100 <sup>b</sup>	80.4 ± 9.0 82.1 ± 7.9 0.238 <sup>b</sup>	0.401 <sup>d</sup> 0.304 <sup>d</sup>
Practice			
Pre-test (mean $\pm$ SD) Post-test (mean $\pm$ SD) p	80.3 ± 11.9 79.9 ± 14.2 0.918 <sup>b</sup>	75.3 ± 12.2 71.4 ± 17.0 0.115 <sup>a</sup>	0.083 <sup>c</sup> 0.042 <sup>d*</sup>

 $^{\mathrm{a}}$ Paired sample t test between pre- and post-test;  $^{\mathrm{b}}$ Wilcoxon test between pre- and post-test;  $^{\mathrm{c}}$ Independent sample t test between control and intervention groups;  $^{\mathrm{d}}$ Mann–Whitney U test between control and intervention groups;  $^{\mathrm{*p}}$  < 0.05

Table II: Dietary Diversity Score for the Intervention Group for the Days 1–15 and Days 16–30 of the Intervention Period

Dietary Diversity	Days 1-15		Days 16–30			
Dietary Diversity	n	%	n	%	- Р	
IDDS (Mean ± SD)	5.2	± 0.6	5.0	± 1.0	0.149	
Moderate (4–5 food groups)	30	85.7	31	88.6		
High (≥6 food groups)	5	14.3	4	11.4		

\*Wilcoxon test (significance at p < 0.05)

This reduction may be attributed to school activity that became increasingly busy toward the end of the intervention period. Diversity in diet can be affected by changes in food supply and access (5); therefore, increased school activity led to skipping lunch, as seen from the MEJ entries.

## **CONCLUSION**

The results showed that the intervention group had a moderate dietary diversity, which can be an indicator of a healthy diet that meets adequate nutrient requirements for growth. Knowledge score of healthy dietary behaviour was higher among MEJ intervention group, but there was no improvement in children's eating behaviour.

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# Sensitivity and Specificity of Food Consumption Score in Predicting Hypertension among Lacto-vegetarian and Non-vegetarian Women in Bali

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# **SUMMARY**

Modifying eating habits, such as practicing vegetarian diet, can decrease hypertension prevalence. This study analyzed the sensitivity (Se) and specificity (Sp) of food recall and food frequency questionnaire in predicting hypertension among lacto-vegetarian and non-vegetarian women. Food habits were assessed using a 24-hour food recall and food frequency questionnaire. The food recall method identified 86.6%(Se) and 4%(Sp) among non-vegetarian women. The food frequency questionnaire found 83.3%(Se) and 21.4%(Sp) among lacto-vegetarian women. The results show that food recall and food frequency questionnaire can be a predictor for hypertension.

Keywords: Food frequency questionnaire, Food recall, Hypertension, Sensitivity, Specificity

# INTRODUCTION

Results of Basic Health Research (Riskesdas) in 2018 show that the prevalence of hypertension in Indonesia for 2013 was 25.8% and increased to 32.1% in 2018 (1). Results of Adventist Health Study-2 show that the adoption of a vegetarian diet is related to the decrease of deaths caused by heart diseases where hypertension was one of the causes (2). Consumption patterns between groups can be assessed from food habits of each individual. The patterns can be collected using a 2x24-hour food recall method and food frequency questionnaire (FFQ). A method was good if it had a sensitivity and specificity value of 100%; that method can predict sick subject and healthy subjects (3). This study aimed to analyze the sensitivity (Se) and specificity (Sp) of food recall and food frequency questionnaire using food consumption scores in predicting hypertension among lacto-vegetarian and non-vegetarian women.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study was conducted in Bali Province from July-October 2018. The subject in this study was divided into 2 groups (lacto-vegetarian and non-vegetarian). The total number of subjects in this study were 80 women aging 40-65 years old. Data on anthropometric measurements (weight, height, and waist-hip ratio) and blood pressure

were obtained by direct measurements. Measuring blood pressure using a sphygmomanometer was done with two repetitions. The data of blood pressure (BP) were used as parameters for hypertension. Data were collected through interviews by using questionnaires. Food habits were assessed using a 2 x 24-hour food recall questionnaire and food frequency questionnaire. The types of food from each method were included in 9 food categories of food consumption score (FCS) (4). The total score of FCS was categorized into 2 categories (borderline (≤45) and acceptable (>45) that was a modification of the World Food Programme category.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

According to a previous study, non-vegetarian group had higher rates of hypertension and waist hip-ratio (>80cm) compared to the lacto-vegetarian group that can be the risk factor hypertension (5). The results of calculation FCS score based on the recall method show that non-vegetarian (92.5%) included in the acceptable category was higher than lacto-vegetarian. In contrast, the result of FCS score based on the FFQ method, lacto-vegetarian (82.5%) that included in the acceptable category was higher than non-vegetarian. The sensitivity value of the recall method in non-vegetarian (Se 86.6%) was higher than that of the lacto-vegetarian (31%). In contrast, specificity value of the recall method in lacto-vegetarian

Table I: Value of Se and Sp for FCS Using Recall and FFQ Methods

	Lacto vegetarian	Non-vegetarian
	n (%)	n (%)
Recall 2x24 hours		
≤45 ( <i>borderline</i> )	18(45)	3(7.5)
>45 (acceptable)	22(55)	37(92.5)
Max; Min	56;31	75; 36
Se (%)	31	86.6
Sp (%)	72	4
FFQ		
≤45 ( <i>borderline</i> )	7(17.5)	8(20)
>45 (acceptable)	33(82.5)	22(55)
Max; Min	84;34	92;37
Se (%)	83.3	81
Sp (%)	21.4	14.2

(Sp 72%) was higher than that of the non-vegetarian (Sp 4%). The sensitivity value of FFQ in lacto-vegetarian (Se 83.3%) was higher than that of the non-vegetarian (81%). The specificity value of FFQ in lacto-vegetarian (Sp 21.4%) was higher than that of the non-vegetarian (Sp 14.2%). This means that the recall method in the non-vegetarian group can predict 86.6% of subjects who are classified into the hypertension category and 4% of subjects who have normal blood pressure. Meanwhile, the FFQ method in the lacto-vegetarian group can predict 83.3% of subjects who are classified into the hypertension category and 21.4% of subjects who have normal blood pressure. Compared to the cutoff (Se 100%, Sp 100%)(3), both methods have a lower

value of sensitivity and specificity.

# **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the recall method can predict hypertension in the non-vegetarian group quite well. The FFQ method can predict hypertension quite well in the lacto-vegetarian group. Both methods can predict hypertension with an average sensitivity value of 80%, but the specificity value of both methods is still low.

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# Relationship between Pre-pregnancy BMI with MUAC and Haemoglobin Level in Pregnancy

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## **SUMMARY**

Maternal nutritional status before pregnancy is a risk factor for maternal and fetal health. The purpose of this study was to analyze the relationship between pre-pregnancy BMI, mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC), and haemoglobin levels in pregnancy. This study used a cross-sectional study design involving 200 pregnant women. Data were collected using structured questionnaire and direct measurement. The result showed that 19% mothers were underweight before pregnancy; during pregnancy, 51.5% of mothers suffered from anaemia and 19% suffered from chronic energy deficiency. Correlation test showed pre-pregnancy BMI was related to MUAC (r=0.746; p=0.000) and haemoglobin level (r=0.145; p=0.041) in pregnancy.

Keywords: Anaemia, Chronic energy deficiency (CED), Nutritional status, Pregnancy, Underweight

# **INTRODUCTION**

Fetal growth and development are greatly affected by maternal nutritional status (1). Maternal pre-pregnancy weight is the strongest anthropometric indicator for predicting infant birth size. Pregnant women with prepregnancy weight <43 kg are more likely to give birth small gestational age or low birth weight (2). The risk of low birth weight was greater 6.41 times in mothers with less parity and undernutrition status before pregnancy (3). Apart from the low birth weight, another risk due to insufficient nutrition during preconception period is preterm birth (4). Children born with low body weight have a higher risk of mortality and non-communicable diseases, as well as heart disease and type 2 diabetes mellitus as adults. Therefore, to reduce nutritional problems in children, it is necessary to maintain the nutritional status of women since preconception. This study was aimed to analyze the relationship between pre-pregnancy BMI, mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC), and haemoglobin levels in pregnancy.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This cross-sectional study was conducted within the period of February to March 2017, involving 200 pregnant women. The subjects were selected using PPS based on public health center representing the geographical conditions. Pre-pregnancy BMI data were obtained through maternal and child book and interviews, whereas mid-upper arm circumference

(MUAC) and haemoglobin levels were collected using direct measurement during pregnancy. Chronic energy deficiency (CED) of the participants was determined through measurement of MUAC. The cut off to determine as CED was <23.5 cm. Blood samples were taken from the mediana cubital vein as much as 5 ml and analyzed using the cyanmethemoglobin method using the Microlab 300 tool. Cut off was determined as anaemia if the haemoglobin level <11 g/dl. The correlation between BMI, MUAC, and haemoglobin was analyzed by Rank Spearman correlation test. This research has obtained the ethical approval of Universitas Airlangga No. 1-KEPK.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The prevalence of CED and anaemia among pregnant women were 19% and 51.5% respectively. Table I shows that the majority of pregnant women were 20-35 years old and the mean age was 26.3 years. The mean age of pregnant women with normal status was slightly higher than CED and anaemia. Half of the respondents were in their second trimester with gestational age mean of 23.1 weeks. The maternal education level was quite high with an average of 10.5 years. Maternal mean length of education was higher in CED than normal pregnant women. Nevertheless, based on anaemia status, the length of education was the same. Table I shows that most of the pregnant women were not poor. Income categories were determined based on the poverty line in Sumenep district (IDR313 330). Anaemic mothers had a

Table I: Maternal characteristics

	CED	status	Anaem	Anaemia Status	
Maternal Characteristics	CED (n=38)	Normal (n=162)	Anaemia (n=103)	Normal (n=97)	- Total (n=200)
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Maternal age					
<20 years old	4 (10.5)	15 (9.3)	11 (10.7)	8 (8.2)	19 (9.5)
20-35 years old	33 (86.8)	134 (82.7)	86 (83.5)	81 (83.5)	167 (83.5)
>35 years old	1 (2.6)	13 (8.0)	6 (5.8)	8 (8.2)	14 (7.0)
Mean±sd (years old)	24.2±4.6	26.8±5.5	25.9±5.4	26.8±5.5	26.3±5.4
Gestational age					
Trimester 1	7 (18.4)	17 (10.5)	9 (8.7)	15 (15.5)	24 (12.0)
Trimester 2	18 (47.4)	82 (50.6)	46 (44.7)	54 (55.7)	100 (50.0)
Trimester 3	13 (34.2)	63 (38.9)	48 (46.6)	28 (28.9)	76 (38.0)
Mean±sd (weeks)	22.4±8.1	23.4±7.4	24.1±7.5	22.2±7.5	23.1±7.6
<b>Education level</b>					
<9 years	4 (10.5)	53 (32.7)	25 (24.3)	32 (33.0)	57 (28.5)
9-11 years	5 (13.2)	34 (21.0)	22 (21.4)	17 (17.5)	39 (19.5)
≥12 years	29 (76.3)	75 (46.3)	56 (54.4)	48 (49.5)	104 (52.0)
Mean±sd (years)	12.0±3.1	10.1±3.6	10.8±3.5	10.2±3.7	10.5±3.9
Income					
Poor	8 (21.1)	45 (27.8)	27 (26.2)	26 (26.8)	53 (26.5)
Not poor	30 (78.9)	117 (72.2)	76 (73.8)	71 (73.2)	147 (73.5)
Mean±sd (000 IDR/cap/mo)	491±379	473±240	500±320	453±207	477± 271
Pre-pregnancy BMI					
Underweight	21 (55.3)	17 (10.5)	18 (17.5)	20 (20.6)	38 (19.0)
Normal	17 (44.7)	93 (57.4)	68 (66.0)	42 (43.3)	110 (55.0)
Overweight	0 (0.0)	37 (22.8)	13 (12.6)	24 (24.7)	37 (18.5)
Obese	0 (0.0)	15 (9.3)	4 (3.9)	11 (11.3)	15 (7.5)
Mean <b>±s</b> d (kg/m²)	18.0±2.2	23.3±4.4	21.5±3.8	23.1±5.1	22.3±4.6
Correlation (r; p)	0.746; 0.000*	0.145; 0.041*			

\*Correlation test by Spearman Rank; significant p<0.05

higher income than other groups.

Table I also showed that 38 of the respondents had an underweight pre-pregnancy BMI, 55.3% of them were CED, and 17.5% of them were anaemia. Meanwhile, in the normal pre-pregnancy nutritional status 44.7% were CED and 66% were anaemia. On the other hand, pre-pregnancy women with overweight and obese had

a higher risk of having a normal nutritional status than anaemia when they are pregnant. This study revealed that higher mean pre-pregnancy BMI were found in the normal pregnant women than in CED and anaemia status. This was related to the mothers' nutritional reserves which make it easier to fulfill nutritional requirement during pregnancy. The Spearman Rank correlation test results showed a positive relationship between pre-pregnancy BMI with MUAC and haemoglobin level, meaning that the better the nutritional status of the mother before pregnancy, the better the CED and anaemia status is. Nutrition in pre-pregnancy can affect to maternal health via BMI or nutrient deficiency (5).

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Chronic energy deficiency and anaemia status become nutritional problems among pregnant women. Prepregnancy BMI is related to MUAC and haemoglobin levels in pregnancy. Therefore, achieving an optimal nutritional status before pregnancy is needed to have a good nutritional status during pregnancy.

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# Determinants of Double Burden of Undernutrition among Women of Reproductive Age in Indonesia

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# **SUMMARY**

Undernutrition problems among women of reproductive age (WRA) may deteriorate the pregnancy outcomes. This study analysed determinants of double burden of undernutrition (chronic energy deficiency and anaemia) among WRA (15-49 years old). Logistic regression was applied to analyse data from 14,467 WRA included in Indonesian Basic Health Research 2013. Prevalence of the undernutrition was 4.7%. Double burden of undernutrition was associated with history of diarrhoea (OR 3.8 95%CI1.709-8.553, p=0.001), younger age (OR 0.9 95%CI0.847-0.978, p=0.010), poor handwashing after defecation (OR 0.3 95%CI0.113-0.929, p=0.036), and low economic status (OR 0.3 95%CI0.109-0.853, p=0.024). Socioeconomic improvement and adequate hygiene and sanitation are needed to overcome the problem.

Keywords: Childbearing age, Hygiene and sanitation, Influencing factor, Poverty, Women malnutrition

## **INTRODUCTION**

Undernourished women at reproductive age (WRA) are common in Indonesia (1). Nutrition problems among them may worsen the pregnancy outcomes. WHO mentioned that the term 'double burden of malnutrition' refers to the coexistence of two or more types of malnutrition, while the problem can be caused by various factors, such as individual and environmental characteristics (2). Other studies found that age at first marriage and household food insecurity were predictors of nutritional status of WRA (3). The most common undernutrition problems among WRA were chronic energy deficiency (CED) and anaemia. A study also found that both undernutrition problems were related (4). Nonetheless, to our knowledge, studies on double burden of undernutrition (CED and anaemia) among WRA are still rare. The objective of this study was to identify the magnitude of double burden of undernutrition among Indonesian WRA and its risk factors.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This cross-sectional study used secondary data obtained from a national survey (Basic Health Research 2013) collected by the Ministry of Health of Republic of Indonesia. Women with haemoglobin level of 5 g/dL or higher and not pregnant were included as subjects. This study analysed data from14,467 WRA in 497 districts in 33 provinces in Indonesia. This study utilized data

on subjects' characteristics (age, education, occupation, economic status), mid-upper arm circumference to measure CED, haemoglobin level to measure anaemia, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infection/ARI in the last month, malaria, pneumonia, and pulmonary TB in the last 12 months, pregnancy history, hygiene and sanitation, and physical activity. Calculation of the prevalence involved design weight determined in the survey. Multivariate analyses were conducted using logistic regression test. A p-value less than 0.05 was considered significant.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The median age of the subjects was 33 years. Most of them had <9 years of education (71.2%), non-employee occupation (78.1%), owned latrine (83.7%), consumed IFA tablets (89.6%), had no vigorous physical activity (77.1%), had improved drinking water source (85.4%), practiced handwashing before preparing food (77.4%), after defecation (88.3%), and when their hands were dirty (77.8%). The highest proportion of subjects was in economic status Quintile 4 (26.5%). There were 19.1%, 19.4% and 4.7% of WRA who suffered from CED, anaemia, and both, respectively. The CED prevalence was lower than the prevalence in Bangladesh (>30%) and Ethiopia (47.9%) (1,3). Determinants of double burden of undernutrition among WRA were history of diarrhoea, younger age, poor handwashing after defecation, and poverty. WRA with diarrhoea in the

Table I: Determinants of double burden of undernutrition among WRA

Variable	OR	95%	%CI	р
Age	0.910	0.847	0.978	0.010*
Education	0.754	0.419	1.356	0.346
Occupation	0.648	0.370	1.136	0.130
ARI	1.089	0.530	2.239	0.816
Diarrhoea	3.823	1.709	8.553	0.001*
Pneumonia	1.069	0.198	5.773	0.938
Malaria	0.000	0.000	n/a	0.999
Pulmonary TB	0.392	0.120	1.282	0.121
Hepatitis	0.000	0.000	n/a	0.999
Age at first marriage	1.111	0.862	1.430	0.417
Age of first pregnancy	0.985	0.759	1.278	0.910
Parity	0.836	0.602	1.160	0.284
Consumed IFA tablets	1.540	0.747	3.173	0.242
Handwashing after defecation	0.324	0.113	0.929	0.036*
Smoking	0.000	0.000	n/a	0.998
Improved drinking water source	0.961	0.443	2.085	0.920
Boiling water for drinking	0.949	0.538	1.674	0.856
Slump area	1.473	0.887	2.445	0.135
Physical activity	0.820	0.396	1.700	0.594
<b>Economic status</b>				
Quintile 1	-	-	-	0.137
Quintile 2	0.467	0.167	1.308	0.147
Quintile 3	0.603	0.235	1.546	0.293
Quintile 4	0.305	0.109	0.853	0.024*
Quintile 5	0.545	0.184	1.620	0.275

Nagelkerke's R<sup>2</sup>=0.041

past month had 3.8 times higher risk of undernutrition. Gastrointestinal infections like diarrhoea caused an adverse effect on nutritional status (1). Diarrhoeal disease is found to be associated with an increase in TNF-a and IL-6, two cytokines that play a role in the anaemia of chronic inflammation (5). However, the risk was lower by 9% among older women. Moreover, handwashing after defecation and improved economic

status (Q4 vs Q1) were associated with 70% reduction of the problem. Heavy load of infectious diseases and poor hygiene and sanitation due to poverty are factors underlying undernutrition (1,3).

# **CONCLUSION**

Double burden of undernutrition was experienced by Indonesian WRA, shown by prevalence of 4.7%. Overall, the determinants were history of diarrhea in the past month, younger age, poor handwashing practice after defecation, and poverty. This implies that socioeconomic enhancement and adequate hygiene and sanitation are essential to overcome the problem.

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# The Impact of School Lunch Project and Nutrition Education About Nutritional Status, Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice on the Nutrition and Health of Adolescents in Islamic Boarding School

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## **SUMMARY**

This study aimed to assess the impact of School Lunch Project (SLP) concerning nutritional status and the knowledge, attitude and practice on the nutrition and health of adolescents. The pre-post quasi experimental study was used with to 102 subjects. The subjects received a healthy lunch for 156 days and ten sessions of nutrition education. The result showed a significant reduction in obesity prevalence (p<0.05), increased intake of energy, protein, and iron (p<0.05), as well as increased knowledge, practice, and attitude on nutrition and health (p<0.05). This study revealed that an integrated SLP is capable of significantly improving nutrient intake, nutritional status and nutrition education of adolescents.

**Keywords:** Adolescents, Healthy lunch, Nutrition education, Nutrient intake, Obesity.

# INTRODUCTION

The recent Indonesian National Basic Health Survey revealed that the prevalence of energy and protein deficiency among girls and boys aged 13-18 years was 54.5% and 38.1%, respectively. Moreover, 93.5% adolescents consume less than five servings of vegetables and fruit per day and 47% of adolescents practice good hand washing (1). A review of various studies revealed that 14-88% of adolescents are skipping meals at breakfast, 8-57% skipping meals at lunch, and 4-57% skipping meals at dinner (2). Currently school meals are part of efforts to prevent health problems and to support the development of sustainable healthy eating behaviors (3,4). It shows that school meals can be a viable and sustainable program to improve health, nutrition and the development of good and sustainable eating behavior. The objective of this study was to evaluate the changing nutritional status, nutrient intake and nutrition knowledge, attitude and behavior as the results of school meal intervention.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted at Darul Fallah Islamic Boarding School, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia. The interventions included the provision of animal protein and fruit during lunch every day, as well as nutrition education program for one semester. To assess the effect of this intervention, baseline and endline surveys

were conducted. The lunch menu was developed in accordance with the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for children aged 13-18 years, that is one-third of the energy and protein required per day or 635-776 kkal per day and 18-22 gram per day, respectively. Data collection was conducted through anthropometric measurements, dietary intake survey (SQ FFQ), and validated questionnaire on eating habits, knowledge, attitudes, and practices. Knowledge and attitude were categorized into poor, fair, and good of all correct answers. The practice was categorized into never, rarely (1-2 times a week), sometimes (3-4 times a week), often (5-6 times a week), and always.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results showed that based on the baseline and end line, the nutrition knowledge significantly increased (p<0.05). Moreover, the nutrition atitude also incrased showed simililar results with the nutrition knowledge (p<0.05) (Table I).

The results of the study also revealed that 10 out of 15 topics had a significant increase in their practice, including eating food rich of iron, vegetables, animal-source protein, fruits, and physical activity also applying guide of balanced nutrition (Table II). However, compared to the significant changes in knowledge and attitude aspects, only physical activity showed a consistent increase in knowledge, attitude and practice.

Table I: Nutrition knowledge and atitude by category and median score before and after the intervention (n=102)

	Baseline (%)	Endline (%)	Differ- ence*
Nutrition Knowledge			
Poor (<60%) Fair (60-80%) Good (>80%) Median of score, 25 <sup>th</sup> – 75 <sup>th</sup> percentil	85.29 14.71 0 9, 8 - 10	64.71 27.45 7.84 10, 9 - 11	0.02
<b>Nutrition Atitude</b>			
Poor (<60%) Fair (60-80%) Good (>80%) Median of score, 25 <sup>th</sup> – 75 <sup>th</sup> percentil	18.63 36.27 45.10 12, 11 - 13	10.78 30.39 58.82 13, 12 - 14	0.00

Table II: Median of nutrition practice by topic before and after the

Practice topic	Baseline (n=102) Median (25 <sup>th</sup> -75 <sup>th</sup> percentil)	Endline (n=102) Median (25 <sup>th</sup> – 75 <sup>th</sup> percentil)	Dif- fer- ence*
Wearing neat and clean clothes	3 (2;4)	3 (0;4)	0.633
Drinking eight glasses of water per day	2 (0;4)	2 (0;4)	0.825
Eating breakfast everyday	4 (0;4)	4 (0;4)	0.027
Eating food sources of iron	1 (0;3)	2 (0;4)	0.000
Eating vegetables	2 (0;4)	3 (0;4)	0.002
Reading food label	1 (0;4)	1 (0;4)	0.032
Drinking sweet beverages	2 (0;4)	3 (0;4)	0.171
Weigh your body every month	1 (0;3)	1 (0;4)	0.153
Applying Balanced Nutrition as a eating guide	1 (0;4)	2 (0;4)	0.000
Eating animal source protein	2 (1;4)	3 (1;4)	0.001
Doing physical activity	2 (0;4)	3 (0;4)	0.007
Eating fruits	2 (0;4)	4 (1;4)	0.000
Washing hands	3 (0;4)	3 (0;4)	0.991
Searching for information about nutrition and health	1 (0;4)	1 (0;4)	0.000
Cleaning the school environment	3 (0;4)	3 (0;4)	0.064

Comparison was performed by Friedman test

The baseline survey indicated that many students have a habit of skipping meals, with lunch being the most frequently skipped meal (50%), and more than 33% students skipped their breakfast and dinner. The taste of food, bored/dislike of menu and excessive snacking were reported as the reasons why they always skip meals. We found that the percentage of skipping lunch sharply decreased to 9%. This was inline with the nutrient intake that also improved (5). The comparison of nutrient intakes and NAR between two periods in Table III revealed that energy, protein, carbohydrate, fat, iron, calcium, and vitamin C significantly increased (p<0.05).

There was a slight change of median z-score from 0.32

Table III: Energy and nutrient intakes between two periods by SQ-FFQ. NAR: nutrient adequacy ratio

	Before Interve (n=102)	ntion	After Interver (n=102)		
Nutrients	Amount of Intake	NAR	Amount of Intake	NAR	Differ- ence
	(Mean <u>+</u> SD)	(%)	(Mean ± SD)	(%)	
Energy (kcal)	1 575 ± 521.7	72.8	2 141 ± 586	95.1	p < 0.05
Protein (g)	$42.2 \pm 13.5$	67.7	$63.5 \pm 17.5$	97.9	p < 0.05
Carbohy- drate (g)	234.4 ± 87.7	73.1	320.9 ± 98.1	96.3	p < 0.05
Fat (g)	$44.8 \pm 17.3$	62.6	$62.9 \pm 20.6$	84.5	p < 0.05
Iron (mg)	$7.3 \pm 3.5$	69.9	10.9 ± 4.1	101.5	p < 0.05
Calcium (mg)	326.9 ± 275.4	28.6	488.7 ± 364.7	39.9	p < 0.05
Vitamin C ( mg)	32.7 ± 27.3	51.8	47.7 ± 20.7	71.6	p < 0.05

Comparison was performed by paired t-test

(-0.71 - 1.08) to 0.19 (-0.51 - 0.94). Z-score at end line did not differ from the baseline. This indicated that the students' nutritional status remains normal and tends to improve. These results are confirmed by other findings that in the end line, the percentage of obese group significantly decreased from 12.7% to 9.8% (p<0.05). In contrast, the percentage of the normal group increased from 71.6% to 74.5% at end line.

# **CONCLUSION**

This study suggests that the school lunch contributes to the advantageous effects of increasing nutrient intakes, improvement of eating habits, and reducing prevalence of obese among adolescents. In line with other studies, this intervention is a feasible and sustainable program to improve adolescents' healthy eating habits and nutritional status.

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# Knowledge, Attitudes, Vegetables and Fruit Consumption and Nutrition Status among School Children

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## **SUMMARY**

This study aims to determine knowledge, attitudes, vegetable and fruit consumption practices and the nutritional status of school children. A cross-sectional study design was employed, which involved schoolchildren. Data on knowledge, attitudes and practices of consumption of vegetables and fruit were collected by interviews. Nutritional status was determined using body mass index z-score (BAZ). The results showed that knowledge, attitudes and consumption of vegetables and fruits and nutrient intake are still in the low category (59.8%, 42.7% and 59.8%), and 23.9% stunted and 12.0% wasted. It is necessary to provide structured nutrition education in schools to increase daily vegetable and fruit intake.

**Keywords:** Attitude, Knowledge, School children, Vegetables fruit intake.

# **INTRODUCTION**

School age is a phase vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. There are 11.2% and 30.7% schoolchildren suffering from wasting and stunting in Aceh. Malnutrition is affected by the food consumption pattern and low intake of nutrients (1). Studies showed that many schoolchildren consumed less balanced meals including less consumption of vegetables from the food served at schools and low intake of energy and nutrients (2). Studies in Colorado also showed that students chose certain food from the food served on the dinner plate; only 45% of elementary school students chose vegetables; more than one third of fruit and vegetables remained (3). This study aims to analyze the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of vegetable and fruit consumption among schoolchildren.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A cross-sectional design was conducted, involving 117 schoolchildren in Aceh. Knowledge and attitudes were explored using interviews. Data on consumption of vegetables and fruit were collected using semi-quantitative food frequency questionaire, while data on energy and nutrient intake were collected using repeated 24-h food recall. Data on nutritional status were collected by antrophometric method and classified by Body Mass Index z-score (BAZ) index. The analysis of intake was

conducted using nutrisurvey software, and Knowledge, attitude, and vegetable and fruit consumption data analysis by scoring methods, categorized to less (score ≤80), and good (score ≥80). Data analysis employed univariate and bivariate using the chi-square test at 95% confident interval.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results showed (Table I) that knowledge, attitudes and practices of consumption of vegetables and fruits are still low; the level of energy intake, protein, fiber, vitamin A and iron are mostly at deficit categories. The results of this study also showed that nutritional intake of schoolchildren was still under the RDA. The results also showed that malnutrition among schoolchildren was still a problem; almost a quarter of the children were stunted. There is a relationship between knowledge and attitude (p=0.01); there is no relationship (Table II) between knowledge and attitude, and the practice of consumption of vegetables and fruit (p=0.113 and p=0.67). This is in line with other studies showing that only a small proportion of children are provided with foods that contain vegetables and some housewives understand the importance of vegetables and fruit but do not practice them in family food arrangement. The results of this study are also in line with other studies showing that there is a relationship between knowledge and attiudes of mothers with their behavior in providing

Table I: Knowledge, attitude, consumption of vegetable and fruits and nutritional status of school children

	Variable	n	%
Know	ledge		
	Less	70	59.8
Attitu	de		
	Less	50	42.7
Veget	able and Fruits consumption practices		
	Less	70	59.8
Intak	e of energy (% RDA)		
	Defisit (<70% Low (70-99.9% Adequate (100-129.9%) Excess (≥130%)	80 26 9 2	68.4 22.2 7.7 1.7
Prote	ein intake (% RDA)		
	Defisit (<70% Low (70-99.9% Adequate (100-129.9%) Excess (≥130%)	47 22 16 32	40.2 18.8 13.7 27.4
Fibe	r intake (% RDA)		
	Low (<100%) Adequate (100-119.9%RDA) Excess >=120%	113 1 3	96.6 0.9 2.6
Vitar	nin A intake (% RDA)		
	Defisit (<70% Low (70-99.9%) Adequate (100-129.9%) Excess (≥130%)	70 5 4 38	59.8 4.3 3.4 32.5
Iron	intake (% RDA)		
	Defisit (<70% Low (70-99.9% Adequate (100-129.9%) Excess (≥130%)	79 2 3 33	67.5 1.7 2.6 28.2
HAZ		n	%
	Stunted	28	23.9
BAZ			
	Wasting Overweight	14 7	12.0 6.0

food for their children (4).

# CONCLUSION

Knowledge, attitudes, and consumption of vegetables and fruit are still low followed by the high prevalence of stunting. It is necessary to provide a structured nutrition

Table II: Relationship knowledge. attitude with vegetable and fruit consumption among school children

Knowledge and attitute	Vegeta con		
	Less Good n (%)		— р
Knowledge			
Less	24 (34.2)	46 (65.7)	0.113
Good	23 (48.9)	24 (51.1)	
Attitude			
Less	19 (38.0)	31 (62.0)	0.678
Good	28 (41.8)	39 (58.2)	

education program to increase daily vegetables and fruits intake.

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# Body Composition and Anaemia Status of Adolescent Girls in West Java, Indonesia

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## **SUMMARY**

There is a possible correlation between obesity and anaemia. This study analyses the correlation between body composition and Hb concentration among female adolescents. We measured anthropometrics and Hb concentration of 2,184 female students aged 15-19 years who participated in a Nutrition International (NI) funded project, i.e. a baseline survey of The 'Better Investment for Stunting Alleviation (BISA)' program in West Bandung and Sumedang-West Java. The results indicate that the highest prevalence of anaemia was found among female adolescents with normal nutritional status and there was no correlation between BMI for age z-score (BAZ) and waist circumference with blood Hb.

Keywords: Adolescent girls, Anaemia, BAZ, Hb, Waist circumference

## **INTRODUCTION**

Anaemia and obesity are still dominant public health problems in Indonesia. At the national level, the prevalence of obesity in adolescent has increased from 1.4% in 2010 to 7.3% in 2013 (1). The anaemia prevalence of adolescent girls and women of reproductive age (15 to 24 years) increased from 18.4% in 2013 to 32% in 2018 (2). Furthermore, the obesity prevalence of adolescents (16 to 18 years) in West Java was higher than the national level in 2018 (2). Some studies have shown a correlation between anaemia and obesity. Female adolescents with normal nutritional status were found to have a lower risk of iron deficiency compared to their overweight peers (3). Therefore, the study aims to investigate the correlation between body composition and anaemia status of female adolescents in West Java Province, Indonesia.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

We measured anthropometrics including central obesity (as the proxy for body fatness) of 2,184 female students aged 15-19 years who participated in a NI funded project, i.e. a baseline survey of The BISA program in West Bandung and Sumedang-West Java. Data on the subjects' characteristics and blood Hb level measured by HemoCue 201+ were collected for the survey and were analysed. WHO standards were used in categorizing subjects based on BAZ. Subjects with a waist circumference >80 cm were categorized as central

obesity, while those with Hb concentration <12 g/dl were categorized as having anaemia. The prevalence of anaemia was compared across nutritional status (by BAZ and waist circumference). Spearman test was used to analyse the correlation of all variables with Hb concentration.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The result showed that 82.0% of the subjects were in the normal weight category and 9.6% of the subjects had central obesity (Table I). The overall prevalence of anaemia was 49.3% with an average Hb concentration of 11.8  $\pm$  1.4 g/dL. The highest prevalence of anaemia was found in subjects with normal BAZ (83.6%) and waist circumference ≤80 cm (91%), but not significantly different. There was no correlation between age, height, waist circumference, and BAZ with Hb concentration (Table II). These findings, contrary to previous studies, showed that female adolescents with a high level of body fat were less likely to be anaemic as compared to normal weight female adolescents. This may occur because the Hb concentration can only detect the final stage of iron deficiency in the subjects (4). The alterations of iron homeostasis that may have occurred due to excess body fat in the early stages cannot be seen in the study results. Therefore, a decrease in hepcidin together with transferrin saturation and a decreased in ferritin can be used as additional parameters as early biomarkers of iron deficiency in the future study (5).

Table I: Prevalence of anaemia by BAZ and waist circumference (%)

Variables	Anaemia (n = 1077)	Without anaemia (n = 1107)	p
BAZ categories			
Thinness	3.7	3.8	$0.244^{a}$
Normal	83.6	80.5	
Overweight	9.5	11.5	
Obese	3.2	4.2	
Waist circumference			
>80 cm	9.0	10.1	$0.418^{a}$
≤80 cm	91.0	89.9	
Age (years)			
Median (min, max)	17.0 (15,19)	17.0 (15,19)	$0.007^{\rm b}$

<sup>a</sup>Chi-square test. <sup>b</sup>Mann-Whitney test.

Table II: Correlation test all variables with Hb concentration

Variables	Mean ± SD	r	p
Age (years)	$17.0 \pm 0.9$	0.084	0.000
Weight (kg)	$49.6 \pm 9.2$	0.016	0.456
Height (cm)	$153.2 \pm 5.8$	-0.040	0.060
Waist circumference (cm)	$70.3 \pm 7.7$	0.054	0.012
BAZ	-1.14 ± 1.12	0.026	0.221

# **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, our study indicates that there was no

correlation between body composition and anaemia status among female students aged 15-19 years in West Java. Thus, there is a need to further investigate the mechanism underlying the association between body fatness and blood Hb.

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### Potential Losses of Inadequate Soybean Supply in Indonesia: Protein Adequacy, Revenue and Manpower

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#### **SUMMARY**

Soybean is an important protein source for Indonesians. A landscape analysis was conducted in 2016 to quantify potential losses due to unavailability of imported soybean. Without 70% of imported soybean for soybean businesses, including tempe and tofu producers, in Indonesia, adequacy level for protein will drop by 8.8% (Q5) up to 17.5% (Q1), IDR 1.3 trillions of tax revenue and IDR 41.4 trillions of net revenue from collapsed 5,068,468 soybean businesses' will also be lost which later will create 5,686,164 unemployments. This may also harm consumers' satisfaction and health. Consequently, sufficient soybean supply from local providers and import is essential.

Keywords: Financial and non-financial loss, Soybean consumption, Soybean availability, Tempe industries

#### INTRODUCTION

Consumption of soy-based food is very common in Indonesia. It is considered as one of the main sources of protein (1). The gap between production and demand generated reliance on imported soybean (2). In 2015, Indonesian total soybean consumption was 2.5 million tons per year, in which about 70% of the soybean was imported (3). With the high consumption of tempe, tofu and other soybean products across socio-economic classes and geographic areas in Indonesia, and the limited capacity to produce soybean, the role of imported soybean is undebatable. Without imported soybean, there will be many people, particularly who rely on tempe as their livelihood, affected. This will negatively impact the national economic situation since businesses of soybean involve millions of people, particularly those in the low economic level. The objective of this study was to quantity opportunity losses due to unavailability of imported soybean in Indonesia.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Conducted in 2016, this landscape analysis used data mainly from a study entitled Socio-Economic Challenges and Opportunities of Tempe Industry: A Situational Analysis of Tempe Industry in Selected Cities in Indonesia (3). From the study, number of tempe and tofu producers, number of manpower and their incomes as well as working hours were included. Soybean businesses covered tempe and tofu producers and vendors. Tempe

and tofu vendors sold uncooked tempe-tofu and their products, such as fritters and tempe-tofu chips. Data on protein intake from soybean were obtained from publications on Indonesian National Socio-Economic Survey conducted by Statistics Indonesia. Mean protein intake was then compared to Recommended Dietary Allowance for Indonesian, which was 57 gram/capita/day to obtained protein adequacy level (4). Data on health effect of soybean consumption were obtained from other study (5).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Regarding economic losses, government revenue from tax as well as net revenue of soybean businesses will be lost without the presence of imported soybean. More than five millions soybean businesses will collapse, resulting in almost six millions unemployments. Moreover, among low and middle economic classes, soybean has been the primary source of protein which is generally cheaper than animal protein, like meat, eggs, and fish. In 2015, daily consumption of soybean, covering tempe, tofu and other soybean products, was 22.1 g/capita. The unavailability of imported soybean also prevents Indonesians from obtaining health benefits of soybean consumption.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The unavailability of 70% of imported soybean will reduce protein adequacy, cut potential tax and net

Table I: Opportunity Losses with the Unavailability of Imported Soybean to Fill the Gap of Inadequate Domestic Soybean Production

Type of Losses	Estimated Loss*)
Direct Losses	
Tax revenue	IDR 1.3 trillion tax revenue from soybean businesses will be lost.
Cheap protein intake	Daily intake of protein will drop by 4.9-9.8 g (Q1-Q5) resulting in reduction of adequacy level for protein by 8.8-17.5% (Q1-Q5).
Potential economic loss	As many as 5,068,468 soybean businesses will collapse or only perform 30% of the current potential.
	IDR 41.41 trilions of revenue of soybean businesses will be lost or the businesses will work 70% under their current capacities.
	As many as 5,686,164 unemployments will happen or as much as 4.9 working hours will be lost if there is 70% of soybean scarcity.
Indirect Losses	
Food consumption pattern change	Reduction in consumers satisfaction due to lack of soybean products as favourable food will happen.
Health effect	Health risk will be higher due to more in- take of cholesterol and saturated fat when soybean is substituted by animal protein sources.
	Health of the people will be harmed since soybean based products scientifically demonstrate benefit on reducing risk of heart disease, strokes, and cancer.
*) Roughly estimated linear an	proached by multiplying the direct and indirect benefit with

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revenue of soybean businesses, destroy more than five millions of them, and create almost six millions unemployments. It also harms consumers' satisfaction and health. Therefore, sufficient soybean supply from local providers and import is important.

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### Diet Quality of Junior High School Students in Bogor, Indonesia

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#### **SUMMARY**

One factor that triggers nutritional problems in adolescents is the low amount and quality of diet. Assessment of diet quality based on guidelines has an important role in evaluating a person's diet. This study evaluated food intake and diet quality in adolescents at SMPN 2 Bogor. Food intake and diet quality were calculated using a 2 x 24-hour recall and analyzed using diet quality index for adolescents (DQI-A). The results showed that the average amount of macronutrients, dietary diversity and dietary equilibrium were low. Hence, the DQI-A was classified as poor.

Keywords: Bogor-Indonesia, DQI-A, Junior high school children

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Many adolescents have not adopted healthy eating habits because of several factors. Assessment of food intake and diet quality is carried out to reveal a person's food intake habits or patterns. Adolescents who have poor diet quality could not reach the maximum growth and have health problems in the future (1). Several countries have developed dietary quality assessment instrument according to food guidelines. Indices developed in various countries are the results of modifications and have been validated, such as the Healthy Eating Index (HEI), Mediterranean Diet Score (MDS), Diet Quality Index (DQI), and Healthy Diet Indicator (HDI). Diet quality index for adolescents (DQI-A) can be used in adolescents by modifying it and adjusting the food group portion as recommended by Indonesian balanced nutrition guidelines (2). This research aims to analyze the quality of adolescents' food consumption using the Diet Quality Index for Adolescents (DQI-A).

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This research used cross-sectional design with purposive sample involving 74 students of 8th at SMPN 2 Bogor. They were healthy physically and mentally, and also agreed to participate. Data collected were individual and socioeconomic characteristics of the family, and food intake collected using a 2x24 hours recall. Meal intake data were then analyzed based on the Diet Quality Index for Adolescent (DQI-A) adjusted the food group portion as recommended by Indonesian balanced nutrition guidelines, such as 3 portions of vegetables, 4 portions of fruits, etc. DQI-A has three components to

analyze from food intake data; they are dietary quality (DQ) (score -100 to 100%), dietary diversity (DD) (score 0 to100%), and dietary equilibrium (DE) (score 0 to100%). The sum of three components are the DQI-A score, meaning the higher DQI-A score, the better someone's diet quality is (3). Meal intake and quality of diet were analyzed using Microsoft Excel 2013 and DQI-A.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This study involved 33 males and 41 females between 13-15 years old. The subjects had a daily allowance between IDR 10,000 to 15,000 rupiahs (Table I). The subjects' parents' education was high school and they had a job as an entrepreneur and housewive. Average intake of energy, protein, fat, and carbohydrates all subjects were lower compared to RDA 2019. Average portions of all food consumed were lower than the recommendation. Female subjects consumed almost adequate source of carbohydrates, while male only consumed half of the recommendation. Surprisingly, female subjects consumed oil four times than the recommended portion. On the other hand, the male subjects only consumed half. DQI-A score of subjects was 32.2% on a scale between -33% to 100% (Table II). This result is classified as a poor-quality diet. Adolescents in the UK have almost the same score. It was 31.1%, compared to European adolescents, indicating that the UK adolescents have a poor-quality diet (4).

#### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the subjects' dietary intake was lower

Table I: Mean and standard deviation of the subjects' food consumption portion

	Food sources	Consumption recommenda- tion (portions) 2014	Consumptions (portions)
	Carbohydrate sources	6.5	3.3±0.8
	Animal side dishes	3	2.2±2.3
	Vegetable side dishes	3	1.0±1.7
Male	Vegetables	3	$0.05 \pm 0.3$
	Fruits	4	$0.07 \pm 0.02$
	Milk	1	$0.0\pm0.0$
	Oil	6	3.0±1.1
	Carbohydrate sources	4.5	3.7±1.4
	Animal side dishes	3	2.3±2.1
	Vegetable side dishes	3	0.9±1.2
Fe- male	Vegetables	3	0.07±0.08
	Fruits	4	$0.3 \pm 2.2$
	Milk	1	$0.8 \pm 0.0$
	Oil	5	19.1±5.4

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Indonesian balanced nutrition guidlines (2014)

Table. II: Mean and standard deviation of subjects' diet quality score

DQI-A Assesment Category (%)	Male Mean ± SD	Female Mean ± SD	Total Mean ± SD
Diet Quality (DQ)	16.1 ± 17.4	19.1 ± 20.1	17.7 ± 18.9
Diet Diversity (DD)	$40.7 \pm 12.2$	$44.2 \pm 9.5$	$42.6 \pm 10.8$
Diet Equilibrium (DE)	$34.7 \pm 7.1$	$37.7 \pm 7.2$	$36.3 \pm 7.2$
DQI-A Score	$30.5 \pm 9.8$	$33.6 \pm 8.9$	$32.2 \pm 9.4$

than the recommended dietary allowances and balanced nutrition guidelines. Low food intake results in a lower DQIA score, leading to poor quality of diet.

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### **Identification of Balanced Nutrition in Indonesia Elementary School Curriculum**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Poor nutrition and dietary habit are common among elementary school students in Indonesia. One way to improve the condition is through nutrition education at school. This study aimed to examine nutrition topics in the elementary school curriculum by conducting content analysis using the Balanced Nutrition Guidelines as predetermined codes. The results of the study indicate that many competencies are dominated by physical activity and clean and healthy living habits. So, it is necessary to include other balanced nutrition messages in the subjects learned by the school children.

Keywords: Balanced nutrition, Competency, Curriculum, Elementary school

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Malnutrition can be caused by poor eating habit. In general, children tend to choose foods that look attractive, tasty, sweet and savoury but unhealthy. A study in Cianjur found low food and vegetable consumption among elementary school children, based on the recommended amount of 400 grams per day. (1) Schools play an important role in the education and promotion of healthy eating habit among children (2). However, information about nutrition is not adequately provided by the schools (3), resulting in a lack of knowledge and changes in healthier food consumption in children. The obstacles include lack of time, teacher working conditions, low understanding and awareness of nutritional education in the curriculum and school community (4). In Indonesia, studies exploring the school curriculum on nutrition are still limited; therefore, this study aimed to examine nutrition topics in the elementary school curriculum documents by conducting content analysis.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

We collected curriculum documents from the Regulation of Minister of Education and Culture of Republic of Indonesia Number 37 Year 2018. The documents were screened and grouped into: balanced nutrition pictures and slogans, four pillars of balanced nutrition and ten messages on balanced nutrition, which include: (1) consumption of a variety of staple foods, (2) limiting the

consumption of sweet, salty and fatty food, (3) doing enough physical activity and maintaining a healthy body weight (4) consumption of side dishes containing high protein, (5) washing hands under running water with soap, (6) having breakfast, (7) drinking enough water and safe, (8) eating lots of fruits and vegetables, (9) reading labels on food packaging, (10) being grateful and enjoying a variety of foods. Further, selected contents were coded based on balance nutrition predetermined codes and counted to represent their proportion within the overall content. Data processing was done using Microsoft Excel.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

There are 468 basic competencies in the curriculum. The results of the analysis showed that the competence of physical activity and healthy living behaviors are most mentioned in sports, religion, arts and culture subjects. Furthermore, the consumption of a wide range of staple foods, vegetables, fruits, proteins and limitation of sweet, salty and fatty foods was not mentioned, but the importance of understanding and choosing nutritious foods and healthy snacks to maintain the healthy body found in sports subjects was mentioned in basic competencies.

The balanced nutrition message regarding hand washing is not specifically mentioned but it is represented by competence which emphasizes the behavior of clean bodies, clothes, items and places in religious subjects. The unwritten and unmentionable message of balanced

Table I. Elementary school curriculum analysis results

	Balanced Nutrition Guidelines	Curriculum Content	Subject
Bala	nced nutrition pictures and slogans	Not Available	Not Available
4 pil	lars of balanced nutrition		
1.	The importance of active lifestyles and exercise	Understand and practice basic movements, physical fitness activities, cardio training, gymnastics, swimming and basic martial arts movements.	Sports, Science, arts and culture
2.	Maintain ideal body weight	Not Available	Not Available
3.	Eating a variety of foods	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
4.	A clean and healthy lifestyle	The behaviour of cleaning the body, clothes and places	Religion and Sports
10 m	nessages on balanced nutrition		
1.	Consumption of a variety of staple foods	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
2.	Limit the consumption of sweet, salty and fatty food	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
3.	Get enough physical activity and maintain a healthy body weight	Understand and practice basic movements, physical fitness activities, cardio training, gymnastics, swimming and basic martial arts movements	Sports, Science, arts and culture
4.	Consumption of side dishes containing high protein	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
5.	wash your hands under running water with soap	There is no mention of washing hands specifically, but it is represented by competencies that mention the behaviour of cleaning the body, clothes and places	Religion
6.	Breakfast	Not Available	Not Available
7.	Drink enough water and safe	Not Available	Not Available
8.	Eat lots of fruits and vegetables	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
9.	Read labels on food packaging	Understand the importance of choosing nutritious food and healthy snacks to maintain a healthy body	Sports
10.	Be grateful and enjoy a variety of foods	Be grateful and praying before and after eating	Religion

nutrition in this curriculum is about the "Tumpeng gizi seimbang", "Piring makanku", balanced nutrition slogan "Gizi seimbang bangsa sehat berprestasi", and then maintaining weight, having breakfast, drinking enough water, and reading food packaging labels. The primary school curriculum can include basic competencies related to the benefits and impacts of consuming and not consuming fruit vegetables, protein, various staple foods according to portion, the impact of consuming risky foods (eating and drinking sweet, salty and fatty foods), the benefits of breakfast, drinking enough water, read food packaging labels (expired and food composition), and also maintain body weight.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Competencies in the current primary school curriculum contain little information on balanced nutritionon guidelines. Many competencies are dominated by physical activity and clean and healthy living habits. So, it is necessary to consider completing curriculum competencies with other balanced nutrition messages in the subjects of school children.

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### Anemia, Stunting, and Wasting in School-age Children: A Crosssectional Study in Pidie District, Aceh, Indonesia

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#### **SUMMARY**

Malnutrition in school-age children can impair their growth and academic achievement. This study aimed to analyze anemia and nutritional status in school children in Pidie District, Aceh. This cross-sectional study involved 607 children. Anemia is defined as having blood hemoglobin (Hb) levels <12 g/dL. Wasting and stunting are defined as having body mass index z-score (BAZ) and having height for age index z-score (HAZ) less than -2 SD, resfectively. This research showed that 41.7% children were stunted, 10.4% were wasted, and 81.6% had anemia. There were a positive relationship between children's age, and the grade of students with stunting, the prevalence of stunting highest in ≥8 years old chidren and in grade 4 and 5 respectively. Malnutrition prevalence in the study area was very high. Therefore, nutrition programs are needed to improve the condition.

Keywords: Anemia, Malnutrition, Nutritional status, Schoolchildren

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Children aged 6-12 years are in the second phase of rapid growth after the first two years of birth. Nutritional deficiencies that occur in this phase can lead to not achieving catch-up growth. Malnutrition among schoolage children is also caused by multi factors, including individual factors, nutrient intake, eating behavior, environment, and family socio-demographics. The high level of malnutrition in children will affect their growth as well as concentration and learning achievement (1), contribute to schooling outcome, developmental delays, school achievement, and behavioral abnormalities (2). Until now, studies examining the magnitude of malnutrition among school-age children are still limited, while Aceh is a province with very high stunting, wasting and anemia among underfive children. This study aimed to analyze anemia and nutritional status in elementary school children in Pidie district, Aceh.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The cross-sectional study involved 607 elementary schoolchildren recruited using stratfied random sampling method in Pidie District Aceh Indonesia. Data on body weight and height were collected by anthropometric methods and hemoglobin levels were collected using electrochemical biosensor method. Wasting was analyzed using the body mass index z-score (BAZ) and stunting was determined using the height for age index z-score (HAZ), and determined using z-score

<-2 standard deviation, while the risk status for anemia was determined based on the cut off Hb <11.5 g/dL. Data analysis was performed; univariate and bivariate analyses were carried out to analyze the proportions of wasting, stunting, and anemia based on age, grade, and sex. To determine the relationship between sociodemographic and characteristic of the subject with stunting, anemia and wasting, chi-square test at the 95% confident interval ( $\alpha$ =0.05) was used.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Research results showed that half of the samples were male (51.4%), and almost half of the sample (45.6%) were 10 years old with the mean age of 9.78±1.31 years. In terms of class, the children were almost evenly distributed in class 3 to grade 6 (22.4% to 26.0%) except for class 2 only a small portion (2.1%). The results of the study (Table I) showed that 41.7% of schoolchildren stunted, namely 9.9% severe stunted and 31.6% stunted. Meanwhile, the prevalence of wasting was 12.4%. Furthermore, the mean of hemoglobin (Hb) level of school children was 10.40±1.25 mg/dL and 81.6% of the samples were at risk of suffering from anemia (Hb <11.5 mg/dL).

The results (Table II) showed that there were differences in the proportion of stunting by age (p=0.019), and there was a significant difference in the proportion of stunting by class (p=0.008). The highest prevalence of stunting is in  $\geq$ 8 years age and grade 4 and 5 children. Furthermore,

Table I: Distribution of subjects based on stunting, wasting and anemia

Anemia and nutritional status	n	%
Stunting (HAZ)*		
- Severe stunted	60	9.9
- Stunted	192	31.6
- Normal	185	59.3
Wasting (BAZ)**		
- Wasting (z-score <-2SD)	75	12.4
- Normal (z-score -2SD to 2 SD)	512	84.3
- Overweight/obesity (z-score >-2 SD)	20	3.3
Anemia status (Hb)§		
- Risk of anemia	495	81.5
- Normal	112	18.5

there was no difference in the proportion of wasting by sex (p=0.982), age (p=0.222), and class (p=0.862). Likewise, there was no difference in the proportion of anemia according to sex, age, and class (p>0.05). The results of the study showed that there was no significant relationship between anemia and stunting and wasting (p>0.05), but there was a significant relationship between wasting and stunting (p=0.009). The results of this study indicate that stunting and anemia are health problems in a very high category. Others studies in Cambodia showed that the stunting prevalence in school children was high (33.2%) (3). The high prevalence of anemia, stunting and wasting can be caused by maternal literacy, low family income, intestinal parasite infections, and malaria (4), low mother's education, increased child's age, sex of child (male), and wealth index (5).

#### **CONCLUSION**

The prevalence of stunting and anemia was very high in Pidie District (41.5% and 81.5% respectively) and

therefore, the two problems become serious public health problems. Children's age and student grade have a positive relationship with stunting, but they are not related to wasting and anemia. This problem should be addressed through a structured effort involving multisectors, especially through a nutrition school program.

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Table II: Distribution of Subjects based on their characteristics and stunting, wasting and anemia status

Characteristics of	Stunting	g (HAZ)	p		Wasting (BAZ)	3	p	Anemia	n status	p
school children	Stunted n(%)	Normal n(%)		Wasting n(%)	Normal n (%)	Overweight n (%)	Anemia n (%)		Normal n (%)	
Sex										
Male Female	125 (42.4) 127 (40.7)	170 (57.6) 185 959.3)	0.677	37 (12.5) 38 (12.2)	248 (84.1) 264 (84.6)	10 (3.4) 10 (3.2)	0.982	238 (80.7) 257 (82.4)	57 (19.3) 55 (17.6)	0.591
Children Age (years)										
6-7 8-9 10 above	15 (25.0) 113 (41.9) 124 (44.8)	45 (75.0) 157 (58.1) 153 (55.2)	0.019*	3 (5.0) 38 (14.1) 34 (12.3)	56 (93.3) 225 (83.3) 231 (83.4)	1 (1.7) 7 (2.6) 12 (4.3)	0.222	52 (83.3) 225 (83.3) 218 (78.7)	8 (13.6) 45 (16.7) 59 (21.3)	0.211
Grade of class										
Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	4 (30.8) 47 (34.6) 60 (41.7) 84 (53.2) 57 (36.5)	9 (69.2) 89 (65.4) 84 (58.3) 74 (46.8) 99 (63.5)	0.008*	1 (7.7) 17 (12.5) 21 (14.6) 14 (8.9) 22 (14.1)	12 (92.3) 114 983.3) 121 (84.0) 136 (86.1) 129 (82.7)	0 (0.0) 5 93.7) 2 (1.4) 8 95.1) 5 (3.2)	0.862	12 (92.3) 113 (83.1) 119 (82.6) 128 (81.0) 123 (78.8)	1 (7.7) 23 (16.9) 25 (17.4) 30 (19.0) 33 (21.2)	0.715
Anemia status										
Anemia Normal	214 (43.2) 38 (33.9)	284 (56.8) 74 (66.1)	0.071	61 (12.3) 14 (12.5)	418 (84.4) 94 (83.9)	16 (3.2) 4 (3.6)	0.982			
Nutritional status										
Wasting Normal Overweight	36 (48.0) 214 (41.8) 2 (10.0)	39 (52.0) 298 (58.2) 18 (90.0)	0.009*							

<sup>\*</sup> HAZ; Height for age z-score <-2SD \*\*BAZ: Body mass indeks z-score <-2SD

<sup>§</sup>Anemia; Hb<11.5 g/dL and normal Hb≥11.5 g/dL

<sup>§</sup> BAZ=Body Mass Indeks z-score

### Nutrition Training Courses of Post-Disaster Recovery at Sembalun Bumbung Village, West Nusa Tenggara Province

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#### **SUMMARY**

Nutrition disaster training courses help participants gain new knowledge and skills in maintaining nutrition status for under-five children. The study evaluates cadres' knowledge and skills after one-day training in Sembalun Bumbung Village. Twenty nine cadres participated in courses; each session lasted for 2 hours with material presentation, discussion, and practice method. The data were collected using pre-test and post-test questionnaires for knowledge and evaluation sheets for skill in developing a food menu during a disaster based on local food availability. The results indicate that the courses are useful for empowering the participants in applying knowledge in the community.

Keywords: Child, Knowledge, Nutrition, Disasters, Education

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In early August 2018, an earthquake with 7.0 magnitude occurred in West Nusa Tenggara Province, which resulted in 17 fatalities, 365 injuries, 8.871 people displaced, and more than 14.000 houses damaged (1). Several disruptions of these situations are food production and the harvesting of farm produce, accessibility of food from the market, reduced household income, food distribution, food preparation practices, and food safety. This disruption increases vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition (2). Increased mortality and morbidity are most frequent in under-five children as a result of increased exposure to infections and inadequate feeding of infants and young children (3). In Sembalun Bumbung Village, about 129 and 19 children suffered from undernutrition and malnutrition. Nutrition programs in emergency contexts are needed to deal with those problems. It is necessary to provide information on post-disaster nutrition recovery to the community, especially cadres who have a key role in improving nutrition during an emergency.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

A quasi-experimental, with one-group pretest-posttest design, was used in this study, using a non-probability sampling technique with voluntary sampling. The study was conducted in August 2019. The participants were 29 cadres from 8 hamlets in Sembalun Bumbung Village. The participants were randomly divided into three groups. They were requested to complete pretest and posttest questionnaires. The course session which

had been evaluated consists of 1) presentation about nutrition in disasters, nutrition in under-five children, and feeding practice in infant and young children; 2) focus group discussion (FGD) about nutritional problems that occured post-disaster; 3) FGD and practice of anthropometric measurements (body weight, body height or length, and upper arm circumference) for screening children at malnutrition risk; 4) FGD and practice of using the growth chart; 5) FGD and practice in preparing under-five children food menus according to age groups based on local food ingredients.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

They were cadres who were representatives of integrated healthcare centres in Batu Jalik, Daya Rurung Baret, Daya Rurung Timuk, Lauk Rurung Baret, Lauk Rurung Timuk, Bebante, Jorong Selatan, and Jorong Utara. Their characteristics are presented in Table I.

The participants were asked to fill the pre-test and post-test. They answered with true or false answers based on statements that represent each section of the topic: nutrition in disasters, nutrition in under-five children, and feeding practice in infants and young children. A total of 29 participants attended the nutrition training course and filled in the pre- and post-test completely. With a minimum score limit of 75, about 48.3% of the participants had a pre-test score above 75, whereas about 89.7% had a post-test score above 75 (Table II).

After conducting the explanation session of nutrition in

Table I: Sociodemographic status of participants (n=29)

Variable	n (%)	Mean ± SD or Median (Min, Max)
Age, years		35.1±8.1
Cadre experience, years		10 (1,26)
Education		
Graduated elementary school	1 (3.4)	
Graduated junior high school	7 (24.1)	
Graduated senior high school	12 (41.4)	
Diploma/ Bachelor	9 (31.0)	
Occupation		
Farmer	13 (44.8)	
Housewife	6 (20.7)	
Others <sup>a</sup>	10 (34.5)	

<sup>a</sup>Others occupation: Teacher, Nurse, and Entrepreneur

Table II: Distribution of the subject's knowledge

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Subject's character- istics	Pr	etest	Po	st-test	$\rho^{\scriptscriptstyle b}$
	n (%)	median (min, max)	n (%)	median (min, max)	
Knowledge		72 (50,94)		89 (61,100)	0.000
Good	14 (48.3)		26 (89.7)		
Less	15 (51.7)		3 (10.3)		

<sup>b</sup>Wilcoxon test

disasters, nutrition in under-five children, and feeding practice in infant and young children, then the research team conducted four FGDs and practices. The first session discussed the causes of malnutrition during the disaster. The participants stated that some of the causes of malnutrition include damaged food sources, slow arrival of disaster aid, damaged health facilities, unavailability of adequate food ingredients according to nutrition, and no public kitchen. The second session

was the practice of measurements of body weight, body height or length, and upper arm circumference. It was found that many cadres did not know how to measure the upper arm circumference. They also did not know if these measures can assess malnutrition. They also learned how to use the growth chart and could already use it to monitor the children's growth. In the last FGD, the participants developed a food menu according to age and food availability after the disaster. In this session, the participants were divided into three groups. They were asked to cook a meal based on these ingredients for the 6-9 month and 9-12 month age groups. At the end of the session, the participants received the final assessment with the cut of score about  $\geq 85$ .

#### **CONCLUSION**

Nutrition disaster training courses help the participants gain new knowledge and skills in maintaining nutrition status for under-five children. Furthermore, the knowledge provided through this training can assist the cadres in implementing their knowledge and abilities when a disaster occurs.

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# Association of Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy and Maternal Obesity in Kuala Selangor District, Malaysia: A Cross Sectional

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#### **SUMMARY**

Maternal obesity is significantly associated with less intention to breastfeed, low breastfeeding self-efficacy, and poor breastfeeding outcomes. This cross sectional study investigates the determinants of breastfeeding self-efficacy among overweight and obese pregnant mothers using self-administered validated questionnaires. There were 44.9% of overweight and obese from 200 recruited mothers. They had low breastfeeding self-efficacy and less intended to breastfeed as compared to normal-weight mothers. Past breastfeeding experience and exclusive breastfeeding intention are predictors of breastfeeding self-efficacy among overweight and obese pregnant mothers. Effective strategies should be conducted targeting this population with regards to low self-efficacy and intention to breastfeed.

Keywords: Breastfeeding intention, Breastfeeding self-efficacy, Exclusive breastfeeding, Maternal obesity

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Although exclusive breastfeeding rates up to the six months increased from 14.5% in 2006 to 47.1% in 2016, it is still far behind the global target rate (1). In the meantime, prevalence of obesity is worrying especially in women at reproductive age. Maternal obesity is associated with delayed initiation, early weaning, low prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding and shorter breastfeeding period (2). According to Breastfeeding Self-efficacy theory, having confidence in breastfeeding may have a greater impact on breastfeeding duration and exclusivity (3). Meanwhile, breastfeeding intention is correlated with breastfeeding self-efficacy and positive breastfeeding outcomes. Given that obese mothers had difficulties in breastfeeding practices, factors that influence breastfeeding self-efficacy should be investigated as research on this population in Malaysia is limited

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This cross-sectional study involved two hundred pregnant mothers attending government health clinics in Kuala Selangor district recruited through convenience sampling from September until November 2019. They were excluded if they had medical illness that can affect breastfeeding and multiple pregnancies. Sociodemographic background of the respondents and information of intention of breastfeeding, knowledge,

and experience were collected. The respondents completed validated Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy Scale Short Form (BSES-SF) to measure their capability in facing challenges in breastfeeding (3) and Infant Feeding Intention scale (IFI) to assess the mothers' strength of planning toward breastfeeding (4). Data were analysed using descriptive statistics to determine maternal breastfeeding confidence and intention to exclusive breastfeed. Simple (SLR) and multiple linear logistic (MLR) were further analysed to identify the predictors of breastfeeding self-efficacy among pregnant mothers with pre-pregnancy BMI of more than 25 kg/m2. Level of significance with value p < 0.05 was applied.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Half of the mothers aged less than 30 years old were employed and had education level of more than 12 years. About 69.0% of them had an intention to exclusively breastfeed (EBF), 71.5% had breastfeeding experience and 60.5% never attended breastfeeding intervention. About 44.9% of the mothers were overweight and obese. Overall, they had moderate level of breastfeeding self-efficacy (54.40±10.45) and low intention to exclusive breastfeed (12.52±3.47). Obese mothers had low breastfeeding self-efficacy (51.92±12.066) as compared to normal-weight mothers (54.56±9.796) and they were also less intended to exclusive breastfeed (12.17±3.735) as compared to normal-weight mothers (12.64±3.560). Obese mothers were reported to have lack of confidence

Table I: Predictors of breastfeeding self-efficacy among overweight and obese pregnant mothers (N=200).

Factors	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p value
Ethnicity				
Bumiputra Non-Bumiputra	2.200( 0.694,6.973) 1	*0.180	1.852(0.472, 7.260) 1	0.377
Maternal employment				
Unemployed Employed	2.032 (0.854,4.834) 1	*0.109	2.312(0.863,6.190) 1	0.095
Parity				
1 <sup>st</sup> child >1 <sup>st</sup> child	1 4.080 (1.346,12.363)	*0.013	1 0.999(0.076,13.053)	0.999
Breastfeeding experience				
Yes No	5.741 (1.751,18.825) 1	*0.004	6.784(1.976,23.298) 1	*0.002
Receive breastfeeding support				
Yes No	3.412 (0.667,17.455)	*0.140	1.464(0.130,16.439)	0.757
Intention to exclusive breastfeed				
Yes No	3.958 (1.394,11.241) 1	*0.010	4.737(1.576,14.236) 1	*0.006

in supplying sufficient milk. They are also less likely intent to exclusively breastfeed their infant because of their body image dissatisfaction (5). Maternal occupation, parity, breastfeeding experience, receive breastfeeding support, and intention to breastfeed exclusively were the associated factors in breastfeeding self-efficacy. Multiple logistic regression analysis revealed that there was 6.8 times higher probability for mothers with previous experience in breastfeeding to have self-confidence to breastfeed their infants than mothers without previous breastfeeding experience (Adjusted OR: 6.784, 95% CI: 1.976 - 23.298), and mothers who had intention to breastfeed exclusively were 4.7 times more likely have confidence to breastfeed compared to mothers who intended to combine feeding their babies (Adjusted OR: 4.737, 95% CI: 1.576 - 14.236). These findings align with Breastfeeding Self-efficacy theory which states that breastfeeding self-efficacy is influenced by previous breastfeeding experience and impacts on one's decision to breastfeed and therefore, may predict positive breastfeeding outcomes (3).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Previous breastfeeding experience and intention to exclusive breastfeed are determinants of breastfeeding self-efficacy among obese mothers. Effective strategies need to be established targeting this vulnerable group. For example, it is compulsory for parents to attend breastfeeding classes to enhance their breastfeeding knowledge and improve overall breastfeeding outcomes.

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### Production of Wholemeal Bread from Banana Peel Flour: Improvement of Sensory Characteristics

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#### **SUMMARY**

Banana peel flour is high in dietary fibre and can be used in bakery products; however, it often results in low consumer acceptance due to poor sensory properties. This study aimed to produce wholemeal bread which included banana peel flour with improved sensory characteristics. Six treatments were employed: control, increased sugar, increased fat, increased water, prolonged fermentation time, and use of food conditioner. Two treatments yielding bread with the most optimum physical characteristics were increased water and prolonged fermentation time. Wholemeal bread produced with prolonged fermentation time resulted in satisfactory sensory acceptance without detrimental effects on its fibre content.

Keywords: Consumer acceptance, Dough fermentation, High-fibre bread, Non-wheat flour, Organoleptic properties

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The consumption of bananas in Malaysia is high, thus creating an issue of a large disposal of banana peels. Banana peel flour (BPF) has been reported to contain high amount of dietary fibre (1). Therefore, it has potentials in the production of bakery products such as wholemeal bread (WMB) as a partial substitute to whole wheat flour (WWF). A preliminary study has determined 7 % as the optimum amount for substitution of WWF with BPF. The WMB produced had higher total dietary fibre, total phenolic content, and percent of inhibition of lipid peroxidation (2). Unfortunately, incorporation of BPF caused few disadvantages for WMB characteristics, such as decreased specific volume and pore size, darker colour, and dry-crumbling texture, leading to lower acceptance from sensory panellists (2, 3, 4). Thus, this study was conducted to investigate suitable methods that can be employed to enhance the characteristics of WMB from BPF.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Ripe berangan bananas of maturity index 6 were obtained from a local farm in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. The peels were steam-blanched, dried, ground, and sieved into flour. Seven percent of BPF was used in production of WMB. Treatments to improve WMB characteristics were: control (untreated), increased sugar (2 g), increased

fat (4 g), increased water (2 g), prolonged fermentation time (45 min), and addition of food conditioner (0.6 g of NH4Cl). All samples were analysed for their physical characteristics. Two treatments with the most optimum physical characteristics were analysed for sensory acceptance using 7-point hedonic scale. The most accepted sample and control sample were then analysed for crude fibre content gravimetrically following chemical digestion steps. Experiment was duplicated and significance differences were determined at p<0.05 with one-way ANOVA followed by Fisher's LSD test for physical characteristics and independent t-test for sensory acceptance.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I shows that the sample produced with prolonged fermentation time had a significantly higher lightness value in terms of its crust than other samples. Longer proofing time provides more opportunity for yeast to consume amino acids and sugars available in the dough, leading to less severe Maillard reaction to take place during baking since there were less precursors available for the reaction (5). Meanwhile, the sample with additional water had its starch granules in the dough to swell more, leading to larger pores that were left after evaporation of water during baking. Larger pores would lead to less dense crumb and eventually affect texture and eating quality of WMB.

Table I: Crust lightness and crumb pore size of WMB incorporated with BPF

Treatment	Crust lightness (L)	Pore size (µm)
Control	13.15±1.83°	231.00±24.04 <sup>f</sup>
Increased sugar	17.37±0.63 <sup>b</sup>	336.50±6.08e
Increased fat	13.19±1.73°	373.50±0.71 <sup>d</sup>
Increased water	15.83±0.28 <sup>bc</sup>	866.83±0.71ª
Prolonged fermentation time	28.15±2.83 <sup>a</sup>	740.60±0.28 <sup>b</sup>
Use of food conditioner	12.25±0.11°	535.70±0.42°

Note: Values with different superscript letters within a column are significantly different at p < 0.05.

Based on the results of physical characteristics, two treatments (prolonged fermentation time and increased water) were then subjected to a sensory acceptance test. Table II shows that WMB with prolonged fermentation time had higher mean acceptance scores for all parameters and it significantly increased the acceptance score for colour of crust, due to its higher lightness value as can be observed in Table I.

Table II: Mean scores of sensory acceptances of WMB incorporated with BPF

	Treatment			
Sensory attributes	Increased water	Prolonged fermenta- tion time		
Colour of crust	4.50±1.01 <sup>b</sup>	5.10±1.27 <sup>a</sup>		
Colour of crumb	4.86±1.00a	5.33±0.99ª		
Porosity	4.73±1.17 <sup>a</sup>	4.97±1.16 <sup>a</sup>		
Odour	4.33±1.45a	4.77±1.10 <sup>a</sup>		
Texture	4.43±1.36 <sup>a</sup>	5.17±1.56 <sup>a</sup>		
Taste	3.97±1.52a	4.40±1.52a		
Overall acceptance	4.40±1.50a	5.00±1.41a		

Note: Values with different superscript letters within a row are significantly different at p < 0.05.

Since the sample with prolonged fermentation time was successful in gaining better sensory acceptance for WMB, it was then analysed for its crude fibre content and compared with the control sample. The results show

that despite the treatment performed, the prolonged fermentation time of WMB sample production did not cause any significant loss of its crude fibre content with 1.27 % of crude fibre in it as compared to 1.28 % of crude fibre in the control sample.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Production of wholemeal bread with banana peel powder to substitute whole wheat flour results in bread with relatively good characteristics, given that suitable improvement method is applied. Prolonged fermentation time could help improve physical characteristics and sensory acceptance of the bread, without causing significant loss in its crude fibre content.

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### Increased Fibre Content in Frozen Par-Baked *Chapatti* with Incorporation of *Okara* Flour

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#### **SUMMARY**

With its high fibre content, *okara* has potentials to be used in bakery products, e.g. par-baked frozen bakery. This study aimed to develop frozen par-baked *chapatti* (Indian flat bread) through substitution of atta flour with *okara* flour. Six substitution treatments were applied. Samples were analysed for their physical characteristics, sensory acceptance and nutrient content. Up to 15 % substitution gave no significant effects on samples' texture and colour. Furthermore, it almost tripled the sample's fibre content without any detrimental effects on its sensory acceptance. Frozen storage up to eight weeks did not significantly affect samples' characteristics, thus making this product feasible.

Keywords: Flat bread, Frozen bakery, Soybean residue, Unleavened bread, Wholemeal bread

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Okara, soybean residue from soybean-based industry, has about 50 % dietary fibre, making it suitable for partial inclusion in bakery products (1). It was also reported to contain bioactive and protein components with better quality than those of other soy-based products (2). However, the high fibre often brings disadvantages in sensory acceptability due to its effect on texture (3). Therefore, its use in unleavened breads such as chapatti would be suitable, where okara flour could be employed for partial substitution of atta flour in the formulation. To suit to current trend of convenient foods, frozen par-baked chapatti was selected for this study. Partial baking in production of frozen chapatti was suggested since it could bring similar texture to that of conventionally baked chapatti while reducing staling during frozen storage (4). Therefore, this study was conducted to develop frozen par-baked *chapatti* with acceptable quality through incorporation of okara flour.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Fresh *okara* was dried, ground, and sieved to flour. Six levels of substitution of atta flour with *okara* flour were used: 0, 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 %. Samples were stored frozen after partial baking (210 °C; 30 s for each side). Next, they were analysed for their physical characteristics (colour and tensile strength) and sensory acceptance after thawing (ambient temperature; 1 h) and subsequent

baking (210 °C; 90 s for one side and 30 s for another side). Samples were observed after two months of frozen storage and compared with fresh fully-baked samples. Sensory acceptance test was performed with 7-point hedonic scale. Two treatments with optimum physical properties and acceptable sensory characteristics were analysed for total protein content (Kjeldahl method) and crude fibre content (gravimetric method following chemical digestion steps). Data were subjected to oneway ANOVA followed by Fisher's LSD test at 95 % confidence interval.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I shows that frozen storage of par-baked *chapatti* with incorporation of okara flour did not significantly affect the texture and colour of the samples up until eight weeks of storage as compared to control sample. These results implied that substitution of atta flour with okara flour in production of *chapatti* did not negatively affect the physical characteristics of par-baked frozen chapatti, similar to the results of a study with wheat flour *chapatti* (4). Unleavened bakery products such as *chapatti* could be seen as a potential choice since utilization of okara in leavened bakery products like bread has been shown to have effects on texture to certain extent (5). Even in production of cookies with *okara* flour, texture improvers were needed to be added to yield products with good characteristics (2). The effect of okara on the texture of bakery products was reported to be caused by defects

Table I: Texture (tensile strength) and colour (Hunter L, a, b) of parbaked *chapatti* samples after 8 weeks of frozen storage

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Treatment	Tensile strength (g/mm)	Lightness (L)	Redness (a)	Yellowness (b)
0 % okara	4.51±0.83 <sup>a</sup>	56.06±0.85a	7.81±0.16 <sup>a</sup>	25.69±0.60a
3 % okara	4.50±0.76 <sup>a</sup>	58.18±0.49a	7.71±0.12a	27.08±0.28 <sup>a</sup>
6 % okara	4.99±1.45a	58.19±0.37a	8.33±1.05 <sup>a</sup>	27.38±1.78 <sup>a</sup>
9 % <i>okara</i>	5.12±0.74 <sup>a</sup>	60.00±1.73a	7.81±0.53a	27.43±0.28 <sup>a</sup>
12 % <i>okara</i>	$3.79 \pm 1.05^{a}$	59.58±1.92a	$8.03\pm0.68^{a}$	27.65±2.48a
15 % <i>okara</i>	4.33±0.46a	59.87±1.74a	8.29±0.88ª	28.46±2.81ª

Note: Values with similar superscript letters within a column are not significantly different (p > 0.05)

in gluten functionality due to the high fibre in *okara* (5).

A sensory acceptance test was conducted on the samples and the results showed that up to 15 % of *okara* in *chapatti* formulation did not significantly affect its acceptance in terms of colour, aroma, texture, taste and overall acceptance (Table II). In comparison, when used in bread production, only 7.5 % of *okara* was managed to be used while still giving good sensory acceptability (4).

Table II: Sensory acceptance scores of par-baked *chapatti* samples after 8 weeks of frozen storage

Treatment	Colour	Aroma	Texture	Taste	Overall acceptance
0 % okara	5.40±1.22ª	5.40±1.22 <sup>a</sup>	4.40±1.71 <sup>a</sup>	4.53±1.61 <sup>a</sup>	4.67±1.52 <sup>a</sup>
3 % okara	5.17±1.29a	5.38±1.37a	4.56±1.84a	4.10±1.66a	4.66±1.63a
6 % okara	5.17±1.42a	5.17±1.21a	5.17±1.66a	4.50±1.68a	4.87±1.53a
9 % okara	5.57±0.97 <sup>a</sup>	5.37±1.29 <sup>a</sup>	4.37±1.30 <sup>a</sup>	4.53±1.48 <sup>a</sup>	4.67±1.32a
12 % <i>okara</i>	5.50±1.04a	5.30±1.09a	4.60±1.55a	3.90±1.35a	4.63±1.27a
15 % <i>okara</i>	5.47±1.11a	5.10±1.27a	4.70±1.26a	4.13±1.38a	4.45±1.45a

Note: Values with similar superscript letters within a column are not significantly different (n > 0.05)

Based on the results above, control sample and sample with 15 % *okara* flour were then analysed for their protein and crude fibre content (Table III). The sample treated with 15 % *okara* had slightly higher protein content compared to the control sample. Moreover, the sample with 15 % *okara* also had almost three times of crude fibre content than the control sample. A similar

Table III: Protein and crude fibre content (wb) of selected par-baked *chapatti* samples

Treatment	Protein content (%)	Crude fibre (%)
0 % okara	1.31±0.14	1.36±0.26
15 % <i>okara</i>	1.38±0.09	3.66±0.38

trend was also observed in a study utilizing *okara* in wheat bread (5).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Utilization of *okara* in unleavened bakery such as *chapatti* had potentials to increase the product's fibre content. Fifteen percent incorporation of *okara* produced par-baked *chapatti* with no significant differences in physical characteristics and sensory acceptance scores compared to the control sample, even after eight weeks of frozen storage.

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## The Microbiological Safety of Instant Pumpkin and Tempeh Cream Soup Formulated as Geriatric Food

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#### **SUMMARY**

Due to inadequate nutritional intake and decreasing cognitive function, the elderly needs special food. Instant pump-kin and tempeh cream soup were formulated as geriatric food to meet their nutritional requirements. However, it is essential to consider the safety aspects of the food. This study aimed to analyse the microbiological safety of the formulas, including Total Plate Count (TPC), *E. coli*, and *Salmonella* analysis. The TPC value in the formula without tempeh was significantly higher, although all formulation were at normal level. Furthermore, *E. coli* and *Salmonella*'s values were negative in both samples. Therefore, the product is safe from microbiological contaminants.

Keywords: Food safety, Geriatric food, Microbiological contamination, Pumpkin, Tempeh

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The elderly belong to a vulnerable age group, especially because of their inadequate nutritional intake and decreasing cognitive function (1). Instant pumpkin and tempeh cream soup have a soft texture, are ready to cook, and contain protein, high beta carotene and Vitamin B12. So, they can meet the nutritional need and maintain the cognitive function of the elderly. However, the product must fulfil the food safety aspects. The total value of TPC, E. coli and Salmonella analysis can be used as microbiological food safety parameters of instant cream soup. TPC analysis was performed to determine the total number of microorganisms in the product. Meanwhile, E. coli and Salmonella's analyses were carried out because these pathogen bacteria can cause diseases in humans (2). The purpose of this study was to analyze the microbiological safety aspects of instant pumpkin and tempeh cream soup.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study used a completely randomized experimental design of one factor with two treatments, which was the addition of tempeh and without the addition of tempeh. Each experiment was carried out three times. Analysis of microbiological safety parameters of instant cream soup food products was carried out based on the Bacteriological Analytical Manual (BAM) method, which consisted of three analyses: TPC, *E. coli*, and *Salmonella* analyses. TPC analysis was carried out by inoculating one gram of sample diluted into a petri dish containing agar nutrient media (NA), then incubated (37oC, 48 hours). Colonies of bacteria growing on the

media were counted and expressed as CFU / mL. *E. coli* analysis was conducted with two stages, which were estimation test and confirmation test. *Salmonella* analysis consisted of pre-enrichment, enrichment, isolation, and collection stages. Statistical analysis of TPC value used Independent T-test. Meanwhile, the analysis of *E. coli* and *Salmonella* used descriptive test.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Table I presents the microbiological characteristics of products, including the value of TPC, *E. coli*, and *Salmonella*.

The TPC analysis showed a difference in value between the formulas with (1.58x10² CFU/g) and without (4.25x10⁴ CFU/g) tempeh. The latter possessed a higher TPC value. Besides, the tempeh contained compounds with antimicrobial activity, capable of inhibiting bacteria growth in the product. Furthermore, in vitro studies showed the antimicrobial broad-effect against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria (3).

Table I: TPC value, E. coli and Salmonella content in instant pumpkin cream soup

Formula	Parameters			
rormuia	TPC (CFU/g)	E. coli	Salmonella	
Instant cream cream*	1x105 (Max.)	negative	negative	
Instant pumpkin cream soup without tempeh	4.25x1 <sup>04</sup> a	negative	negative	
Instant pumpkin cream soup with tempeh	1.58x1 <sup>02</sup> b	negative	negative	

\*Indonesian National Standard of instant cream soup; Value obtained was the mean of two replication. Meanwhile, the varied superscripts on one column showed significant differences ( $\nu < 0.05$ )

On the other hand, the analysis of *E. coli* and *Salmonella* in both formulas showed negative results. It can be caused by the drying process in making instant cream soup. The drying process with high temperature (drum dryer) can inactivate pathogenic bacteria in dry food (4). Foods with water activity (aw) < 0.85 do not support bacterial growth. In both formulas, aw products ranged from 0.43 to 0.56 so that the possibility of bacteria to grow in pumpkin instant cream soup is relatively low. This condition can made Viable but Not Culturable (VBNC) state in bacteria where the bacteria had a very low metabolic activity so that they cannot grow but they are still alive and it was possible for the bacteria to grow when they found a suitable environment. It also caused the TPC value to remain, even it was in standard limit (5). Based on these results, the instant pumpkin and tempeh cream soup fulfil the microbiological food safety criteria of instant cream soup to be used as geriatric food.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The analysis showed that the products TPC value was below the threshold of 1 x  $10^5$  CFU / mL, and the product was undetectable or negative for *E. coli* and *Salmonella*. Furthermore, the addition of tempeh to the formula reduces total number of bacteria.

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### Proximate Composition and Sensory Characteristics of Milkfish (*Chanos chanos*) Snack Bar

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#### **SUMMARY**

The objective of this study was to evaluate the use of milkfish (*Chanos chanos*) as one of snack bar ingredients. Three formulations were used with different compositions of fish flour and oat flakes (10%:20%, 20%:10%, and 0%:30%). The results indicated that snack bar with 20% fish flour had significantly higher protein among other samples. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) showed that there was significant difference of sample added with fish flour and 0% fish flour sample in most sensory attributes. In conclusion, milkfish is a potential candidate ingredient to replace other imported plant-based protein sources.

Keywords: Fish flour, Snack bar, Protein, Ready-to-eat food, Local ingredient

#### INTRODUCTION

There are different types of snack bars, such as fruit-based, wheat or soy-based, cereal, fruit and vegetable, and high protein snack bars(1). Each type serves its specific nutritional benefits and functionality. Many snack bars are available in Indonesian market. However, snack bars that are mainly made from local food sources are still limited. Milkfish (*Chanos chanos*) is the top 5 fishery products in Central Java (2) which is abundantly available; yet, it is still underutilized. The objective of this study is to assess the use of milkfish as one of snack bar ingredients. It is to replace some imported products, such as quinoa, chickpeas, almonds, hazelnuts, pumpkin seeds, and chia seeds which are usually used as protein sources in snack bars. Recent studies have shown that fish is potentially used as a snack bar ingredient (3) (4) (5).

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Hulled soybeans, small pieces of boiled milkfish, oats, and rice flakes were baked for 10 minutes at 130°C. The mixture of palm sugar, grounded garlic, shallots, and chilies were heated until caramel was formed. The dry ingredients were then mixed with caramel and molded. The three formulations of snack bar are shown in Table I. All samples were cooled and stored in plastic bags of aluminum foil. The analysis of fish snack bar consisted of proximate analysis (moisture, lipid, protein, ash, and carbohydrate) and sensory analysis (aroma, flavour, taste, texture, overall). Data were analyzed statistically using ANOVA and Duncan test.

Table I: Three Formulations of snack bar

Ingredient (%)	Fish flour: oats flakes (0:3)	Fish flour: oats flakes (1:2)	Fish flour: oats flakes (2:1)
Oat flakes	30	20	10
Peanut	10	10	10
Soybean	10	10	10
Rice flakes	20	20	20
Fish flour	0	10	20
Caramel sauce	30	30	30

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The proximate compositions of snack bar are shown in Table II. It can be seen that protein contents increase with the addition of fish flour concentration. The more the fish added, the higher the protein is. Moreover, the lipid content of all samples is in the range of 14% – 16%. The highest lipid content also occurs in the sample with the highest added fish flour concentration. The energy content of snack bars with the milkfish addition (Table II) is in the range of 440 – 442 kcal/100 gram. It is slightly lower than a berangan banana snack bar that is 455 kcal (5). The moisture content for all samples is in the range of 6.5 – 7% which is comparable with another study (4) that develops snack bar from nixtamalized corn flour and nike fish flour.

Fish contributes to the increase of ash content. It contains some minerals, such as iodine and calcium. The one with 20% fish flour has the highest concentration of ash. The replacement of oats with fish flour causes the decrease in carbohydrate contents. Sensory analysis

shows that sample added to fish has no significant effect in all parameters except for taste (Table III). This result is congruent with another study (4) that shows no significant difference among samples added with different concentrations of bilih fish. Sample without fish flour differs significantly with added ones in almost all parameters. From Table III, it can be seen that sample with fish flour: oat flakes (2:1) has the highest score for all attributes tested. It shows that snack bars with fish flour and oat flakes (2:1) are the most preferred by panelists.

Table II: Proximate data of fish snack bars

Parameters	Fish flour: oats flakes (0:3)	Fish flour: oats flakes (1:2)	fish flour: oats flakes (2:1)
Lipid (%)	14.85 ± 0.44 <sup>a</sup>	15.29 <u>+</u> 0.81 <sup>ab</sup>	16.47 <u>+</u> 0.47 <sup>b</sup>
Protein (%)	$16.34 \pm 0.35^{a}$	$20.82 \pm 0.78^{b}$	24.83 ± 0.35°
Moisture (%)	6.54 ± 0.04 <sup>a</sup>	$7.05 \pm 0.26^{\rm b}$	$7.05 \pm 0.09^{b}$
Ash (%)	$1.70 \pm 0.05^{a}$	2.83 <u>+</u> 0.69 <sup>b</sup>	3.87 ± 0.42°
Carbohydrate (%)	60.57 <sup>a</sup>	54.00°	47.78 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (n=3). Different letters in the same line mean significant differences between samples (p<0.05)

Table III: Sensory analysis results for fish snack bars

Parameters	Fish flour: oats flakes (0:3)	Fish flour: oats flakes (1:2)	Fish flour: oats flakes (2:1)
Aroma	$3.30^{b}$	$3.57^{ab}$	$3.90^{a}$
Flavor	$3.30^{b}$	$3.60^{ab}$	$3.93^a$
Taste	3.20 <sup>c</sup>	3.67 <sup>a</sup>	$4.20^{\rm b}$
Texture	$2.40^{\rm b}$	$2.80^{a}$	3.20ª
Overall	$3.06^{b}$	$3.67^{a}$	3.93ª

<sup>\*</sup>Average value from sensory test (n=30). Different letters in the same row mean significant differences between samples (p<0.05)

#### **CONCLUSION**

The addition of fish flour increases the protein and lipid content in snack bars. The sensory evaluations shows that snack bars with 20% fish flour are the most preferred by the panelists. This study indicates that fish flour can be an alternative protein source for snack bars.

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### Development of Instant Pumpkin ( $Cucurbita\ moschata$ ) Soup as a Potential Source of $\beta$ -Carotene for the Elderly

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#### **SUMMARY**

Instant soup is an ideal meal for the elderly due to its fast preparation and easy-to-digest characteristic. Pumpkin and carrot are highly nutritious food, rich in  $\beta$ -carotene. This study aimed to develop soup with different ratios of pumpkin and carrot (1:2, 1:1 and 2:1) and different types of processing (fresh and instant). Nutrient contents (energy, protein, fat, carbohydrate,  $\beta$ -carotene) were determined using proximate analysis and HPLC. ANOVA with Duncan's test and independent samples t-test were applied. Based on hedonic test, the selected formula was instantly processed soup with 2:1 pumpkin to carrot ratio containing 3380 mcg  $\beta$ -carotene.

**Keywords:** β-carotene, *Cucurbita moschata*, Elderly, Soup, Pumpkin

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Indonesia is facing the growth of the aging population. The number of elders (> 60 years) in Indonesia is projected to increase by 48.2 million in 2035 (1). In fact, 26% of older adults were disabled (1). Adequate nutrition is one of important aspects to guarantee the health status of the elderly (2). β-Carotene is a carotenoid which plays an important role in the elderly's health.  $\beta$ -carotene status of the elderly is associated with dementia risk, cognitive function, Alzheimer's diseases, macular degeneration, and overall risks of death. Pumpkin and carrot are nutritious food rich in vitamins, minerals, fibre, and  $\beta$ -carotene. Moreover, instant soup is easy to cook and eat, and has long-lasting flavour and nutritional stability. Thus, it is suitable for the elderly (3). Therefore, the present study aimed to develop instant pumpkin-based soup as an alternative food for the elderly to fulfil their nutritional needs, especially  $\beta$ -carotene.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Soup was formulated with different ratios of pumpkin (*Curcubita moshata*) and carrot (1:2, 1:1 and 2:1), and different types of processing (fresh and instant). Materials used for making fresh soup were pumpkin, carrot, wheat flour, broth, cooking cream, butter, and condiments. The fresh soup was dried with drum dryer to produce instant soup. The acceptability was evaluated by semitrained panellists (n=30) to obtain the selected formula, which was then evaluated by the elderly as targeted consumer (n=70) in terms of aroma, texture, freshness,

temperature and taste. Energy, protein, fat, and carbohydrate were measured with proximate analysis.  $\beta$ -carotene and potassium content were determined using HPLC and inductively couple plasma–optical emission spectrophotometer, respectively. The selected formula was determined with ANOVA and Duncan's post-hoc test, while independent t-test was used to determine the differences in acceptability level between fresh and instant soup. The differences were considered significant at p-value < 0.05.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Based on the evaluation of the semi-trained panellists, all formulas were acceptable (overall acceptability score > 5), except instantly processed soup with the ratio of 1:2. Formula with 2:1 ratio of pumpkin and carrot had the highest acceptability, while types of processing did not affect the acceptability of this formula according to overall acceptability evaluation by semi-trained panellists (Table I). Therefore, this ratio was selected for the acceptability test to see which type of processing they preferred as target consumers. The result showed that the acceptability of texture, aroma, taste, and freshness were higher in instant soup than fresh soup (p < 0.05) (Fig. 1). Advanced food processing could improve food quality. Our previous results also showed that that the instant soup had lighter colour, was sweeter, had less onion flavour, and was less salty than fresh soup.

In one serving size, instant pumpkin-based soup (100 g of instant soup powder diluted in 300 ml of water) had

Table I: Overall acceptability of formulated soups by semi-trained panellists

Ratio between	Types of processing				
pumpkin and carrot	Fresh	Instant			
1:2	$5.72 \pm 0.03c$	4.98 ± 0.11e			
1:1	$5.83 \pm 0.10b$	$5.17 \pm 0.08d$			
2:1	6.10 ± 0.15a	$6.37 \pm 0.22a$			

Different letter shows significant different (p < 0.05)

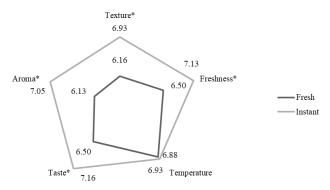


Figure 1. Elderly's acceptability score of selected formula between fresh and instant. \*significant at p < 0.05

relatively higher energy content than fresh soup (300 g of fresh soup) due to higher carbohydrate content. The energy in fresh soup mostly came from fat, whereas the carbohydrate content was relatively low. Lower level of fat in instant soup may help the elderly limit their fat intake as a global recommendation. Fresh and instant pumpkin-based soup could meet 71.7% and 46.9% daily value (DV) for β-carotene, respectively. Both soups can be claimed as high in β-carotene because it contained more than 15% DV per 100 ml (4). High β-carotene in both soups may potentially improve health status of the elderly through its antioxidant activity. Unfortunately, protein content in both soups met less than 10% DV for protein (Table II). This study suggests that the soup should be enriched with high quality protein, such as meat, poultry or tempeh. In addition, potassium content in the instant soup was 501.4 mg/ 100 g which met 10.67% DV. Besides its quick preparation, the nutritional contents of instant soup could provide nutrition support for the elderly.

Table II: Nutrients content of pumpkin-based soup per serving size

Nutrients	Fresh (%Daily value)	Instant (%Daily Value)	
Energy	290.7 kcal (13.5)	470.5 kcal (21.9)	
Protein	3.9 g (6.5)	2.2 g (3.7)	
Fat	27.9 g (41.6)	16.5 g (24.6)	
Carbohydrate	6.0 g (1.8)	78.3 g (24.1)	
β-carotene	5190 mcg (71.7)	3380 mcg (46.9)	

%Daily value according to Indonesian National Agency of Drug and Food Control (5)

#### **CONCLUSION**

Soup with 2:1 ratio of pumpkin and carrot, instantly processed, was the most acceptable product according to sensory evaluation. Instant pumpkin-based soup contained 3380 mcg  $\beta$ -carotene which could meet 46.9% DV. Therefore, Instant pumpkin-based soup can be an alternative source of  $\beta$ -carotene for the elderly.

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### Powdered Drink from Mixture of Coconut Water and Flesh: a Potential Beverage Formulation with Increased Fibre

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#### **SUMMARY**

Coconut is highly perishable; thus, it needs to be processed to prolong its shelf life. This study aimed to produce powdered coconut drink from coconut flesh and water. Eight samples were observed in triplicate. Coconut water from younger fruits was sweeter and the flesh was thinner. Meanwhile, older coconuts, especially from the tall variety, had higher dietary fibre (8.70 - 48.40 %) and lower available carbohydrate (20.08 - 73.45 %). This study has shown that powdered coconut drink from mature coconuts of tall variety could be considered for consumers needing higher fibre intake.

Keywords: Cocos nucifera, Freeze drying, Hybrid variety, Maturity age, Tall variety.

#### INTRODUCTION

Coconut is rich in fibre and has a positive effect on health. Consumption of coconut fibre has been related to decreased incidence of several non-communicable diseases due to its beneficial effects, such as low glycaemic index, reduced weight gain, and reduced total serum and LDL cholesterol as well as triglycerides (1). Unfortunately, coconut flesh and water are highly perishable due to its high nutrient content and near neutral pH. Attempts to prolong their shelf life through various processing methods have been applied. Freeze drying can help produce powdered coconut drink with relatively similar characteristics to the fresh one. This study aimed to produce powdered coconut drink made from mixture of coconut flesh and water coming from different maturity ages and coconut cultivars.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Hybrid and tall coconut varieties with two maturity ages (4 and 6 months) were collected from the farm of PT Perkebunan Nusantara (PTPN) VIII Indonesia. Eight samples were observed from mixture of coconut water and flesh were prepared with a ratio of 2:1 and it was lyophilised according to pre-set conditions. Samples were observed for their physical and chemical characteristics such as dietary fibre (2), available carbohydrate, and calorie content. All chemical reagents used in this study were of analytical grade. Data were reported as the mean of three replicates and expressed as average ± SD. Statistical significance was determined using one-way

ANOVA and differences among samples were analysed with Tukey's test (P< 0.05).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Coconut fruits from hybrid variety tend to be oblong in shape, while those from tall variety had round shape (Fig. 1). Younger coconut fruits have sweeter water that starts to carbonate the older it gets. In terms of coconut flesh, younger coconuts contain whitish flesh with some slightly transparent part; meanwhile, the older ones have thicker flesh with slight mucous layer, making it more preferred by consumers for fresh consumption (3).

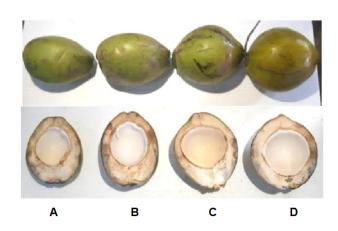


Figure 1: Appearance of fresh coconut samples: 4 month-old hybrid variety (A), 6 month-old hybrid variety (B), 4 month-old tall variety (C) and 6 month-old tall variety (D) from the outer (top) and inner (bottom) part

Coconut drink samples produced had whitish colour, almost similar to coconut milk. Samples from older coconut fruits had slightly higher intensity in its white colour. Lyophilisation was found not to affect samples' colour (Fig. 2). In terms of turbidity, the samples from younger coconuts were more turbid than those from older coconuts.

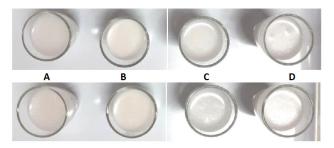


Figure 2: Appearance of coconut drink: 4 month-old hybrid variety (A), 6 month-old hybrid variety (B), 4 month-old tall variety (C) and 6 month-old tall variety (D) for fresh (top) and rehydrated (bottom) samples

Coconut drink samples contained dietary fibre, with more insoluble fibre found in samples from older tall coconuts (Table I). Dietary fibre in coconut fruits was reported to be composed of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin (4, 5). Samples from older tall coconuts also showed lower available carbohydrate, thus leading to lower energy content. Similarly, another study reported

Table I: Fibre, available carbohydrate, and energy content of coconut drink samples (dry basis)

Sam- ple	Soluble fibre (%)	Insoluble fibre (%)	Dietary fibre (%)	Available carbohy- drate (%)	Energy (kcal/100 g)
H4F	27.05 ± 2.09 <sup>a</sup>	12.25 ± 1.84 <sup>ab</sup>	39.30 ± 3.89ab	36.68 ± 4.67 <sup>cd</sup>	2.20 ± 0.31 b
H6F	6.03 ± 3.64 <sup>b</sup>	17.36 ± 4.32 <sup>ab</sup>	23.38 ± 6.07 <sup>bc</sup>	47.53 ± 4.03°	3.51 ± 0.54 b
T4F	5.13 ± 2.39 b	26.79 ± 6.75 <sup>a</sup>	23.47 ± 6.03 <sup>bc</sup>	49.73 ±7.82°	3.02 ± 0.69 <sup>b</sup>
T6F	25.51 ± 2.35 <sup>a</sup>	28.64 ± 3.94 <sup>a</sup>	48.40 ± 4.49 <sup>a</sup>	20.08 ± 6.55 <sup>d</sup>	2.14 ± 0.43 b
H4P	3.16 ± 0.42 <sup>b</sup>	5.54 ± 0.31 <sup>b</sup>	8.70 ± 0.59°	78.21 ± 0.73 <sup>a</sup>	3.69 ± 0.11 b
H6P	8.32 ± 0.60 <sup>b</sup>	8.79 ± 0.39 <sup>b</sup>	17.11 ± 0.28°	52.96 ± 2.21 <sup>bc</sup>	4.40 ± 0.25 <sup>a</sup>
T4P	6.07 ± 0.22 <sup>b</sup>	9.84 ± 1.20 <sup>b</sup>	15.91 ± 1.11°	73.45 ± 2.59 <sup>ab</sup>	3.28 ± 0.17 b
T6P	5.22 ± 1.36 <sup>b</sup>	13.94 ± 2.39 <sup>ab</sup>	21.80 ± 0.03 <sup>bc</sup>	53.12 ± 1.85 <sup>bc</sup>	3.84 ± 0.12 b

Notes: H = hybrid coconut variety; T = tall coconut variety; 4 = 4 months old; 6 = 6 months old;

decreasing available carbohydrate content as coconut fruits get older (3). The higher dietary fibre and lower energy content might be beneficial for consumers under specific diet, such as those wanting to reduce weight gain or those with high blood sugar and cholesterol levels (1).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Powdered coconut drink from mature tall coconuts had higher dietary fibre and lower energy density. Thus, it is suitable for consumers needing increased intake of fibre in their daily diet, including those in weight loss program and others who have high blood glucose and cholesterol.

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# The Use of Germinated Soybean as Tempe Ingredient during Extended Fermentation Time: Its Hypoglycaemic Component

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#### **SUMMARY**

Germination of soybean and extended fermentation time are methods to improve tempe quality. This study was aimed to evaluate the hypoglycaemic components in tempe produced from the combination of soybean germination and extended fermentation time. The treatments used in this study were the combination of soybean types (germinated and non-germinated) and fermentation time (48, 72, and 96 hours). The result of this combination increased total insulinotropic free amino acid and isoflavone content, but no significant increase was observed in antioxidant activity. This study suggested that the combined treatments increased the hypoglycaemic components, particularly insulinotropic free amino acids and isoflavones content.

Keywords: Antidiabetic, Extended fermentation, Germinated soybean, Hypoglycaemic, Tempe.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Tempe is considered as a hypoglycaemic food. It contains hypoglycaemic compounds, such as insulinotropic free amino acid (histidine, tyrosine, lysine, arginine, and phenylalanine), aglycone isoflavone daidzein and genistein, and also antioxidant component (1). Germination in soybean could increase the quantity of those compounds (2,3). Germinated soybean could be used as an alternative tempe ingredient to improve its quality. As fermented food, tempe nutritional quality could be improved by extending its fermentation time (4). The use of germinated soybean as tempe ingredient in extended-fermentation time is an appropriate combination to apply. This combination was used to improve tempe quality as potential hypoglycaemic food, particularly in insulinotropic free amino acids, daidzein, and genistein content as well as antioxidant activity. This study was aimed to evaluate hypoglycaemic compound in tempe produced from germinated soybean and compare it with non-germinated soybean during normal (48 hours) to extended fermentation time (72 and 96 hours).

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The treatments used in this study were the type of soybean used (germinated and non-germinated) and the fermentation time (48, 72, and 96 hours). Six products of tempe were obtained from those combinations. Soybean germination was conducted for 28 hours by pouring

water for every 3 hours and germinating in a dark condition at ambient temperature. Then, the germinated and non-germinated soybean were processed to produce tempe by being soaked, boiled, re-soaked, dehulled, washed, poured with boiled water, drained, air-dried, inoculated, packed, and incubated for 48, 72, and 96 hours at 30 °C. After that, the tempe was sliced, bleached, dried, ground, and sieved to produce tempe flour. The tempe flour was analysed to determine the total insulinotropic free amino acids (TIFAA), such as histidine, tyrosine, lysine, arginine, and phenylalanine, using UHPLC (4), isoflavone daidzein and genistein content using HPLC (1), and antioxidant activity as DPPH assay using spectrophotometer (1).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The result of total insulinotropic free amino acids (TIFAA) can be seen in Table I. The result showed that the combination of germinated soybean and extending fermentation time from 48 to 96 hours fermentation treatments could increase TIFAA up to 2-fold from 357.39 to 773.09 mg/100 g for germinated soy tempe and from 284.51 to 585.04 mg/100 g for nongerminated soy tempe. This happened due to the activity of proteolytic enzyme during germination and extended fermentation process which resulted in more free amino acids, including insulinotropic free amino acid (3,4). The results of isoflavone content and antioxidant activity can be seen in Fig. 1. Based on the result in Fig. 1A, both combinations also increased the daidzein and

Table I: Total insulinotropic free amino acid of tempe

Insulinotropic Free Amino Acid (mg/100g)	48G	48NG	72G	72NG	96G	96NG
L-Leucin	29.78±0.62e	27.66±0.4 <sup>f</sup>	33.97±0.52 <sup>d</sup>	36.92±0.26 <sup>c</sup>	84.77±0.15 <sup>b</sup>	105.48±1.24 <sup>a</sup>
L-Lysin	70.5±0.54 <sup>e</sup>	64.41±0.01 <sup>f</sup>	100.18±0.41 <sup>d</sup>	103.76±0.99°	138.66±0.21 <sup>b</sup>	147.64±0.08 <sup>a</sup>
L-Arginine	126.78±0.62	88.74±1.69	98.65±1.22	102.61±1.09	100.54±0.19	nd
L-Alanine	67.26±0.11 <sup>d</sup>	47.97±0.18 <sup>f</sup>	55.65±0.08 <sup>e</sup>	72.42±0.10°	116.43±0.16 <sup>a</sup>	109.31±0.78 <sup>b</sup>
L-Isoleucine	63.07±0.39 <sup>e</sup>	55.73±0.01 <sup>f</sup>	69.94±0.14 <sup>d</sup>	71.35±0.12°	89.65±18.49 <sup>b</sup>	120.99±0.10 <sup>a</sup>
L-Phenylalanine	ND	ND	ND	ND	243.05±0.81a	101.63±0.79 <sup>b</sup>
Total	357.39±2.28d	284.51±1.93°	358.39±1.06d	387.05±1.59°	773.09±17.66a	585.04±0.32b

G = germinated soy tempe, NG = non-germinated soy tempe, 48, 72, and 96 = fermentation time (hours), ND = not detected. Values (Mean ± SD) with different letters are not significantly different (p>0.05) according to one-way ANOVA test and DMRT post-hoc test

genistein isoflavones content, particularly in 96 hours fermentation time. The two aglycone isoflavones were increased due to the presence of  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity during the germination and from microbial activity during the fermentation (1,2). This enzyme converted isoflavones from glycones to aglycones form (2). However, the combined treatments could not increase the antioxidant activity based on the result showed in Fig. 1B. The activity was significantly increased only by using germinated soybean without extending its fermentation time. The most contributing antioxidant activity components in tempe were oligopeptides (5). The oligopeptides were significantly increased during normal fermentation time (0-48 hours) and decreased due to high activity of proteolytic enzyme during the extended fermentation time (5), which caused the reduction of antioxidant activity level.

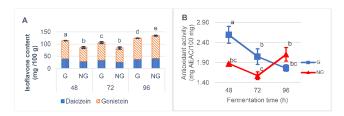


Figure 1: Isoflavone content (A) and antioxidant activity (B) in tempe from 48, 72, and 96 hours of fermentation time. G = germinated soy tempe, NG= non-germinated soy tempe. Bars and lines (Mean  $\pm$  SD) with different letters are significantly different (p<0.05) according to one-way ANOVA test and DMRT post-hoc test

#### **CONCLUSION**

Tempe treated with germination and extended fermentation was more potential as hypoglycaemic food than normal tempe due to its increased TIFAA and isoflavone content, but not for antioxidant activity. Based on the results, the best treatment was tempe using germinated soybean and fermented in 96 hours.

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# Pempek made from Javanese Bird Grasshopper (*Valanga nigricornis*) as an Innovative Food Product: Nutritional and Acceptability Assessments

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#### **SUMMARY**

This research aimed to develop a nutritious food made from Javanese bird grasshopper (Valanga nigricornis), one of indigenous edible insects from Indonesia. A product development was performed, followed by nutritional and acceptability assessments. The nutritional analysis reveals that this product meets the requirement as a source of protein, high fibre, zinc, and high monounsaturated fatty acids (1). The acceptance rate of this grasshopper pempek is 7 (like moderately) with consumer acceptability of 93%.

Keywords: Acceptability, Edible insect, Indigenous source, Product development

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Grasshopper is an edible insect predicted to be a sustainable future protein source due to it less water use, less land use, and less energy use (2). Javanese bird grasshopper (Valanga nigricornis) is one of indigenous edible insects in Indonesia, commonly consumed by Yogyakarta people (3). However, the inferior image of insects highly hinders the effort to introduce this promising protein source. The grasshopper has high protein, omega-3, omega-6, and a distinctive aroma similar to fish. One of popular fish food products in Indonesia is pempek, commonly consumed as a snack or even as a main course served with cuko sauce. Six tons pempek per day produced in Palembang and seven tons per month imported by Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. The objective of this research was to develop a food product made from Valanga nigricornis by using this indigenous pempek processing knowledge.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Javanese bird grasshoppers (Valanga nigricornis) were collected from Gunungkidul regency, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The grasshopper was grinded into grasshopper paste and mixed with tapioca flour using a traditional recipe. It was then made into pempek. Nutritional evaluation was conducted to identify the content of macro nutrients, fatty acids, and minerals of grasshopper pempek. Proximate compositions were analysed to

determine protein, fat, fibre, ash and carbohydrate by following standard methods recommended by the AOAC International 2005. Fatty acids compositions were analysed using gas chromatography following the standard method of AOAC 2000 and ISO 16958.2015. Minerals were analysed by ICP-OES following the standard method of AOAC 2011. Grasshopper pempek was made into 3 formulas; the selected formula was further prepared for the nutritional evaluation. Acceptance test of grasshopper pempek was performed using 9-hedonic scale. All of the analyses were performed in duplicate and expressed as mean±standard deviation.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Grasshopper pempek made into bite-size, has brown colour, savoury taste, and the texture is chewy but crispy outside. Proximate and minerals content of the selected formula grasshopper pempek is presented in Table I. This product meets the requirement as a source of protein (12.40±0.18/100g), high fibre (6.01±0.55/100g), and source of zinc (2.59±0.02 mg/100g); it also provides calcium 158.17±8.20 mg/100g (1). Fatty acid composition of grasshopper pempek is presented in Table II. This product provides high monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA) 7.9 g/100g; it also provides polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) 2.1 g/100g with 0.1187 g/100g omega-3 and 2.139 g/100g omega-6. The ratio of omega-6/omega-3 is 16:1, while the recommended ratio is 15:1 to 16.7:1 (4).

Table I: Proximate and minerals composition of grasshopper *pempek* 

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Components	% Dry Matter (DM)
Moisture (% WB)	45.47±0.13
Protein	12.40±0.18
Fat	13.64±0.24
Fibre	6.01±0.55
Carbohydrate	26.07±0.62
Ash	2.45±0.01
Calcium (mg/100 g)	158.17±8.20
Iron (mg/100 g)	2.62±0.24
Zinc (mg/100 g)	2.59±0.02

Consumer test which involved 74 panellists was performed. The consumer acceptability of grasshopper pempek reached 93%. The result of the consumer test demonstrates that that food product has a positive impact on consumer willingness to purchase the product (5). Acceptance rate of grasshopper pempek is 7 (like moderately from the 9-point hedonic scale).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Acceptance rate of grasshopper pempek (Valanga nigricornis) is 7 hedonic score (like moderately) and reaches consumer acceptability until 93%. This pempek is able to provide protein and zinc, high fibre and MUFA. Further research on its potential allergen, safety, shelf life and sustainable food processing should be done, especially for the next improvement.

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Table II: Fatty acid composition of grasshopper pempek

Fatty acid	Lipid Numbers	g/100 g DM
Docosahexaenoic	C22:6n3	0.008
Eicosapentaenoic	C22:5n3	0.014
Arachidonic	C20:4n6	0.036
Eruic	C22:1n9	0
Eicosapentaenoic	C20:3n6	0.004
Linoleic	C18:2n6c	0.134
Linolenic	C18:3n3	2.039
Eicosanoic	C20:1	0.052
C-oleic	C18:1	7.935
Heptadecanoic	C17:1	0.008
Palmitoleic	C16:1	0.103
lignoceric	C24:0	0.014
Tricosanoic	C23:0	0.002
Eicosanoic	C20:0	0.062
Stearic	C18:0	0.851
Margaric	C17:0	0.020
Palmitic	C16:0	2.173
Pentadecylic	C15:0	0.008
Myristic	C14:0	0.144
Tridecylic	C13:0	0
Lauric	C12:0	0.024
SFA		3.303
MUFA		8.101
PUFA		2.235
n-3		0.153
n-6		2.078

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## Indigenous Black Soybean (*Glycine soja* L. *merrit*) Tempeh Nugget as Plant-based Protein Source

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#### **SUMMARY**

Black soybean (*Glycine soja* L. *merrit*) is an Indonesian indigenous-legume with high protein, fiber, and antioxidants, but contains numerous anti-nutrients. To improve the nutritional value, this study aimed to develop it into a nugget tempeh as an alternative of plant-based protein source. Product development followed by nutritional evaluation was performed. The selected black soybean tempeh nugget product used a formula with ratio of black soybean tempeh and filler 60:40, which is able to meet the requirement of source of protein (14.3%). This transformation from bean into tempeh nugget improves the protein digestibility to 46.8%.

Keywords: Black soybean, Indigenous legumes, Tempeh nugget, Product development, Protein source

#### INTRODUCTION

Soy food is the second most consumed protein source in Indonesia (1). However, the most consumed soy is the yellow one, which still relies on imports because the domestic production is only able to meet less than 50% of market demand (2). Indeed, Indonesia has other indigenous soy alternatives, black soybean (Glycine soja L. Merrit) which has been found to contain high protein (around 41.82%), fiber, and antioxidants. Unfortunately, it contains high anti-nutrient which might hinder the digestibility of its protein. Fermentation into tempeh has been revealed to improve its protein digestibility and reduce the levels of its anti-nutrient compound (3). However, tempeh has a short shelf life (4). Processing tempeh into nuggets might form an innovative food that is ready to be used and preserved as a frozen food. This study aimed to develop it into a nugget tempeh as an alternative of plant-based protein source.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The main ingredient used in this study was black soybean (*Glycine soja* L. *Merrit*). The formula was determined by fermenting the black soybean into tempeh and then processing it into black soybean tempeh nugget. There were 3 formulas with a comparison of the amount of tempeh and filler used, namely F1 (50:50), F2 (60:40), and F3 (70:30). Determination of the best product formula was done based on organoleptic test using

hedonic test by 37 semi-trained panelists. The nutrition aspect was evaluated by using proximate analysis and enzymatic-protein digestibility.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Based on the average hedonic test results, the acceptance of F1 and F2 has the highest rating compared to other formulas. F2 (60:40) was selected as the best formula based on the hedonic rate and potential protein content based on the higher black soybean composition. The results of the nutritional content analysis of black soybean tempeh nugget selected based on the proximate test are presented in Table I. The selected formula contained moisture, ash, fat, protein, carbohydrate, dietary fiber, and energy, as many as 32.08±1.592%, 1.46±0.18%, 21.5±2.83%, 14.3±0.30%, 30.7±2.44%, 11.08±0.06%, 329 Cal/100g, respectively. The protein content per 100 g of nugget cover about 24% of the general nutrition level reference. These results are able to meet the requirement of "source-of protein" since they contain protein more than 20% of nutrition level reference. Moreover, the dietary fiber content was able to meet the requirement of "high in fiber", because the product contains more than 6 g of dietary fiber in 100 g product (5). Protein digestibility from black soybeans to black soybean tempeh nugget has increased from 39% to 46.8% and it is presented in Fig I. This transformation from bean into tempeh nugget can improve the protein digestibility caused by the fermentation process which

Table I: Nutritional content of selected black soybean tempeh nugget

Nutritional content	Unit	Result
Moisture	%	32.081.592
Ash	%	1.460.184
Fat	%	21.52.826
Protein	%	14.30.304
Carbohydrate	%	30.7 2.437
Dietary Fiber	%	11.08 0.06
Energy	Cal/100g	329

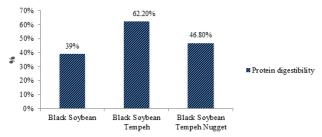


Fig. 1: Protein digestibility from bean into tempeh nugget

makes the enzyme in mold tempeh break down protein and affect the exogenous and endogenous factors.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Black soybean tempeh nugget with a ratio of black

soybean tempeh and filler of 60 and 40 was determined as the selected formula. Selected black soybean tempeh nuggets meet the needs for protein (14.3% per 100 g) and high fiber (11.08% per 100 g). This transformation from bean into tempeh nugget is found to improve the protein digestibility to 46.8%.

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# Development of Roll Cake from Rice-bran Flour Mixed with Taro Flour and Breadfruit Flour for the Elderly

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#### **SUMMARY**

Elderly is a group susceptible to malnutrition due to insufficient and poor diet. Commonly, they had various age-related health problems including constipation. The aim of this study was to create roll cake from a mixture of ricebran, taro, and breadfruit flour as fiber-rich food products. This study was an experimental study using completely randomized design. The highest dietary fiber and lowest fat content were found in roll cake produced from a combination of rice-bran and breadfruit flour. The roll cake could be an alternative nutritious product for supplying sufficient energy and preventing constipation in the elderly.

Keywords: Breadfruit, Elderly, Fiber, Rice-bran flour, Roll cake

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Aging is one phase that causes some changes in some aspects of human life. Inadequate and poor diet are common factors that trigger malnutrition in the elderly. Moreover, they also have digestive problems which involve constipation. Underweight and tooth loss were found in 28.3% and 24% of the elderly (1). Besides, constipation prevalence was relatively high in people aged above 60 years old (2). Hence, consumption of nutritious food is the first method for alleviating their health problems. However, food for the elderly should consider not only its nutrients but also consistency for adjusting their physiological changes (3). A previous study indicated that flour processed from rice-bran, taro, and breadfruits contains high dietary fiber and energy that can be utilized to develop food products for the elderly (4,5). This study aimed to produce roll cake from a mixture of three flours (rice bran, taro, and breadfruit flour) which is abundant of fiber for elder people.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The ingredients comprised rice-bran flour (RF), wheat flour (WF), breadfruit flour (BF), taro flour (TF), egg, sugar, oil, ovalet, salt, white butter, sweet condensed milk, and crushed peanut. The roll cake was prepared with various proportions of flours in preliminary study to develop palatable and fiber-rich products. F1 consisted of 50% RB and 50% WF, F2 40% RB and 60% TF, and F3 used 75% RB and 25% BF. The role cake was

produced with two replications. An acceptance test with hedonic scale was performed using six attributes and the products were preserved in two types with cream and without cream. Water and ash content were determined by gravimetric method, fat content by the Soxhlet method, protein content by Kjeldahl method, dietary fiber by Enzymatic method, and carbohydrate content by difference method. ANOVA and Duncan tests were used to analyze the difference (p< 0.05).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Roll cake produced from mixture of rice-bran and breadfruit flour (F3) had the greatest score from hedonic test (Table I). The roll cake prepared with cream was more preferable than that without cream. Also, the least fat content and highest dietary fiber were performed in F3. Barber et al. (4) found that substitution up to 30% level of breadfruit flour decreased the fat content of cookies (Table II). Breadfruit provides an excellent source of calories, fiber, and phytochemicals. Similar to breadfruit flour, rice-brain flour also comprised high dietary fiber both soluble and insoluble fiber (5). Therefore, the addition of more rice-brain flour increased the higher fiber level in roll cake. Per serving size (100 g), roll cake of this study provided 19.5% energy, 11.2% carbohydrate, 41.9% fat, 10.5% protein, and 76.7% dietary fiber according to recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for the elderly (65-80 years old). This serving size was determined based on the maximum macronutrient content obtained from additional food

Table I: Hedonic test

Attributes	50% RF:50% WF		40% RF:60% TF	75% RF:25% BF		
Attributes	Without cream	With cream	Without cream	With cream	Without cream	With cream
Colour	6.95±0.69 <sup>b</sup>	7.03±1.08 <sup>b</sup>	5.13±1.66ª	5.29±1.52 <sup>a</sup>	6.50±0.98 <sup>b</sup>	6.97±0.97 <sup>b</sup>
Aroma	6.03±1.51 <sup>b</sup>	6.55±1.20 <sup>b</sup>	5.42±1.52 <sup>a</sup>	5.42±1.33 <sup>a</sup>	5.00±1.54 <sup>a</sup>	6.18±1.72 <sup>b</sup>
Taste	6.61±1.22 <sup>b</sup>	7.29±1.01°	5.66±1.46 <sup>a</sup>	5.87±1.14 <sup>a</sup>	5.87±1.30 <sup>a</sup>	6.74±1.29 <sup>b</sup>
Texture	6.92±1.15 <sup>b</sup>	7.11±1.25 <sup>b</sup>	5.92±1.19 <sup>a</sup>	6.03±1.24 <sup>a</sup>	6.13±1.17 <sup>a</sup>	6.71±1.14 <sup>b</sup>
Overall	6.61±1.13 <sup>b</sup>	7.21±0.84°	5.68±1.23 <sup>a</sup>	5.82±1.01 <sup>a</sup>	6.03±1.05 <sup>a</sup>	6.74±1.22 <sup>b</sup>

Notes: RF: rice-bran flour, WF: wheat flour, BF: bread flour. Values followed by different superscript letters on same row indicate statistically significant difference.

Table II: Nutrient content of Roll cake

	Roll Cake				
Nutrients Content	50% RF: 50% WF	40% RF: 60% TF	75% RF: 25% BF		
Energy (Cal/100g wb)	376±2.37 <sup>a</sup>	378±9.30 <sup>a</sup>	364±2.88ª		
Water content (%wb)	34.46±0.62 <sup>a</sup>	34.28±2.07 <sup>a</sup>	35.52±0.26 <sup>a</sup>		
Ash content (%wb)	1.26±0.02a	1.30±0.03ª	1.27±0.12a		
Fat (%wb)	23.88±0.03 <sup>b</sup>	24.18±0.17 <sup>b</sup>	$22.19 \pm 0.26^a$		
Protein (%wb)	5.31±0.31 <sup>a</sup>	7.12±0.00 <sup>b</sup>	$6.47 \pm 0.30^{b}$		
Carbohydrate (%wb)	35.08±0.99 <sup>a</sup>	33.11±1.94 <sup>a</sup>	34.55±0.44 <sup>a</sup>		
Dietary fiber (%wb)	15.08±0.56a	15.38±2.27a	20.72±1.30 <sup>b</sup>		

Notes: RF: rice-bran flour, WF: wheat flour, BF: bread flour. Different superscript letters on same row show statistically significant difference.

purposed for the elderly.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Roll cake produced from a combination of rice-bran and breadfruit flour had the highest score for hedonic test, lowest fat content, and rich dietary fiber. Elder people who consume roll cake obtained 19.5% energy, 11.2% carbohydrate, 41.9% fat, 10.5% protein, and 76.7% dietary fiber per serving size (100 g).

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# Amino Acids, Calcium, and Zinc Contents of Spray-dried Balinese Cow Bone Marrow Encapsulated with Maltodextrin, Arabic Gum, and Milk Powder

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#### **SUMMARY**

Balinese cow bone marrow is a by-product from cattle farms that contains abundant nutrients required during growth period. Due to its high lipid level, bone marrow is less soluble and contains low amino acid level. Encapsulation with appropriate coatings can protect the nutrients, enhance the solubility, and complete their nutrients level. This study aimed to analyze amino acids, calcium, and zinc content of Balinese cow bone marrow encapsulated by spray drying technique. It was coated with milk powder, Arabic gum, and maltodextrin. Balinese cow bone marrow encapsulated only with milk powder had the highest amino acids, calcium, and zinc content.

Keywords: Balinese cow, Bone marrow, Coating materials, Microencapsulation, Spray dryer

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Balinese cow is one of local cows from Indonesia. The by-products from Balinese cow include bone marrow that has not been widely developed. Commonly, it is only processed as a soup or bone broth e.g. Kaledo in Central Sulawesi.It contains various essential lipids and micronutrients. A previous study proved that bone marrow improved fetal growth of mice during early life through stimulating growth hormone production (1). However, due to the high lipid content, it was less solubility and prone to oxidation. Thus, it requires advanced processes including encapsulation. Spray drying is the most applicable encapsulation method for high lipid ingredients such as bone marrow (2). A combination with proper coatings will optimize the protection as well as complete their nutrient content because it has low amino acid levels. This study aimed to analyze amino acids, calcium, and zinc content of Balinese cow bone marrow microcapsules processed by spray drying technique.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

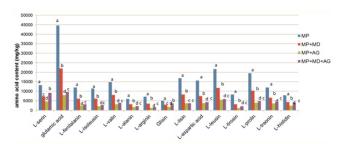
The bone marrow of Balinese cow was obtained from Tapos abbatoir in Depok, Indonesia. In this study, the formulation was determined using trial and error method. There were four formulations based on the ratio of coatings. Formula I comprised only milk powder, whereas Formula II, III, and IV consisted of milk powder and maltodextrin 50%:50%; milk powder and Arabic

gum 50%:50%; and combination of milk powder, maltodextrin, Arabic gum 50%:25%:25%, respectively. Composition of bone marrow, coatings, and water was similar in all formulas (1:2:20). Encapsulation of bone marrow was carried out by spray-drying method. Briefly, the coatings and water were mixed using Homogenizer (26.000 rpm, 5 minutes), then added with the bone marrow and homogenized again (22.000 rpm, 6 minutes). After that, the bone marrow emulsion was dried using spray dryer (inlet temperature 180°C, and outlet temperature 80 °C). The differences were analyzed by ANOVA and Duncan test (p<0.05).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

According to the statistical analyses, the highest indispensable amino acid content was observed in Formula I (Figure 1). Thus, the highest amino acid was identified in formula coated by milk powder. Milk powder had 3.28 g/100g protein and rich in essential amino acids (3). It improved and completed amino acid level in Balinese bone marrow which only had 3% protein (1). Animal sources comprised high essential amino acids which has good digestibility. Adequate protein intake, particularly from animal sources, is necessary for supporting rapid fetal growth and development in early life (4).

There was a significant difference in calcium and zinc content within microcapsules (Table I). The formula made from milk powder only produced the highest



**Figure 1: Amino acid profile of microcapsules (MP: milk powder, MD: maltodextrin, AG: Arabic gum.** The different alphabets above the diagram show significant differences (p <0.05)

Table I: Calcium and zinc content of microcapsules

Formula	Calcium content (mg/100g)	Zinc content (mg/100g)
MP	1031.68±69.61ª	8.77±0.62 a
MP+MD	742.73±43.69bc	2.86±0.21 <sup>b</sup>
MP+AG	851.94±43.89 <sup>b</sup>	3.01±0.18 <sup>b</sup>
MP+MD+AG	687.07±41.25°	3.25±0.21 <sup>b</sup>

Notes: MP: milk powder, MD: maltodextrin, AG: Arabic gum. The different superscript in each row shows significant differences (p < 0.05)

calcium and zinc content. Tangkas (1) reported that 100 grams bone marrow of Balinese cow contained 427 mg calcium and 4.48 ppm zinc level. The coatings such as milk powder and Arabic gum raised the calcium and zinc levels. Protein, including milk powder, not only completed the nutrients but also performed good solubility, formed stable emulsions, and increased nutrient content. However, it produced microcapsules with low quality of physical properties. Using two or three coating materials is more recommended instead of using only single coating material (5). Thus, combination of milk powder, maltodextrin, and Arabic gum created excellent microcapsule properties.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the statistical analyses, Balinese cow bone

marrow encapsulated using milk powder shows the highest essential amino acid, calcium, and zinc level. Due to the nutrients content, bone marrow microcapsules produced from this study can be consumed to induce early life growth and development.

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# Nutritional Profile of Lamtoro Seed (*Leucaena leucocephala*) and Its Fermented Product (*Mlanding* Tempeh)

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#### **SUMMARY**

As a global issue, the search for alternative vegetable proteins aligns with the effort to maintain global protein sustainability. Lamtoro is a legume which has a complete nutrient content. The aim of the study is to investigate the content of nutrient in lamtoro seeds and the acceptability of mlanding tempeh using various cooking methods. This study used an explorative experimental design. The nutritional content of lamtoro seeds changed after the fermentation process was carried out. Fried mlanding tempeh has the highest score in taste and color. The fermented product of lamtoro seeds can be an alternative source of vegetable proteins.

Keywords: Fermentation, Legumes, Leucaena leucocephala, Mlanding tempeh

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The effort to search for local alternative vegetable proteins can contribute to the effort to maintain the national food security (1). Lamtoro is a legume with high protein and has a complete nutrient content (2). However, lamtoro seeds are known to contain anti-nutritional substances (3) and this can be reduced by fermentation process (4). Processing of food (cooking) through heating aims to increase shelf life, taste, digestibility and availability of nutrient contents (5). The research focused on the content of nutrition, protein digestibility and acceptability of lamtoro seeds (*Leucaena leucocephala*) and its fermented product (mlanding tempeh).

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Lamtoro seeds used were from Bogor area. The other material was commercial tempeh inoculum merck Raprima, obtained from a local market in Bogor. The process of making mlanding tempeh was fermentation for 48 hours by using yeast. The AOAC International methods (AOAC 2005) were used to analyze the nutrient contents. Moisture content of lamtoro seed and its fermented product were determined using oven drying methods. The ash content was determined using gravimetric method. Fat content was determined using solvent extraction methods (Soxhlet). Protein content was analysed using Kjehdal methods, amino acid component using HPLC. The acceptability of mlanding tempeh was determined using rating test (ISO-8587:1988).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The nutrient content of lamtoro seed and mlanding tempeh are shown in Table I.

Table I: Nutrient content of lamtoro seeds and its fermented product (mlanding tempeh)

Kandungan zat gizi	Lamtoro seed	Mlanding tempeh	
Moisture (%wb)	10.93°±0.49	61.70 <sup>b</sup> ±0.80	
Ash (%db)	4.59°±0.03	$1.69^{b} \pm 0.05$	
Fat (%db)	$3.09^a \pm 0.08$	1.57 <sup>b</sup> ±0.07	
Protein (%db)	$30.97^{a} \pm 1.26$	27.01 <sup>b</sup> ±0.55	
Carbohydrate (%db)	$72.73^{a}\pm0.42$	49.96 <sup>b</sup> ±1.05	
Dietry fiber (%db)	57.66°±0.56	49.04 <sup>b</sup> ±1.16	

a, b = different test results based on the Paired T-Test between lamtoro seeds and tempeh lamtoro. Different letters on the same line indicate a significant difference (p < 0.05)

The nutritional content of lamtoro seeds changed after the fermentation process. The water content of tempe lamtoro increased from 10.93 to 61.70 (% b.b). The increase in water content during fermentation is caused by the hydrolytic activity of the fermenting organisms which release moisture as part of the metabolic products.

Amino acid composition of lamtoro seeds and the fermented product (mlanding tempeh) are presented in Table II. Tyrosine + Phenylalanine in lamtoro seed and its fermented product (mlanding tempeh) is higher compared to other amino acids. Lamtoro seeds were quite rich in Essential Amino Acids namely Isoleucine,

Table II: Amino acid composition of lamtoro seeds and its fermented product (mlanding tempeh)

Types of amino acids (mg/g protein)	Lamtoro seed (mg/kg)	Mlanding tempeh (mg/kg)	Reference FAO/WHO (2013) mg/g pro- tein bb	Score of amino acid in lamtoro seed	Score of amino acid in mlanding tempeh
Methionine + Cysteine	1250.98	1111.75	23	33.93	104.63
Tyrosine + Phenylalanine	10069.75	3781.35	40	157.04	204.62
Valin	5399.43	2668.83	40	84.20	144.42
Isoleucine	3809.17	1698.77	30	79.20	122.57
Leucine	7000.92	2936.78	60	72.78	105.94
Lysine	7011.09	1945.89	47	93.05	89.61
Threonin	5131.23	2108.44	24	133.37	190.16
Tryptophan	1691.05	449.29	6.3	167.44	154.36
Protein digest- ibility value	40.67	55.61	-	-	-

Leucine and Tyrosine + Phenylalanine. Limiting amino acids are lysine, tryptophan and methionine. Besides that, the protein digestibility value of lamtoro seeds increased after fermentation from 40.67 to 55.61. As shown in Table III, the level of acceptability of mlanding tempeh ranged from dislike to little bit like. It appeared that baked treatment has the highest average scores for aroma, texture and overall criteria except taste and color. Fried mlanding tempeh has the highest score in taste and color. Different types of drying in tempe affect all criteria.

Table III: Acceptability of mlanding tempeh

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Туре	Aroma	Colour	Taste	Texture	Overall
Mlanding tempeh ( <i>Raw</i> )	4.0±1.6	4.0±1.6	3.0±1.6	4.0±1.8	3.0±1.4
Mlanding tempeh ( <i>Baked</i> )	4.0±1.4	4.0±1.5	4.0±2.0	5.0±1.5	4.0±1.4
Mlanding tempeh ( <i>Fried</i> )	4.0±1.7	5.0±1.4	5.0±2.1	5.0±1.7	5.0±1.5
Mlanding tempeh ( <i>Roasted</i> )	4.0±1.6	4.0±1.6	3.0±1.7	5.0±1.7	4.0±1.2

Figure 1 shows raw tempeh and tempeh that have been processed with various kinds of treatments. Panelists prefered the taste and color of fried tempeh, but in terms of texture the panelists liked roasted tempeh. The aroma of baked tempeh was preferable compared to other









Figure 1: (a) Raw mlanding tempeh, (b) Baked mlanding tempeh, (c) Fried mlanding tempeh, (d) Roasted mlanding Tempeh

tempeh. Meanwhile, raw mlanding tempeh showed a slightly fermented aroma.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Consumption using chopsticks method provides a higher number of a mouthful and a lower average weight of rice per mouthful than spoon and fingers. The GR and the GI of Japonica rice consumed using chopsticks tend to be lower, but they are not significantly different from spoon and fingers.

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#### Formulation of Liquid Breakfast from Campolay Fruit with Mung Bean and White Rice Flour as Supplementary Food for School Children

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#### **SUMMARY**

Liquid breakfast can be used as an alternative to the breakfast menu. The aim of this research was to develop a formula from campolay fruit with mung bean and white rice. Campolay (Pouteria campechiana) is a potential carbohydrate source. Moreover, combination of rice and mung bean could complete amino acids. The selected formula (25% mung bean and white rice flour addition) had a significantly higher acceptance level than others treatments. The selected formula contained 73.2% moisture, 0.9% ash, 4.3% protein, 2.2% fat, and 19.5% carbohydrate. The limiting amino acid in this product was sulphur amino acid. This product has higher protein, fat, and carbohydrate content compared to existing products.

Keywords: Amino acids, Campolay fruit, Liquid breakfast, Mung bean, White rice flour

#### INTRODUCTION

Previous research showed that most Indonesian children do not meet their energy and protein needs in their breakfast (1). This situation leads to decreased academic ability and physical fitness of school children. Liquid breakfast is practical, nutritious, delicious, and healthy food with fluid consistency (2). Campolay (Pouteria campechiana) is one of carbohydrate sources that can fulfill nutrient requirement of the children. Mung bean also provides protein content with complete essential and non-essential amino acids. The highest essential amino acids in mung bean are aromatic amino acid, lysine, and leucine; but it has limited methionine. White rice flour could complete amino acid types in mung bean especially sulphuric amino acid. The aim of this research was to develop liquid breakfast from campolay fruit with mung bean and white rice flour formulated for school children.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The main ingredients of the liquid breakfast were campolay fruit obtained from campolay farmer; mung bean obtained from grocery shop, and white rice flour and plain full cream powder milk obtained from supermarket in Bogor. Campolay fruit liquid breakfast was formulated based on cereal milk product composition with modification in ingredients and

procedures. Product formulation contained mung bean and rice flour, 0%, 25%, 50%, and 75%. Organoleptic tests included hedonic rating test, quality rating test, and ranking organoleptic tests by 31 semi-trained panelists. Proximate nutrient analysis included gravimetric method for moisture content analysis, gravimetric method for ash analysis, Kjeldhal method for protein analysis, and Soxhlet method for fat analysis. Carbohydrate analysis was performed by different method. Amino acid analysis used Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) method. Data analysis used difference test, analysis of variance (ANOVA), and Duncan test.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The selected formula was the formula of campolay fruit with 25% mung bean and white rice flour (F1), which had a significantly higher acceptance level (74%) than F2 and F3; it was also confirmed by the ranking test results presented in Table I.

Nutriens content of the selected formula (F1) was higher in protein (4.3%), fat (2.2%) and carbohydrate (19.5%) than imported and local commercial liquid breakfast available in supermarkets in Indonesia. Protein quality can be expressed in the amino acid score (AAS) indicating limiting amino acid content of the food product. Combination of mug bean and white rice in campolay fruit liquid breakfast resulted in AAS 75 with sulfuric

Table I: Mean score of ranking test to F0, F1, F2, and F3 campolay fruit liquid breakfast formula ( ± SD)

Liquid break-			Mean sco	re of ranking test	( ± SD)		
fast formula -	Color Aroma Taste		Viscosity	Mouth feel	Aftertaste	Overall	
F0	1.8a±1.1	2.2 <sup>ab</sup> ±1.3	1.8°±1.0	2.3 <sup>b</sup> ±1.1	1.9ª±1.2	1.9ª±1.1	1.9ª±1.1
F1	$1.8^{a}\pm0.7$	1.9°±0.7	$2.0^{a}\pm0.8$	$1.6^{a}\pm0.8$	$1.8^{a}\pm0.8$	$1.8^{a}\pm0.7$	$1.9^{a}\pm0.8$
F2	$2.7^{b}\pm0.7$	2.5 <sup>b</sup> ±0.9	$2.8^{b} \pm 0.8$	2.6 <sup>b</sup> ±0.8	$2.8^{b} \pm 0.7$	$2.7^{b}\pm0.8$	$2.7^{b} \pm 0.8$
F3	3.7°±0.8	3.4°±1.1	3.5°±1.0	3.4°±1.0	3.4°±1.0	3.7°±0.8	3.5°±0.9

F0, F1, F2, F3 is 0%, 25%, 50%, and 75% of mug bean and rice flour, respectively.

a, b, c, d = difference test result by Duncan test Values with different superscript letters within a column are significantly different (P < 0.05).

amino acid as a limiting factor. Recommendations of amino acid intake for 3-14 year old children (3) and AAS of campolay fruit liquid breakfast are presented in Table II.

Table II: Amino acid types, essential amino acid (EAA) content, and amino acid score (AAS) of selected formula campolay fruit liquid breakfast

Essential amino acid	Intake recommen- dation of essential amino acid * (mg/g protein)	AAS campolay liquid breakfast (%)
Isoleucine	30	100+
Valine	25	100+
Lisyn	48	100+
Leusine	61	100+
Threonine	25	100+
Histidine	16	100+
Aromatic amino acid	41	100+
Sulfuric amino acid	23	75,17

<sup>\*</sup> FAO (2013), Recommendation of amino acid intake for 3-14 years old children

The contribution of nutrients of campolay fruit liquid breakfast selected formula per serving size of 150 mL to RDA calculation for 6-12 year old children group (4) is presented in Table III.

Most Indonesian children have breakfast with low nutritional quality, only <15% RDI for energy, protein, vitamin A, iron, calcium, and fiber (1). Breakfast meal should contribute energy about 25% of the total daily intake (5). Energy and protein content of campolay fruit liquid breakfast can help children fulfill their need of energy and protein during breakfast.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the organoleptic test, liquid breakfast formula

Table III: Nutrient content, and RDA contribution (6-12 years old) of selected formula campolay liquid breakfast

Nutrient types	Unit	Selected formula (150 mL)	RDA*	% RDA
Energy	kcal	172	2000	8.6
Protein	g	6.5	55	11.8
Fat	g	3.2	65	4.9
Carbohydrate	g	29	300	9.7

Recommended Dietary Allowance (6-12 years old) Table in Regulation of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia (2019)

with 25% of mug bean and rice flour was selected with the highest acceptance level. Moreover, it also has a high amino acid score according to FAO recommendations. Campolay liquid breakfast formula can be used as supplementary food for school children during breakfast.

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### **Cookies and Beverage from Tempeh: Potential Nutritive Supplementary Products for Pregnant Women**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Tempeh-based products for pregnant women are not yet available. This research aimed to identify the characteristics of tempeh cookies and beverage and their nutritional contribution to pregnant women. Nutrient, sensory, mineral content analyses were conducted. Both products contained 18 essential and non-essential amino acids, omega 3, 6 and 9 fatty acids. Nutrient contribution per serving size of tempeh cookies and beverage were 16.6 and 3.2% of energy, 7.8 and 2.9% of protein, 18.0 and 9.2% of calcium, 8.8 and 5% of iron, 15.2 and 2.1% of zinc, 22.0 and 14.6% of folic acid, respectively. Both products were accepted and safe to be consumed.

Keywords: Pregnancy, Tempeh beverage, Tempeh cookies

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Many studies showed that supplementary feeding during pregnancy is one of the best strategies to fulfill the nutrient need of pregnant women in order to maintain healthy pregnancy and fetus development. Supplementary food for pregnant women can be made from locally available food that is available in each region (1). One of the local food ingredients that can be used as supplementary food for pregnant women is tempeh. Tempeh is a fermented soy product that is rich in amino acids, fatty acids, higher digestibility values, protein efficiency values and chemical scores compared to soybean (2). So far, tempeh-based products for pregnant women are not yet available. Cookies and beverage have a long sustainability because they could be made by the research subject. This research aimed to identify the characteristics of tempeh-based products (cookies and beverage) and their nutritional contribution to pregnant women.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

There were three formulas of cookies: cheese tempeh cookies, raisin tempeh cookies and original tempeh cookies. Meanwhile, there was only one formula for tempeh beverage. Nutrient content was analyzed by standard method. Sensory test, mineral content analysis and shelf-life analysis were also conducted. Sensory test was performed using hedonic test which involved 30 panelists, using ANNOVA and Duncan post-hoc test in statistical analyses. Data on energy and nutrient contribution of tempeh cookies and beverage

were calculated by comparing the value of energy and nutrients content per serving size with the nutrient adequacy level of pregnant women aged 19-39 years in their second and third trimester (3).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The products contained 18 essential and non-essential amino acids; omega-3, omega-6 and omega-9 fatty acids. Nutrient contributions per serving size of tempeh cookies (80 gram) and beverage (100 mL) are presented on Table I. If a pregnant woman consumed each serving of tempeh cookies and beverage, it could meet energy need by 19.7% and protein by 10.7% each day. This value was in accordance with the recommended contribution of supplemental food for pregnant women, which is about 10-20% of daily nutrient need (1). Therefore, these tempeh-based cookies and beverage product have been proved to be good supplemental food for pregnant women based on their energy content. The results showed that differences in three cookies formula did not significantly affect the level of preference of the panelists on the color, aroma and mouthfeel of tempeh cookies. However, based on the average level of preference, taste and aftertaste of cheese tempeh cookies tend to be preferred over the other two cookies formulas (Table II). The use of tempeh flour and additional ingredients (cheese and raisin) did not cause differences in color, aroma and mouthfeel cookies acceptance. The content of Pb and Hg in both products were very low and even not detected. Therefore, it is safe to be consumed. The shelf life prediction of tempeh cookies was 11.9 (~12 month) at room temperature with relative humidity 85%.

Table I: Contribution of energy and nutrients of tempeh products to nutrient need of pregnant women

	Cookies (	(80 g)				RDA cookies			%RDA	
Nutrients	Original tempeh	Cheese tempeh	Raisin tempeh	beverage (100 ml)	Develage		Cheese tempeh	Raisin tempeh	Average	tempeh beverage
Energy (kcal)	233	425	413	80	2550a	16.8	16.7	16.2	16.6	3.1
Protein (g)	6.0	4.8	5.6	2.1	71 <sup>b</sup>	8.5	6.8	8.0	7.8	2.9
Fat (g)	25.9	25.2	22.3	2.5	67.3ª	38.5	37.4	33.1	36.4	2.9
Carbohydrate (g)	43.2	44.7	47.6	12.2	$400^{a}$	12.4	12.8	13.6	12.9	3.5
Ca (mg)	483.41	424.94	438.76	229.29	2500 ь	19.3	17.0	17.6	18.0	9.2
Fe (mg)	5.08	3.38	3.44	2.25	45 b	11.3	7.5	7.6	8.8	5.0
Zn (mg)	5.97	5.42	6.82	0.83	40 b	14.9	13.6	17.1	15.2	2.1
Folic acid (mcg)	130.51	134.35	130.26	87.84	600ª	21.8	22.4	21.7	22.0	14.6

Source: <sup>a</sup>Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia (3) <sup>b</sup>Institute of Medicine

Table II: Analysis of the effect of the use of tempeh flour on the acceptance of tempeh products

	Co	okies form	_	4	
Attribute	Original tempeh	Cheese tempeh	Raisin tempeh	– p- value	tempeh Beverage
Color	4.03 a	4.37 <sup>a</sup>	4.33 a	0.108	3.9
Aroma	4.23a	4.53 <sup>a</sup>	$4.23^{a}$	0.190	3.2
Taste	$3.87^{\rm b}$	$4.47^{a}$	$4.17^{\rm ab}$	0.007	3.5
Aftertaste	$3.63^{b}$	$4.27^{a}$	$3.93^{\mathrm{ab}}$	0.029	3.2
Mouthfeel	3.93ª	$4.27^{a}$	$4.17^{a}$	0.308	3.6

Note: The mean value of tempeh cookies on the same row with different superscript letters showed significant different results (p<0.05); hedonic scale (1=very dislike, 2=dislike, 3=normal, 4=like, 5=very like)

#### **CONCLUSION**

The total contributions of tempeh cookies and beverage to nutrient need of pregnant women were 20% energy and 11% protein, per serving size. Cheese tempeh cookies tend to be preferred over the other two cookies formulas and beverage.

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#### **Cookies from Tempeh Semangit as Indigenous High Protein Supplemental Food for Pregnant Women**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This study aimed to develop high protein tempeh cookies with the addition of ferrous fumarate as supplemental food for pregnant women. Cookies are more practical than other forms of rations. Semangit tempeh has a high amino acid content than common tempeh. Complete randomized design was used with four tempeh fermentation variations, namely Control (HK), 48 hours fermented soybean(H0), 120 hours fermented soybean(H3), and 144 hours fermented soybean(H4). Amino acid analysis of H4 showed that the three highest amino acids were L- glutamic acid, L-Aspartic acid and L-Arginine. Therefore, this product is a potential supplemental food for women in pregnancy to prevent newborn stunting.

**Keywords:** Cookies, Essential amino acid, Fermentation, Stunting, Tempeh

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Tempeh is a food product made of soybeans by fermentation process using Rhizopus, sp fungi (1). Tempeh can be consumed as fresh tempeh or as semangit tempeh according to its fermentation period. Tempeh is called semangit when the fermentation period reached at least 120 hours. From a more detailed nutritional perspective, tempeh also has all benefits that soya beans have, but with increased digestibility and bioavailability for the consumers. Tempe contains protein, vitamin B12, saponins and isoflavones; the fermentation process degrades or inactivates some anti-nutrients including phytates, and trypsin inhibitors (1). Soybean as the raw material of tempeh is rich in essential amino acids compared to other plant protein sources. Although there is iron in tempeh, the addition of iron is required for tempeh. This research was conducted to increase protein absorption of tempeh as an effort to overcome stunting.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Production of tempeh was carried out in "Rumah Tempeh Indonesia", Bogor using the standard method of the company (Figure 1). Nutrient content was determined by proximate analysis including levels of protein, fat, water, ash content, carbohydrates, and iron based on the following references: Indonesian National Standard 01-2891- 1991, 1992 and AOAC (2000). Measurements were performed for protein content using

the Kjeldahl method, fat content using Soxhlet extraction method, carbohydrate content using difference method. Water content and ash content were measured using gravimetric method. Iron determination was calculated using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS) based on Indonesian National Standard 7854:2013. Lastly, Amino acid content measurement was performed using LCMS (Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy).



Figure 1: High protein cookies from Tempeh semangit. (a) Control (HK), (b) Fresh Tempeh(H0), (c) (H3), and (d) H4

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The acceptance evaluation of high protein cookies product was done by acceptance test (aroma, colour, overall, taste, and texture). The H4 cookies was characterized with the darkest color (a degree of color value of 3.943), an average hardness value of 2627.16 gf, moisture content 6.66%, ash 1.06%, fat 29.17%, protein 19.72%, crude fiber 5.86% and carbohydrate 43.39% (Table I). Harianti (2018) made cookies with antioxidant properties, which had 9.76% protein content (2). Therefore, H4 has higher protein content. However, liquid functional food from catfish floor with moringa

Table I: Results of acceptance test of high protein cookies of *tempeh* semangit

For-					Attrib	utes				
mula	Colo	or	Arom	a	Taste		Texture	e	Overal	ı
НК	6 (5-6)	a	6 (6-6)	a	6(6-6)	a	6(5-6)	a	6(5c-6.5)	a
H0	5 (3.5- 5.5)	b	5 (4.5- 6)	b	5(4.5-5)	b	5(4.5-5)	b	6(5-7)	a
Н3	5 (4-6)	ab	4 (3-5)	C	3.5(3-5)	C	3.5(3-5)	C	3.5(3-5)	C
H4	5 (4-6)	ab	5 (4-6)	b	5(4-5.5)	b	5(4-5.5)	b	4(3-6)	b

 $HK = formula\ control/no\ tempeh\ addition,\ H0 = formula\ cookies\ 48\ hours\ after\ fermentation,\ H3\ = formula\ 120\ hours\ after\ fermentation,\ H4\ formula\ cookies\ 144\ hours\ after\ fermentation).$  Different letters (a, b, and c) indicate statistically significant differences (p < 0.05).

leaf addition resulted in 29.98% protein content (3), which was higher than cookies H4. This result can be achieved because liquid functional food protein source is from fish, while cookies H4 is from soybean. Cookies galohgor from polyherbal contains 3.24 g protein as breastmilk enhancer (4). Semangit tempeh was made by extended fermentation in room temperatures, which would affect the amount of protein content. Longer fermentation period resulted in higher protein content (1).

Acceptance tests were performed to obtain the most accepted and preferred high protein cookies formula by panelists. As table I indicates, organoleptic test showed that formula H4 was not significantly different from formula HK for overall score (analysis by using statistic SPSS ver.16.0).

From table II, it can be seen that there were three of amino acids that show the highest amino acid contents, including glutamic acid (61484.07 mg/kg), aspartic acid (37281.39 mg/kg) and L- arginine (32692.72 mg/kg). Certain special amino acids have strong iron chelation abilities; peptides containing these amino acids also have higher iron chelation abilities than other peptides

Table II. Amino acid content of tempeh semangit (treatment H4)

Unit (mg/ kg)	L-Serine	L-Glutam- ic Acid	L-phenylal- anine	L-Arginine	L-Leucine	L-Aspartic acid
Total	23131.56	61484.07	31771.59	32692.72	30772.42	37281.39

(5). Based on Atomic Absorbance Spectrophotometry (AAS), Fe value of H4 cookies was approximately 235.8 ppm.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In terms of amino acids content, formula H4 had the highest amino acids. However, the organoleptic formula H4 had lower score than other formulas. Therefore, it is necessary to reformulate the formula of H4. The formulation of semangit cookies tempeh that potentially has high protein cookies as supplemental food for pregnant woman should be done.

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# Antioxidant Activity in Ready-to-Drink Beverage Made from Snake Fruit (*Salacca edulis* Reinw) Enriched with Butterfly Pea (*Clitoria ternatea*) and Roselle (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*) Flower Extracts

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#### **SUMMARY**

This research aimed to develop an antioxidant-rich ready-to-drink beverage made from snake fruit and to observe the effect of addition of butterfly pea and roselle flower extracts on the antioxidant activity of snake fruit juice. Snake fruit juice was prepared by boiling sliced snake fruit in water for 15 minutes. Dried flowers were added to snake fruit extract at 90 °C then the extract was cooled and filtered. The addition of butterfly pea flowers did not increase pH, the amount of vitamin C, phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity of snake fruit juice, while roselle flowers decreased pH and increased vitamin C, phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity.

Keywords: Antioxidant activity, Clitoria ternatea, Healthy drink, Hibiscus sabdarifa, Snake fruit

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Snake fruit is rich in vitamins, minerals, dietary fiber, and bioactive compounds with antioxidant activities. Snake fruit also has high dissolved solids so it can be extracted and processed into a ready-to-drink beverage. Nevertheless, the snake fruit juice's color looks less attractive. On the other hand, butterfly pea and roselle flowers are potential sources of natural colorant. Butterfly pea flower had blue gradation color and roselle flower had red gradation color. Both butterfly pea and roselle flower are also rich in antioxidant. Bioactive compounds that have been extracted from butterfly pea flowers were triterpenoids, phenolic acids, flavonoids, anthocyanins and steroids (1). Bioactive compounds in roselle flower were phenolic acids, flavonoids, and anthocyanidin (2). This study aimed to develop an antioxidant-rich readyto-drink beverage made from snake fruit and to observe the effect of addition of butterfly pea and roselle flowers on the antioxidant activity of snake fruit juice.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Snake fruit var "pondoh" was obtained from Sleman, Yogyakarta; table sugar, dried butterfly pea flower (BPF) and roselle flower (RF) were obtained from local market. Snake fruit juice was prepared by boiling sliced snake fruit in boiling water (30% w/v). Boiling process lasted for 15 minutes. The additions of BPF were 0.25% and 0.50% and RF were 0.75% and 1.00% w/v, as it is the most

attractive color according to consumers' preferences in the preliminary study. Dried flowers were added to snake fruit extract while it was still hot (± 90 °C), then it was cooled and filtered to separate the flowers residue and obtained clear snake fruit juice. Vitamin C was measured by 2.6 dichlorophenol titration method. Total phenolic compound was measured by Folin-Ciocalteu method using gallic acid as a standard. Antioxidant activity (AA) was measured by DPPH (2,2'-Diphenyl-1-Picrylhydrazyl) radical scavenging activity. pH was measured using pH meter. The data were analyzed by analysis of variance (ANOVA), followed by the LSD test at p < 0.05.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Vitamin C acted as a cofactor and reducing agent of various enzymatic reactions. Because of its low oxidation-reduction potential, vitamin C can react with almost all oxidized free radicals. Vitamin C in fresh roselle flowers was 14 mg/100 g, while in dried roselle it was 60-280 mg/100 g (3). Thus, it was reasonable that there was an increase in vitamin C with the addition of dry roselle flowers. To the best of our knowledge, there is no data reported on the quantity of vitamin C in butterfly pea flowers (Figure 1).

Bioactive compounds with antioxidant activity that have been extracted from BPF were triterpenoids, phenolic acids, flavonoids, anthocyanins and steroids



Figure 1: Vitamin C of ready-to-drink beverage from snake fruit with or without addition of BPF and RF. Values are means  $\pm$  SD (n=3). Bars with the same letters are not significantly different (p>0.05)

(1). RF extract contained phenolic compounds, caffeine, quercetin, hesperidin and hesperetin (4). This study showed that addition of 1% roselle flower increased phenolic compounds effectively in snake fruit juice (Figure 2).

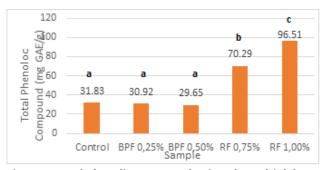


Figure 2: Total phenolic compounds of ready-to-drink beverage from snake fruit with or without addition of BPF and RF. Values are means  $\pm$  SD (n=3). Bars with the same letters are not significantly different (p>0.05)

The addition of 0.5% butterfly pea flowers and 0.75% roselle flowers resulted in an antioxidant activity similar to BHT (butylated hydroxy Toluene), a synthetic antioxidant compound that was widely used in processed foods to prevent oxidation. The addition of 1% roselle flowers resulted in 33% higher antioxidant activity than BHT. The increase in antioxidant activity was possibly due to an increase in vitamin C and phenolic compounds from roselle flower (Figure 3).

The pH of control snake fruit juice and those added with butterfly pea flowers ranged from 5.5 to 5.6, while those added with roselle flower decreased to 3.8-3.9 (significantly different, p<0.05). Snake fruit juice with roselle flower met the pH standard as stipulated in Indonesian National Standard on fruit juice which was 2.9-4. pH adjustment was required for control and fruit juice with BP flowers to comply with the standard. The high acidity of snake fruit juice with roselle flowers addition might be caused by the large number of organic acid compounds contained in rosella flowers (5). Sensory evaluation by 44 panelists showed that

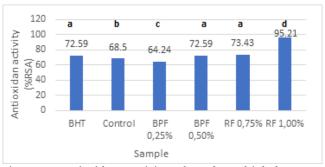


Figure 3: Antioxidant activity of ready-to-drink beverage from snake fruit with or without addition of BPF and RF. Values are means  $\pm$  SD (n=3). Bars with the same letters are not significantly different (p>0.05)

snake fruit juice with 0.25% butterfly pea and roselle flower had higher preference scores for appearance than the control sample, due to more attractive color (significantly different, p<0.05).

#### **CONCLUSION**

The antioxidant-rich ready-to-drink beverage from snake fruit has been successfully developed. Addition of butterfly pea flowers did not increase pH, the amount of vitamin C, phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity of snake fruit juice, while roselle flowers decreased pH and increased vitamin C, phenolic compounds and antioxidant activity.

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### Development of Snack Bar from Lesser Yam (*Dioscorea* esculenta) as Source of Fibre for Obese Teenagers

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#### **SUMMARY**

To improve food security, it is preferable to produce snacks using local comestibles such as lesser yam (*Dioscorea esculenta*) that contain high dietary fibre. This study aimed to analyse the effect of lesser-yam-based snack bar to the acceptability, chemical and physical characteristics. This study used a completely randomised design (CRD) with three treatments conducted on 30 semi-trained panellists from April to May 2019. F1 (50 g of lesser yam flour) that contains total dietary fibre 12.8% was chosen as the selected formula. Therefore, lesser yam snack bars are categorised as a source of fibre.

Keywords: Fibre, Lesser yam, Obesity, Snack, Snack bar

#### **INTRODUCTION**

One of major health issues in the world is the increase of obesity prevalence. The obesity prevalence of population over the last 18 years in Indonesia is 21.8% (2). Obesity impacts adolescent development, especially psychosocial development aspects and health disorders (3). Obesity impacts could be prevented by consuming adequate fibre intake. Most adolescent are still lacking in high-fibre snack consumption. They commonly consume snacks that are practical and easy to consume such as snack bars. To improve food security, it is preferable to make snacks using local comestibles such as lesser yam that can be used as a substitute for wheat flour since it does not change the taste and texture of the snack bar too much. Based on the above background, the researchers were interested in developing lesser yam flour (Dioscorea esculenta) and analysed the effects of Lesser-yam-based snack bar to acceptability, chemical and physical characteristics.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

This study used a completely randomised design (CRD) with three treatments and two replications. The treatments were F0 as control (0:130g), F1 (50g:80g), F2 (65g:65g) and F3 (80g:50g). This study was conducted from April to May 2019 at "Veteran" Jakarta University and Bogor Agricultural University. The procedure of the research began with making lesser yam flour, weighing ingredients, mixing, moulding of dough, baking with an oven at 160 °C for 40 minutes, and cooling. The AOAC

method was used for the chemical analysis. The physical characteristics hardness level was analysed using the Stevens-LFRA method, the colour degree was analysed using Chroma meter CR-310 Minolta method, and the acceptance test was done by using a hedonic test of thirty semi-trained panellists. The sensory evaluation data were analysed using the Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by the Mann-Whitney test. The chemical and physical evaluation were statistically analysed using ANOVA, followed by Duncan's Multiple Range test (DMRT).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results showed that the addition of different lesser yam tuber flour had a significant effect (p < 0.05) on total dietary fibre, proximate composition, hardness level, colour and organoleptic properties of a snack bar (Table I, Table II and Table III). The ash and carbohydrate content of the lesser yam snack bar were similar to that observed by Cahyani and Rosiana (1). The moisture and fat content of the lesser yam snack bar are slightly higher than those reported in the literature. Although the protein content of the lesser yam snack bar in this study is higher than the one observed by Retnowati et al (4), the addition of other protein sources could increase the protein content of the snack bar such as eggs and skim milk. Fibre is a carbohydrate that the body cannot digest. Fibre helps to keep hunger and blood sugar in check. The lesser yam snack bar contains 1.37-5.37% fibre, which is lower than those reported by Senanayake et al. (5), because baking process during the snack bar making can increase the total dietary fibre content. Based on the

Table I: Results of snack bar hedonic test with lesser yam flour substitution

Parameter	The med		onic test of sna our substitution	
rarameter	F0 (control)	F1 (50 g: 80 g)	F2 (65 g: 65 g)	F3 (80 g: 50g)
Color	3 (1-4) <sup>b</sup>	4 (3-5)ab	3 (2-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (2-5)ab
Aroma	4 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>b</sup>	3 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>
Taste	3 (2-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>b</sup>	3 (2-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>
Texture	4 (3-5)a	4 (3-5) <sup>b</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>	4 (3-5) <sup>a</sup>

Table II: Results of chemical analysis of snack bars with lesser yam flour substitution

		Formula					
Parameter	F0 (con- trol)	F1 (50 g: 80 g)	F2 (65 g: 65 g)	F3 (80 g: 50g)	National Standard- isation of Cookies (%)		
Proximate Test							
Moisture (%)	6.19ª	6.62ab	7.00 <sup>b</sup>	7.53°	Maximum 5		
Ash (%)	1.76ª	1.86 <sup>ab</sup>	2.03 <sup>b</sup>	2.38°	Maximum 2.5		
Protein (%)	9.03ª	10.47 <sup>b</sup>	11.01 <sup>b</sup>	11.10 <sup>b</sup>	Minimum 9		
Fat (%)	24.62ª	$25.08^{b}$	27.64°	$30.69^{d}$	19 – 25%		
Carbohydrate (%)	58.4ª	55.97 <sup>b</sup>	52.32°	48.30 <sup>d</sup>	Minimum 70		
Total Dietary Fibre Test							
Total Dietary Fibre (%)	1.37ª	3.21 <sup>b</sup>	3.55°	5.37 <sup>d</sup>			

Table III: Results of physical analysis of snack bars with lesser yam flour substitution

	Formula						
Parameter	F0 (control)	F1 (50 g: 80 g)	F2 (65 g: 65 g)	F3 (80 g: 50g)			
Hardness Test (g)	222.00a	165.83 <sup>b</sup>	131.50°	168.33 <sup>b</sup>			
Color Level							
L	70.12	40.06	30.44	30.62			
Α	3.00	12.27	18.87	16.65			
В	54.55	32.50	38.41	30.35			

results of determining the selected formula, the F1 snack bar was the best formula from this study that has been performed using a hedonic rating test. Referring to the Regulation of the Head of the Republic of Indonesia Drug and Food Supervisory Agency (PerKa BPOM RI) No. 13 of 2016, a solid food product must contain at

least 3 g of fibre in their food ingredient. Commercial snack bars in Indonesia usually have 25-gram of serving size. Therefore, the recommended snack bar serving size in one pack contains two pieces (25 g). A pack of snack bar needs to be consumed at least twice a day to fulfil the need of fibre source food product.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, lesser yam snack bars are categorised as fibre-source food . Based on the hedonic test, F1 (50 g: 80 g) formula was chosen as the selected formula because the results are similar to F0 (control) with total dietary fibre content 12.8%.

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### Improving the Quality of Chicken Sausage by Using Germinated Soybean Tempe Protein Isolate

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#### **SUMMARY**

Tempe protein isolate (TPI) is a potential local commodity due to the high quality of protein as the main compound. TPI can be utilized in various food products for quality improvement, such as sausage, which often has emulsification problems. This study was aimed to compare the application of TPI with commercial soy protein isolate (SPI) in chicken sausage based on functional, physicochemical, and sensory characteristics. TPI was obtained from germinated and non-germinated soybean tempe. The results showed that sausage with germinated soybean tempe protein isolate had the highest quality as compared to non-germinated soybean tempe protein isolate and SPI.

Keywords: Functional properties, Germinated soybean, Protein isolate, Sausage, Tempe

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Sausage is a processed-meat product; poor and varied textures are often found in its production due to poor emulsification. The quality of sausage can be improved by increasing water holding capacity (WHC) and emulsion stability by using binders with high protein content. Binder commonly used in meat processing industries is soy protein isolate (SPI). The most recent study showed that there was a potential meat binder, namely tempe protein isolate (TPI) which consisted of germinated soybean tempe protein isolate (GTI) and non-germinated soybean tempe protein isolate (NGTI) (1). The fermentation of soybean to tempe results in higher protein quality and content (dry basis) compared to soybean (2). The germination process converts protein into amino acids, resulting in the protein content increase of soybean sprout (3), causing better functional properties. This study was aimed to compare TPI and SPI in improving chicken sausage quality.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The concentrations of protein isolates (SPI, GTI, and NGTI) used for sausage were 1, 1.5, and 2% with other ingredients formulation (4). WHC of the chicken sausage was analysed by centrifugation. Cooking loss was observed by the weight decrease post-cooking. Emulsion stability was obtained from the subtraction of cooking loss percentage. Texture (hardness) was measured using Texture Profile Analyzer. The results were analysed to determine the optimum concentration

of each treatment. Furthermore, sausages with optimum concentration were analysed to select the best protein isolate, through proximate analysis and organoleptic test (hedonic rating) to 75 semi-trained panellists on colour, taste, aroma, hardness, chewiness, juiciness, and overall acceptance. Data were analysed using ANOVA by completely randomized factorial design. If the result showed significant differences (p<0.05), further analysis would be conducted using DMRT (Duncan Multiple Range Test).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Fig. 1 showed that sausages treated with GTI and NGTI had significantly higher WHC than SPI sausages. This implied the higher capability of water absorption in GTI and NGTI as compared to SPI sausages (1). Besides, GTI and NGTI sausages were also significantly improved than SPI sausages in cooking loss and emulsion stability parameters due to the protein ability in water binding, thus reducing the water loss during heating process, as well as the high content of protein resulted from fermentation process in GTI and NGTI and types of hydrophilic and hydrophobic free amino acids resulted from germination process in GTI (1). In terms of texture, GTI sausages had significantly improved the hardness level than NGTI and SPI. The high content of protein from GTI affected meat protein matrix structure, resulting in a more dense and solid matrix structure. Based on the overall parameter, the determined optimum concentration for GTI and NGTI was 1.5% (not significantly different with 2%), while for SPI was 2% (highest concentration). Enzymatic

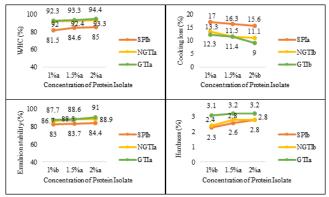


Fig.1: Functional properties of sausages with different protein isolates and concentrations. Different letter in the end of the treatments showed significant

activity during germination process could cause hydrolysis of energy storage, resulting in a decrease of other components content, but an increase of protein content (5).

The result of proximate analysis from three sausages showed that GTI 1.5% sausage had the highest and significant difference in protein content (Table I). The difference was caused by the different protein content from each protein isolate (1). It also had the significant highest acceptance rating on colour, chewiness, and overall parameters (Table II). The high protein content in GTI affected the high activity of Maillard reaction and gelation ability, thus affecting the colour intensity and

Table I: Chemical composition of sausages with selected treatment

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Parameter(s)	SPI 2%	GTI 1.5%	NGTI 1.5%
Moisture(%)	63.8±0.0 <sup>b</sup>	63.8±0.1 <sup>b</sup>	64.5±0.0a
Ash(%)(wb)	1.5±0.0 <sup>a</sup>	$1.4\pm0.0^a$	1.5±0.1 <sup>a</sup>
Protein(%)(wb)	14.9±0.7 <sup>b</sup>	17.2±0.1a	15.5±0.2 <sup>b</sup>
Fat(%)(wb)	7.4±1.4a	6.6±0.2ª	7.8±1.2a
Carbohydrate <i>by differ-</i> <i>ence</i> (%)	12.5±2.1ª	11.0±0.2 <sup>a</sup>	10.8±1.5ª

<sup>\*</sup>Different letters on the same row indicated significant differences(p<0.05). SPI, Soy Protein Isolate; GTI, Germinated Tempe Protein Isolate; NGTI, Non-Germinated Tempe Protein

chewiness of the sausage.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Germinated soybean tempe isolate improves chicken sausage quality with lower concentration than soy protein isolate based on WHC, cooking loss, emulsion stability, texture, protein content, and sensory acceptance, indicating the effect of soybean germination process in protein quality improvement, which is useful to reduce the concentration of protein isolate used.

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Table II: Hedonic rating of sausages with selected treatment

Treatment(s)	Colour	Taste	Aroma	Hardness	Chewiness	Juiciness	Overall
SPI 2%	4.8 <sup>b</sup>	5.6a	5.7 <sup>a</sup>	4.9 <sup>a</sup>	4.3 <sup>b</sup>	4.5ª	5.2 <sup>b</sup>
GTI 1.5%	5.3 <sup>a</sup>	$5.8^{a}$	$5.6^{a}$	5.1 <sup>a</sup>	4.9 <sup>a</sup>	4.6 <sup>a</sup>	5.6 <sup>a</sup>
NGTI 1.5%	$4.8^{\rm b}$	5.6a	$5.0^{\rm b}$	4.9ª	$4.6^{\rm b}$	4.6a	5.2 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Different letters on the same column indicated significant differences(p<0.05). 1=dislike extremely, 2=dislike, 3=dislike slightly, 4=neutral, 5=like slightly, 6=like, 7=like extremely. SPI, Soy Protein Isolate; GTI, Germinated Tempe Protein Isolate; NGTI, Non-Germinated Tempe Protein Isolate.

### Reduced-Sugar 'Serikaya' as Potential Sweet Spread for Diabetic Patients

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#### **SUMMARY**

Sucrose, a simple sugar contributing to quick increase of blood sugar, is not favoured by diabetic patients. Stevia, a sugar substitute, can be used to produce products with lower sugar and it may reduce the amount of available carbohydrate for digestion. 'Serikaya', a popular sweet and delicious spread from coconut, traditionally contains high sugar. This study aimed to develop 'serikaya' with lower sugar through substitution of sucrose with stevia as a natural non-caloric sweetener. Five combinations of sugar and stevia were studied and analysed for physical characteristics, sensory acceptability and calculated for nutrient composition.

Keywords: Calorie content, Glycemic index, Stevia rebaudiana, Sweetener, Table sugar

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Serikaya is basically produced by using eggs, sugar and coconut milk to yield a concentrated semi-solid table spread. Most table spreads are high in fat and sugar, thus limiting choices available for diabetic patients. Sucrose, used in 'serikaya', importantly affects the product's quality. High level of sugar is undesirable; thus, sugar replacement is important. Previous studies have shown that sugar reduction undesirably affected the characteristics of several products such as kulfi (1). Stevia, a potential sugar substitute, is known as a non-caloric natural sweetener. Stevia extract powder is ~250 times sweeter than sucrose (2) and it is generally recognized as safe (GRAS). A study showed that stevia could not totally replace sucrose in kulfi due to its bitter after taste (1). Oppositely, no negative effects of stevia were observed in yoghurt (3), indicating its limitation was not applicable to all types of food. Thus, a study on stevia incorporation in 'serikaya' is important to be carried out to observe its effect towards the product's quality.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials used were sugar, stevia powder, coconut milk, eggs, palm sugar and pandan leaves. 'Serikaya' samples were prepared with different ratios of sugar to stevia: 100:0 (control sample), 85:15, 70:30, 55:45 and 40:60, respectively. The amounts of stevia used were determined by calculation according to the sweetness intensity of stevia (250x) as relative to sugar. Triplicates

of samples were prepared using double-boiling method with constant stirring at 90°C. Cooking process was stopped once the samples reached 60 °Brix. Then, the samples were kept at room temperature overnight prior to analysis. Physical analysis involved was determination of colour and viscosity, while sensory analysis was carried out using acceptance test with 7-point hedonic scale. Data collected were subjected to one-way ANOVA followed by Fisher's LSD test at 95 % confidence level. Nutrient content of 'serikaya' was determined by calculation.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Reduction of sugar significantly increased viscosity of 'serikaya'. Incorporation of stevia produced no bulking characteristic (4), making the product more firm and viscous. Stevia is thermally stable and it does not undergo browning or caramelization when heated (4); thus, it produced 'serikaya' with higher lightness and lower redness and yellowness. (Table I).

Table I: Viscosity and colour (Hunter L, a, b) of 'serikaya' made from different ratios of sugar and stevia

Sugar:stevia (%)	Viscosity (g/ mm)	Lightness (L)	Redness (a)	Yellowness (b)
100:0	4167±141.4 <sup>b</sup>	41.2±1.6°	9.4±0.1ª	47.6±1.9 <sup>a</sup>
85:15	4333±94.3 <sup>b</sup>	43.2±3.5bc	$7.6 \pm 0.7^{a}$	47.6±1.2a
70:30	5700±47.1a	45.8±2.6bc	5.7±0.5 <sup>b</sup>	37.8±1.8 <sup>b</sup>
55:45	5900±141.4a	48.1±2.7 <sup>b</sup>	5.1±0.6bc	32.8±0.6°
40:60	6162±134.4a	62.3±2.2a	3.4±0.1°	29.4±0.1 <sup>d</sup>

Note: Mean values with different superscript letters for each property are significantly different (p<0.05)

All samples were well-accepted since the 'likeness' acceptance scores for all sensory attributes were greater than 4.0 (Table II). Results showed maximum of 30 % of sugar substitution with stevia was well accepted by panellists. The viscous texture of 'serikaya' was also accepted similarly for all samples except for the sample with 60% stevia.

Table II: Sensory acceptance scores of "serikaya" made from different ratios of sugar and stevia

Sugar: stevia (%)	Colour	Aroma	Texture	Spread- ability	Taste	Overall accep- tance
100:0	5.29±	5.40±	4.86±	4.74 <u>+</u>	4.94±	5.03±
	1.5a	1.4 <sup>ab</sup>	1.2ª	1.3 <sup>bc</sup>	1.2 <sup>ab</sup>	1.2 <sup>ab</sup>
85 : 15	5.20±	5.03±	5.17±	5.54 <u>+</u>	5.34±	5.34±
	1.4ª	1.5 <sup>ab</sup>	1.0 <sup>a</sup>	1.2ª	1.4 <sup>a</sup>	1.1ª
70:30	5.20±	5.17±	4.77±	5.17 <u>+</u>	4.63+	5.00±
	1.4ª	1.5ª	1.4ª	1.3 <sup>ab</sup>	1.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.1 <sup>ab</sup>
55:45	4.77±	4.69 <u>+</u>	4.91±	5.34 <u>+</u>	4.57±	4.69±
	1.4 <sup>ab</sup>	1.4 ab	1.3ª	1.3 <sup>ab</sup>	1.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>
40:60	4.14±	4.40±	4.69±	4.37 <u>+</u>	3.69±	3.89±
	1.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.1 <sup>b</sup>	1.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.7°	1.3°	1.4°

Note: Mean score values with the same superscript letters for each sensory attribute are not significantly different (p>0.05)

Nutrient composition of 'serikaya' was calculated per 100 g of sample based on its main ingredients: sugar and/or stevia, coconut milk, eggs and palm sugar. The results show that no reduction of calorie was observed for all samples. However, protein and fat content showed an increasing trend and carbohydrate clearly showed a decreasing trend. Substitution of sugar with non-caloric sweetener such as stevia in 'serikaya' did not show total calorie reduction, since total calorie content is also largely contributed by protein and fat, which are known as glycaemic index (GI)-lowering macronutrient (5), and less from simple carbohydrates e.g. sugar.

#### CONCLUSION

Substitution of sugar with up to 30 % stevia produced 'serikaya' with firm texture, lighter colour and acceptable sensory characteristics. Although all treated samples had

Table III: Calculated nutrient composition of 'serikaya' made from different ratios of sugar and stevia (per 100 g)

Sugar:stevia (%)	Energy (Kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)
100:0	419	10.5	26.4	35.1
85:15	420	11.0	27.7	32.0
70:30	421	11.6	29.1	28.5
55:45	422	12.3	30.9	24.3
40:60	423	13.0	32.6	20.1

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## Meta-Analysis on Edible Larvae as a Future Protein Source for Human: Do They Have Comparable Nutritional Quality with Red Meat?

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#### **SUMMARY**

This preliminary meta-analysis was intended to evaluate the nutritional quality of edible insects only from larva stage and compared it with that of red meat. A total of related 18 studies were integrated. For such a comparison, effect size using Hedges' d method was employed. The results revealed that, in comparison to red-meat, the edible insect larvae had a significantly higher protein content with comparable amino acid score, higher ratio of PUFA/SFA, and higher contents of valuable minerals (Ca, Mg, K, Fe, Zn). Further development of food process technology to cover the original form of the larvae would be very important to increase the community acceptance.

Keywords: Edible insects, Future protein, Insect stage, Protein quality, Sustainable nutrition

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Edible insects have become promising and valuable protein sources for human and animals. Not only do they have important nutrients and health-promoting compounds, but insects are also recognized as a sustainable protein source with abundance availability (1,2). As globally known, red meat production significantly contributes to the methane emission causing global warming. Therefore, nowadays the global situation demands non-red meat quality protein (3). Edible-insects have very low carbon print due to their less land and energy requirements compared to the ruminant production (4). Despite the potential, there is a huge variation of nutrient contents among the insects, and this has been addressed due to a wide variety of species and age of the insects. This preliminary metaanalysis was intended to evaluate the nutritional quality of edible insects only from larva stage and compared it with that of red meat.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Literature search was conducted using the following keywords: 'edible insects', 'nutritional content', 'compare', 'meat', 'wild insects'. The selection criteria were as follows: English full-text articles; peer-reviewed published articles; present clearly the content and the analytical method; comparing with other common protein sources. A total of related 18 studies were integrated into

a database (Table I). For such a comparison, effect size using Hedges' d method expressed as cumulative effect size was employed (5). The mean value together with

Table I: List of comparison studies used in meta-analysis

Table 1: List of comparison studies used in meta-analysis						
Study code	Place	Type of insect	Scientific name	Sam- pling		
1	Java, Indonesia	Caterpillar	Hyblaea puera	Wild		
2	South Korea	Coleoptera	Allomyrina dicho- toma	Farm		
3	South Korea	Coleoptera	Protaetia brevitarsis	Farm		
4	South Korea	Coleoptera	Tenebrio molitor	Farm		
5	Netherlands	Yellow meal- worm	Tenebrio molitor	Farm		
6	Netherlands	Super worm	Zophobas morio	Farm		
7	Canada	Silkworm	Bombyx mor	Farm		
8	Venezuela	Waxworm	Galleria mellonella	Wild		
9	Netherlands	Palm worm	Rhynchophorus palmarum	Wild		
10	Papua	Sago grub	Rhynchophorus ferrugineus	Wild		
11	Sumatra, Indonesia	Giant meal- worm larva	Zophobas morio	Farm		
12	Sumatra, Indonesia	Common mealworm pupa	Tenebrio molitor	Farm		
13	Sumatra, Indonesia	Common mealworm larvae	Tenebrio molitor	Farm		
14	Czech	Cockroach	Blaberus craniifer	Farm		
15	Czech	Cockroach	Blaberus craniifer	Farm		
16	Czech	Super worm	Zophobas morio	Farm		
17	Czech	Super worm	Zophobas morio	Farm		
18	Czech	Super worm	Zophobas morio	Farm		

the standard deviation of the pointed parameters from each studies were tabulated and equalized. Parameters included were protein content, amino acids, Saturated Fatty Acids (SFA), Mono Unsaturated Fatty Acids (MUFA), Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFA); omega-3 fatty acids, omega-6 fatty acids, and some minerals (Ca, Mg, K, Na, Fe, Zn). The value of red-meat was pooled as a control group and the edible larvae were pooled as an experimental group.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The results revealed that the edible insect larvae had a significantly higher protein content compared to that of red meat ( $d_{++}$ ,  $\pm$ Cl: 1.07,  $\pm$ 0.55), with average protein content of 46.11 and 41.79%DM, respectively (Table II). Edible larvae had comparable amino acid score to that of red meat. Edible larvae had completed essential amino acids with the amino acid score of 103.5%, and tryptophan as the limiting amino acids. While the red meat had amino acid score of 100.87 with isoleucine as the limiting amino acid (Table III).

Table II: Cumulative effect size of the parameters

Parame- ters	Unit	Red meat	Edible larva	Cumulative effect size (d++)	± 95%Cl
Protein	g/100g DM	41.79 a	46.11 b	1.0700	0.5541
SFA	% of total FA	46.12 b	37.72 a	-1.3209	0.8421
MUFA	% of total FA	49.53 a	46.64 b	0.8726	1.2316
PUFA	% of total FA	4.35 a	15.64 <sup>ь</sup>	3.0096	1.3150
ALA	% of total FA	0.71 a	1.65 <sup>ь</sup>	2.3129	0.7538
n-3	% of total FA	1.77	1.20	-1.5046	1.0575
n-6	% of total FA	2.97 a	19.06 <sup>ь</sup>	3.9545	1.7325
Ca	mg/100g DM	56.00 a	153.46 <sup>ь</sup>	3.8987	2.0525
Mg	mg/100g DM	54.72 a	293.80 ь	5.9084	2.1577
ĸ	mg/100g DM	796.72 a	1329.17 ь	2.6447	1.6121
Na	mg/100g DM	442.62 b	156.27 a	-2.1371	1.2717
Fe	mg/100g DM	6.10 a	9.40 b	2.3595	1.2258
Zn	mg/100g DM	8.40 a	11.24 ь	0.3726	0.8183

Note: CI, confidence interval; DM, Dry Matter; FA, Fatty Acids; SFA, Saturated Fatty Acids; MUFA, Mono Unsaturated Fatty Acids; PUFA, Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids; n-3, omega-3 fatty acids; n-6, omega-6 fatty acids; mean values with different superscript letters (a and b) are significantly different (P-value<0.05) according to Tukey's honestly significant difference test.

With regard to fatty acid profiles, edible larvae had lower saturated fatty acids content (d++, ±Cl: -1.32, ±0.84) and higher polyunsaturated fatty acids (3.01, ±1.31), ALA (2.31, ±0.75), and omega-6 fatty acid (3.96, ±0.88) in comparison to the red meat. Whilst the omega-3 fatty acids were not significantly different between the two (Table II). The larva also had a better mineral profile, i.e., higher content of Ca, Mg, K, Fe, Zn, with effect size (d++, ±Cl) 3.90±2.05, 5.91±2.16, 2.65±1.61, 2.36±1.22, 0.37±0.82, respectively, and lower Na (-2.14±0.65) compared to the red meat. Such a minerals profile, high in Ca, Mg, K, Fe and Zn, and low in Na is preferred profile as a protein source.

Not only nutritious, edible insects can be produced more sustainably than red meat, since they are very efficient in converting organic biomass into their bodies. Further

Table III: Amino acids score of edible larva and red meat

	Amino acid require-	% contribution on amino acid requirements		
Parameters	ments (mg/g crude protein)	Red meat	Edible larva	
Amino acids				
Isoleucine	28	100.87	164.29	
Leucine	66	104.46	124.24	
Lysine	58	105.46	148.28	
Total sulfur amino acids	25	152.96	294.31	
Total aromatic amino acids	63	153.03	338.09	
Threonine	34	134.47	132.35	
Tryptophan	11	323.06	103.5	
Valine	35	191.06	142.86	
Limiting amino acid		Isoleu- cine	Tryptophan	
Amino Acid Score (%)		100.87	103.5	

development of food processing technology to cover the original form of the larvae would be very important to increase the community acceptance since the "yuck" factor has become the largest hindering factor of their acceptability.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The larvae of edible insects might be an alternative of non-red meat quality protein with protein content comparable to that of red meat, complete amino acids score, better profile of fatty acids and minerals. These profiles seem convincing for the current situation in covering the global protein demand.

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### Potentials of Ozone Pre-treatment in Prolonging the Freshness of Oyster Mushrooms (*Pleurotus Florida*)

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#### **SUMMARY**

The objective of this study was to determine the effect of ozone and packaging condition on post-harvest quality of mushrooms. Browning is primarily influenced by the presence of Polyphenol Oxidase enzyme. Ozone being a strong antimicrobial and a reducing agent can help in retarding the action of the enzyme and thereby promoting the quality of mushrooms. Mushrooms were treated with gaseous ozone at 10 and 15 ppm for 5 and 10 minutes and packed in HDPE packaging material with ambient and vacuum-packed conditions. Ozone pre-treatment combined with packaging condition was found to be effective in extending the shelf life of mushrooms.

Keywords: Browning, Oyster mushroom, Ozone, Polyphenol oxidase enzyme, Shelf life extension

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Pleurotus spp. is one of the three most cultivated mushroom species in the world. They are good source of proteins, vitamins, dietary fibers etc. with low calorific value, starch and fat content. Mushrooms are highly perishable in nature with their shelf life limited to few days. The physiological changes such as browning, weight loss, dehydration and textural changes that develop in mushrooms are due to temperature conditions and relative humidity during the storage. In order to preserve their nutrition content, efforts should be made to arrest the enzymatic activity, respiration rate and dehydration in mushrooms by modifying the storage environment. The effect of ozone treatment on mushrooms studied (3) reveals that the ozone has capabilities to control the intensity of browning in mushrooms. Taking this into account, the present work was conducted to study the effect of ozone pretreatment and packaging condition on keeping quality of mushrooms.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The experiment was conducted at Food packing lab, IIFPT, Thanjavur with locally bought mushrooms. Samples were first ozone pre-treated with 2 levels of concentration (10 and 15ppm) and 2 levels of duration (5 and 10minutes) and were packed in HDPE packaging material in 2 atmospheric conditions, viz., normal and vacuum. After initial treatments, packages were stored at 4°C and 90%RH. Parameters like colour, weight loss and hardness inside the package were measured

each day in triplicates and suitable combination was selected. The colour was monitored in terms of L\* using Hunter colour lab colorimeter. Weight loss was evaluated by comparing the initial weight and weight of the samples each day during storage period. Hardness was measured using texture profile analyser using 2mm cylindrical probe with 2mm penetration depth. The effect of pretreatment on microbial count was evaluated and sensory attributes of the samples were also studied using five-point headonic scale.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

There was a progressive decrease in the luminosity value of the mushroom throughout the storage duration. Ozone also showed a high bactericidal effect as samples exposed to gaseous ozone at 15ppm for 10 minutes lowered the aerobic plate count of the naturally present microbes by 2.25 log CFU. Even though there was an initial browning soon after the ozone treatment (P > 0.05), the synergistic effect of ozone and packaging conditions extended the mushroom shelf life to 10 days as compared to control samples which retained the quality only for a maximum of 5 days. Ozone being a reducing agent can control the activity of enzyme and can alter the degree of discolouration that happens during storage (4).

Weight loss and texture parameters were not largely influenced by the degree of ozone treatment. Weight loss is mainly due to the water loss caused by respiration and transpiration process. The better retention in weight of

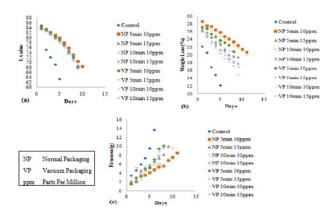


Fig.1: Effect of ozone on colour (a), weight loss (b) & texture properties (c)

samples can be correlated with the decrease in respiration and transpiration rate of sample (5). The firmness of the mushroom samples indicated the metabolic activity and water content of the mushroom. Loses in firmness are mainly due to the cell wall rupture caused by bacterial enzymes and cell autolysins. Firmness values showed a decreasing trend but, not a steep one as in case of control samples. The two parameters can be correlated with packaging condition which helped in maintaining the nutrient content as well by reducing dehydration in mushrooms (2). No treatment combinations went beyond 10 days of storage life in case of HDPE packaging material.

The sensory characteristics of the treated samples remained almost similar to the control samples (Fig.2). ANOVA analysis also showed that sensory attributes did not show a significant difference.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Ozone treatment and packaging conditions showed

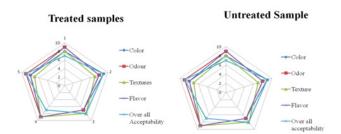


Fig.2: Comparison between sensory scores of sample treated with ozone (10ppm) at 7th day of storage and untreated sample

an impact on the extension of shelf life of mushrooms. One treatment controlled the browning reaction, other on the weight loss, nutrient retention and textural characteristics. Ozone concentrations of 10ppm and 15ppm were effective in prolonging the keeping quality of mushrooms until 10 days.

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### The Effect of Blanching and Drying on Retention of Ascorbic Acid in Indian Gooseberry (*Phyllanthus emblica*) Candy

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#### **SUMMARY**

This study was undertaken to optimise the vitamin C content during processing of Indian gooseberry (candy). Indian gooseberries were blanched (70-90°C for 5-15 min and pressurised condition), syruped and then dried (cabinet and microwave) for candy processing. Blanching temperature of 80°C for a time period of 20 min was found to be sufficient for the preparation of Indian gooseberry candy and retention of 315.5±19.53 mg/100g vitamin C was observed after blanching. The hardness and the chewiness of the blanched product were found to be 4.28±0.14N and 2.20±0.16N for 80°C 20 min samples. Cabinet drying of the blanched sample (80°C 20 min) at 70°C gave the maximum retention on the final candy (217.75±7.4 mg/100g), followed by microwave drying (178±11.21 mg/100g).

Keywords: Ascorbic acid, Blanching, Drying, Heat treatment, Indian gooseberry

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In comparison to the fat soluble vitamins, water soluble vitamins are of greater health concern as these cannot be stored in the body and their daily need is basically maintained through proper dietary intake. Indian gooseberry is an indispensable part in many traditional and alternative medicine systems like ayurveda and unani. The anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-carcinogenic and anti-genotoxic effect of Indian gooseberry is well demonstrated [1]. The current study aimed to optimise the vitamin C content during processing of Indian gooseberry. In this study, we also screened vitamin c in some widely used local fruits and made a value added product that is acceptable and can be consumed by any age groups. Candies are popular today due to their high acceptability, lesser volume and longer shelf life at ambient conditions. Blanching is done during the candy processing in order to reduce the tannin content and increase the palatability while drying plays a major role in final product quality and shelf-life.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Local fruits such as lime, pineapple, carambola, Indian gooseberry and wild gooseberries were first screened for their vitamin c content. For the processing of candy, first the Indian gooseberry were blanched at three different timings and temperatures, viz. 70°C, 80°C, 90°C for 10, 15, and 20 min and pressurized blanching conditions.

Most accurate vitamin C retention in these treated samples was found by 2,6-dichlorophenolindophenol dye titration method [2]. After the blanching process, the Indian gooseberry was steeped in sugar solution (75° brix) for three days and dried using microwave (600W) and cabinet drying (70°, 80°, and 90°C). Parameters such as colour, texture, Vitamin C, moisture content and Sensory characteristics (9 point hedonic scale) were analysed after each heat treatment. All data were analysed by ANOVA using SPSS statistical software package at the significant level of 0.05.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The vitamin c content of various fruits is shown in Table I. The vitamin c content of fresh Indian gooseberry was the highest of all tested fruits with 469.98±11.62mg/100g fruit

The vitamin C content of the fruits was estimated after blanching at different time-temperature combinations. The results showed that vitamin c retention decreased with increase in blanching time and temperature. The pressure cooked sample was found to have the least vitamin C retention with107.65±4.46 mg/100g.This reduction of ascorbic acid content was similar to the findings of Saini and Davar [3] who proved that the ascorbic acid losses are dependent on cooking time and temperature due to the thermal sensitivity of the vitamin C. The estimated vitamin C content after blanching is

Table I: Estimated vitamin c content of various fruits

Fruit	Estimated vitamin C (mg/100g)
Indian gooseberry ( <i>Emblica officinalis</i> )	469.98±11.62
Wild gooseberry (Phyllanthus acidus)	195.75±4.16
Lime(Citrus aurantifolia)	31.81±8.61
Pine apple (Ananas comosus)	40.91±3.21
Star fruit (Averrhoa carambola)	63.75±10.05

Values are mean of estimated values with standard deviation (n=3)

#### presented in Fig.1 (d).

The hardness and chewiness of the samples also decreased with higher time-temperature combination, mainly due to the cell wall and pectin degradation caused by thermal treatment (Fig.1a, b). From the sensory studies of the following blanched samples it was concluded that the blanching treatment of 80°C for 20 min was sufficient to get a proper texture and acceptability, as the blanched samples scored an overall acceptability of 8.2±0.1. Blanching had no significant effect on product moisture content. The greenness and yellowness of blanched sample also decreased with respect to temperature and time (Fig.1c).

The effects of various drying methods on blanched samples (80°C, 10 min) are given in Table II. Microwave drying showed a comparatively better retention of colour

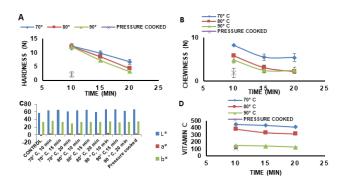


Fig.1: Effect of ozone on colour (a), weight loss (b) & texture properties (c)

Table II: Properties of Indian gooseberry candy

Drying Temp	Moisture Content (% Wb)	ΔE (Color)	Vitamin C (mg/100g)
70°C	21.30±1.71 <sup>b</sup>	66.48±0.49 <sup>b</sup>	217.75±7.4a
80°C	21.80±1.21 <sup>b</sup>	73.39±3.52a	162.5±4.64°
90°C	16.48±1.26°	70.84±3.92a	103.5±12.72 <sup>d</sup>
600w	24.72±1.22 <sup>a</sup>	66.2±0.73 <sup>b</sup>	178±11.21 <sup>b</sup>

Values are mean of estimated values with standard deviation (n=3)

and vitamin c than cabinet drying at 80 and 90 °C. This is mainly because of the volumetric heating and faster moisture removal rate of microwave radiations [4].

#### **CONCLUSION**

The blanching treatment at 80 °C for 20 min followed by drying at 70°C can retain more than 42% ascorbic acid (201.75 mg/100g) of candy like value added products and can successfully meet the Recommended Dietary Intake (60mg/day). The Indian gooseberry candy preparation procedure was standardized in such a way that there is a maximum retention of vitamin c in it without compromising its overall sensory acceptability.

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