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Can Ethanol Extract of Etlingera elatior Fruit Prevent Inflammations on Diabetic Nephropathy Mice Models?

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ABSTRACT

Objective: This research aimed to compare ethanol extract of Etlingera elatior (E.elatior) effects given in diabetes, pre diabetes, and post diabetes period.

Materials and Methods: This research used post-test only control group design. The first five mice group was given extract in pre DM period, the next group was given extract in post DM period, and the last group was given after ligation. Unilateral ureter ligation will be given to diabetic mice after one week. Evaluation of body weight, tension, glucose, albuminuria, and creatinine was in the fourth and fifth week of experiment. In the last week, High Sensitive C Reactive Protein (hsCRP) was examined.

Results: The results of the research showed that ethanol extract of E.elatior significantly reduce creatinine and hsCRP rate when the extract was given in pre diabetic and DM period (p<0,05). There is no significant difference of urine albumin rate based on extract giving period. Mice receiving extracts are proven to decrease necrotic and inflammation condition in kidney histologically.

Conclusion: ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit possesses anti-hyperglycemic and anti-hypertension activities as well as hinders weight loss. The extract is beneficial for nephroprotective with natural antioxidant and anti-inflammation substances inside of it.

Keywords: *diabetic nephropathy, ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit, nephroprotective, anti-inflammation, antioxidant*

INTRODUCTION

Diabetic nephropathy is one of micro vascular complications in diabetes mellitus (DM), the main reason of mortality and morbidity in diabetes 1,2. Diabetic nephropathy is marked with albuminuria and the decrease of Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) without other symptoms of kidney failures 3,5.

Inflammation is a body protection mechanism involving host cell, blood vessels, protein, and

other mediators against infections and other dangerous stimulants [6,7]. Inflammation may occur on diabetes in consequence of hyperglycemia activating pro-inflammatory cytokines such as Tumor Necrosis Factor-Alfa (TNF-a), Interleukin-1 (IL-1), Interleukin-6 (IL-6), and Interleukin-18(IL-18) that trigger leukocytes recruitment on inflammation area by resulting Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) [8,9].

Chronic hyperglycemia on diabetes will induce sustainable ROS and activate pro-inflammatory cytokines [10–12]. High Sensitive C Reactive Protein (hsCRP) as the most stable inflammation marker will be formed by hepatocytes due to IL6 stimulation resulting in endothelium damage [12–16]. Because of that, inflammation process has important impact in diabetic nephropathy and can be a therapy target [11,17,18].

Etlingera elatior (E.elatior) or kecombrang is Indonesian plant with rich bioactive compounds such as flavonoid, phenol, glycoside, saponins, tannin, steroid, and terpenoid [19–22]. Etlingera elatior fruit itself can work as anti-bacteria, antifungi, and immuno-modulator [23–26]. Therefore, we are interested in investigating ethanol extract of E.elatior effects as a candidate of inflammation resistor, observed from hsCRP marker on diabetic nephropathy mice models by comparing the extract giving period.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Materials

Materials to use in this research are Streptozotocin (STZ) and Nicotinamide (NA) from Nacalai Tesque, Inc. product. The E.elatior fruit is from Langkaplancar district, Pangandaran city, West Java. Other materials are Ethanol 96% from Merck, Vanillic acid from Sigma-Aldrich, and DPPH radical from Sigma-Aldrich. In hsCRP blood inspection, the substances to use are latex reagen Cardiac C-Reactive Protein High Sensitive from Roche. In blood glucose inspection, the substances to use are standard

solution of glucose 100 mg/dL and glucose reagent kit from DiaSys. The tool to measure glucose level activity and hsCRP serum is spectrophotometer. Extract producing process uses chemical glass, measuring cup, test tube, and Erlenmeyer from Pyrex®; pipette, analytic scale from Precisa®; blender from Philips; rotary vacuum evaporator from Buchi®; incubator from Froilabo®; spectrophotometer $UV\pm$ Vis 20D from Thermo®; and vortex from Stuart®.

Method

The implemented laboratory experimental research design is post-test only control group design. The study was approved by Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Sebelas Maret (39/UN27.06.6.1/KEP/EC/2021).

Sample collection and extraction procedure Etlingera elatior identification

Ripe E.elatior fruit at three months age from flower bud phase was determined by biological department in MIPA Faculty of Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta.

Etlingera elatior fruit extraction

Etlingera elatior fruit was clean washed, dried, and triturated, then follow maseration process using six litres of ethanol 96% [22,27]. The result of maseration process is then separated to gain ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit [24,28,29]. Can Ethanol Extract of Etlingera elatior Fruit Prevent Inflammations on Diabetic Nephropathy Mice Models?



FIGURE 1: Sample of E.elatior fruit collection and extraction procedures.

Antioxidant activity test using DPPH method

Antioxidant activity test using DPPH method was done based on [30]. The measurement of absorbance at 517nm wavelength using spectrophotometer UV-Vis twice. After that Inhibition Concentration 50% (IC50) value is determined, the sample concentration that dampen DPPH free radical as much as 50%. IC50 is the extract concentration that dampen the DPPH activity as much as 50%.

Experimental animal

Fifteen male white mice (Rattus novergicus) with 120-200 grams weight in Pengembangan Hewan Coba Fakultas Farmasi Universitas Gadjah Mada Laboratory were acclimatized and given standard diet for seven days before experiment [31].

Induction of nephropathy mice models in DM type 2

After one week of adaptation, mice are randomly divided into four groups: given extract before DM group (n=5), given extract after DM group

(n=5), given extract after ligation group (n=5), and normal group. The normal group was not given any extract, their tissue was the only thing taken at week five as well as other groups. On experiment day, white mice were injected with NA 110 mg/kg BB and STZ 45 mg/kg BB. Glucose blood and body weight were measured after 72 hours or seven days after NA/STZ injection [32]. After a week of STZ-NA induction, ureteral unilateral ligation (UUO) was conducted. Body weight and tension were measured on the first, second, and forth week. Body weight, tension, glucose, albuminuria, and creatinine were measured on week three and five. On the last week, body weight, tension, glucose, albuminuria. creatinine. hsCRP. and histopathology were measured. The normal group with no extract given is exclusively used as the comparison for histopathology without treatment.

Blood and Tissue Samples

At the end of the treatment period, mice were anesthetized by intraperitoneal injection of ketamine (45 mg/kg) after fasted overnight and

then sacrificed by cervical dislocation. The serum samples were prepared by collecting the blood from the retroorbital vein in anticoagulant-free tubes followed by centrifugation at $3000 \times$ g for 10 min. The tissue samples from kidney were quickly removed, cleaned in ice-cooled saline, blotted dry, and weighed. This procedure was carried out right after blood sampling. The tissue samples from kidney were preserved in buffered neutral formalin at a 10% concentration for histopathological and immunohistochemical analyses. A second weighted component was stored in a freezer at -80 °C for future research.

Statistical Analysis

Biological parameter result is declared as mean \pm standard deviation. The difference statistical

analysis among average values of three groups was conducted using F-test, followed by Student t-test or Aspin-Welch t-test. The difference is significant when <0,05.

Data of body weight, tension, glucose, albuminuria, creatinine, and hsCRP were analyzed using parametric test One Way Analysis of Variance (Anova) and Repeated Anova. One Way Anova test is used to find out existing difference of average rate values between the groups on specific time. Repeated Anova is used to analyze how big the rate change from time to time in specific group. The result is statistically meaningful when p<0,05. Data analysis was done using Statistical Product and Service Solutions (SPSS) program 24.0 version for Windows.

RESULTS

Antioxidant activity test result of E.elatior fruit

TABLE I: IC50 Value

No.		Sampel	IC50 (ppm)	Persamaan	r2
	1	Ekstrak etanol kecombrang	5,079	y = 2,4479x + 37,568	0,9985
	2	Ekstrak metanol kecombrang	5,445	y = 1,8978x + 39,666 dan r2 = 0,9663	0,9663
	3	Vanilic acid	8,996	y - 3,5571x + 18 dan r2 = 0,9934	0,9934

Description: IC50 = inhibitory concentration 50%

In vivo anti-hyperglycemic activity from E.elatior extract and its effect on body weight and tension





Description: BG = Blood Glucose, BP = Blood Pressure, W = week

Figure 2 shows that ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit significantly decrease blood glucose rate, as when extract was given before DM and when DM (p<0,05). In other side, glucose rate difference is shown significantly (p<0,05) if extract is given when DM (143,69 \pm 2,54 mg/dl) in comparison to pre DM (147,30 \pm 1,16 mg/dl).

Ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit that was evaluated on diabetic nephropathy mice model can prevent weight loss significantly (p<0,05). What's interesting is no significant weight difference in each week, especially week four to five, both when extract was given before DM and when DM.

Tension was significantly decreasing due to ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit adduction (p<0,05), especially if extract was given on diabetic and pre-diabetic condition, especially in week five.

In general, if extract was given after diabetic nephropathy occurred, there is no significant difference in body weight from the beginning of extract giving to the end of research, however there is still a meaningful difference of tension and blood glucose rate (p<0,001).

Kidney protection effect of E.elatior fruit ethanol on diabetic nephropathy mice



FIGURE 3: Albuminuria and Creatinine activities during week 2, 4, and 5.





There is significant difference of creatinine level reduction and hsCRP in week five if the extract was given on pre diabetic and DM in comparison to post DM (p<0,05), with the lowest decrease on pre diabetic extract adduction. Albumin urine level is lower if the extract was given when DM though no significant difference.

Histopathology

Kidneys were collected for histopathology inspection and comparing them to control group. The control group is the normal group with no E.elatior ethanol extract adduction after ligation to show pathological markers such as thinning cortex (atrophy) with dilatation and necrosis medulla. The group of mice with extract given in

pre DM period shows architecture, glomerulus size, membrane basement thickness, cortex, and medulla in relatively normal condition with minimum inflammation cells. Otherwise in mice group with extract given in DM period shows glomerulus with slight difference and no clear sign of mesangial cell expansion. All three pre DM, DM, and after ligation extract adduction prove to lessen necrotic condition and the decrease of inflammation cells infiltrations in cortex and medulla. Therefore, antioxidant compounds and fatty acid in plants may help in chronic blood glucose rate refinement, oxidative stress due to AGEs resistance, and other related consequences, including effectively resist diabetic nephropathy development.



FIGURE 5: (a) Histopathology of normal mice group with no E.elatior ethanol extract; (b) Histopathology of mice group with extract given after ligation; (c) Histopathology of mice group with extract given in DM period; (d) Histopathology of mice group with extract given in DM period

DISCUSSION

Vanillic Acid (VA) compound possess strong antioxidant and anti-inflammation action, easy to dissolve in polar solvent such as methanol and ethanol [33,34]. Etlangia elatior fruit holds VA as the most active compound [24]. The research results in the antioxidant activity of E.etlangior fruit with IC50 value of 5,079 mg/L higher than methanol extract with value of 5,445 mg/L, and VA with with IC50 value of 8,996 mg/L.

Diabetic nephropathy patient treatment with nonselective antioxidant like vitamin E and C failed to repair diabetic complication by reason of both vitamins detain non-selective ROS source [18]. fruit contains Etlangia elatior bioactive compound with antioxidant potentials and ability to seize free radicals [22,26,35]. In this research, we utilise DM type 2 (DM2) mice models induced with NA-STZ and ligated to investigate the renoprotective effects of E.etalior ethanol extract. After a week of hyperglicemia, UUO was conducted, the diabetic mice will go through kidney disfunction and hispathology change, related to inflammation rate marker increase and oxidative. Theraphy using ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit results in significant reduction of albuminuria as well as increase of other renal functional parameters.

The benefit of E.elatior ethanol extract is further evaluated in DM2 mice models in vivo study that evidently reduce blood glucose and tension level depending on extract giving period. The extract also prevents weight loss of mice without significant difference if compared each week. The result clearly shows that ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit owns positive effects to hyperglycemia reduction, tension, and weight loss prevention.

This research proves that consuming ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit significantly reduce blood glucose rate on DM2 mice induced with STZ-NA. Several research show that rimpang extract and E.elatior extract can reduce blood glucose rate on DM2 mice models. Rimpang and E.elatior extracts can hinder α -amylase and α -glucosidase as well as hold anti-hyperglycemic on DM2 mice models [36,37]. Research about anti-hyperglycemic effect from ethanol extract of E.elatior remains very limited.

Ethanol extract of E.elatior adduction prevents weight loss on diabetic mice, hence their body weight during experiment was consistent, so that if the body weight is compared each month there will be no significant difference (p>0,05. Weight loss on DM mice model caused by insulin deficiency catabolic effect that triggers muscle downsizing and structural protein degradation on diabetes patients [31].

Hypertension is both causing and consequence factor of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). This research shows that UUO will implicates on significant blood tension increase. In line with [38,39], UUO causes apoptosis, fibrosis, and inflammation formation. Anti-inflammation and antioxidant activity of E.elatior ethanol extract manage to resist blood tension increase [31].

Several mechanisms play important roles in nephropathy pathogenesis. Hyper diabetic filtration and glucose absorption in kidney induce AGE accumulation, oxidative stress, and inflammation [40]. Oxidative stress increase cytokine pro inflammation, hsCRP, by activating transcription nucleus factor NFkβ. Because of that, we explore ethanol extract of E.elatior effects with anti-inflammation and antioxidant activity when given to diabetic nephropathy mice. It results in dampening inflammation and oxidative stress. Inverse correlation between GFR and inflammation is clearly proven. Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort (CRIC) study results of inflammation biomarker (IL-1β, antagonist receptor IL-1, IL-6, TNF-α, CRP and fibrinogen), in reverse to functional renal size and correlating positively with albuminaria [41,42].

Fibrosis interstitial mechanism in CKD associates with proteinuria, ROS, vasoactive substance, tubular hypertrophy, hypermetabolism, and endotel disfunction [43]. Other than that, according to [44], UUO causes various kidney failures. such as glomerulosclerosis, tubular and apoptosis, interstitial fibrosis [45]. This research shows that ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit hinder glomerulosclerosis and inflammation, where the best result shows on both extract giving in the beginning of diabetes and pre DM period.

CONCLUSION

Strong antioxidant capacity in ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit possess great impact in antidiabetes and anti-hypertension effects. It holds anti-hyperglycemic activity on DM2 mice models. Diabetes complication causes weight loss, however ethanol extract of E.elatior fruit can detain the happening weight loss. The antioxidant activity of E.elatior ethanol extract reduces blood tension increase. Giving E.elatior ethanol extract will reduce inflammation marked by hsCRP decrease. Nephroprotective activity of E.elatior ethanol extract repairs creatinine and By observing albuminuria rate. kidney histopathology, ethanol extract of E.elatior restore normal functional structure of kidney. All these concludes that E.elatior is a natural source of antioxidant and anti-inflammation with curing diabetes patients and diabetic nephropathy prevention potentials. This research unfolds the usage of extracts on pre diabetic period that will expand more beneficial results in clinical trial.

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