The Decreasing of Homeostatic Model Assessment – Insulin Resistance Levels after Given Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (Coffea arabica L.) to Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Rats

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Diabetes mellitus (DM) continues to increase with currently more than 463 million people in the world live with DM. One of the causes of Type 2 DM (T2DM) is insulin resistance. Determining laboratory-based tests for early identification of T2DM is important. One of the tests developed was the detection of homeostatic model assessment – insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) levels.

AIM: Using chlorogenic acid found in coffee leaves as an antidiabetic agent for alternative treatments in DM, this research is conducted to understand the effect of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (Coffea arabica L.) in decreasing HOMA-IR levels in T2DM rats.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Thirty-five male Wistar rats (Rattus norvegicus) had T2DM induced using a combination of feeding a high-fat diet for 5 weeks followed by multiple intraperitoneal injections of low-dose streptozotocin (30 mg/kgBW), divided into 7 groups (2 groups that did not receive treatment [K1 and K2] and 5 groups that received treatment [K2, K4, K5, K6, K7]). The extract was administered with dosage 150, 200, and 250 mg/kgBW/day through a nasogastric tube for 30 days. Then, the HOMA-IR value will be obtained by multiplying fasting plasma insulin by fasting plasma glucose, then divide by a constant of 22.5.

RESULTS: The study showed a significant difference before and after treatment, p value was < 0.05, which a decrease HOMA-IR levels (p = 0.002) after given Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract at 200 and 250 mg/kgBW/day to Wistar rats for 30 days. The decrease HOMA-IR levels are greater than The T2DM group that received metformin and group without treatment.

CONCLUSION: Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract can significantly decrease HOMA-IR levels at a dose of 200 and 250 mg/kgBW. The decrease of HOMA-IR levels is greater than The T2DM group that received metformin and group without treatment.

Introduction

Studies have shown a tendency to increase the incidence and prevalence of Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) in various parts of the world. Type 2 diabetes as the most common type of diabetes currently accounted for around 90% of all diabetes cases. International Diabetes Federation (IDF) in 2019 states that currently there are more than 463 million people in the world live with DM. For example, it is predicted that the prevalence of DM throughout the world will increase to 578 million in 2045. Diabetes continues to increase steadily in the world, especially in developed countries. It is also expected to continue to increase in the next 20 years with more than 70% of patients will appear in developing countries with the majority aged 45–64 years [1], [2].

T2DM is generally characterized by insulin resistance. There are several studies on the basic mechanisms of insulin resistance at the molecular level, including abnormal insulin production, mutations of insulin receptors and their substrates, and insulin antagonists. Some of the mechanisms that cause insulin resistance involve transmembrane receptors on the cell surface, signal transduction defects, glucose transportation abnormalities, and others [3].

Insulin resistance is a strong predictor of measuring the progression of T2DM and targeted therapy for hyperglycemia. Insulin resistance can be enforced through homeostatic model assessment...
– insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), a method for assessing β cell function and insulin resistance from basal glucose (fasting) and insulin concentration. The results were obtained by multiplying fasting plasma insulin (FPI) by fasting plasma glucose (FPG), then dividing by a constant of 22.5. HOMA-IR assesses β-cell function and thus informs the physiological changes that occur before the onset of T2DM (the precursor of T2DM), which makes this test a potential tool for identifying people at high risk of developing T2DM [4].

Since long ago, plants have been used for the treatment of T2DM around the world. Large varieties of these plants have been evaluated and have been confirmed to have hypoglycemic effects in animal models such as alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids, polysaccharides, and saponins [5]. Coffee leaves are one of many types of plants which is known to have been antidiabetic effect, but it is efficacy has not been researched enough. Chlorogenic acid is a new insulin sensitiser that potentiates the action of insulin similar to metformin. Chlorogenic acid has been described as a potential antidiabetic agent. Coffee including the leaves is a complex mixture of chemicals that provides a large amount of chlorogenic acid. It was reported that daily consumption of chlorogenic acid significantly reduced the risk of T2DM by 30%. Other clinical trials have also shown that chlorogenic acid can reduce blood glucose in T2DM patients [6], [7], [8]. Therefore, this study is conducted to know the effect of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) in decreasing HOMA-IR levels.

Research Methodology

Research type and location

This research was conducted with experimental type research. The research was conducted at the Pharmacology and Therapeutic Laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Indonesia.

Materials

In this study, the ingredients used to reduce blood glucose level (BGL) were:
1. Metformin
2. Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.)

Animal

This study used male white rats, Wistar strain aged 8 weeks with a body weight of 180–200 g, the mice used were healthy and had never been tried in other studies. Using Federer’s formula (1963), all experimental animals used were around 35 rats [9].

Induction DM

Rats were acclimatized for 7 days, given food and drink ad libitum. One mouse was placed in a cage in a room with a temperature of 22–25°C with a light-dark cycle of 12/12 h. The mice were given a standard diet consisting of 12% fat, 60% carbohydrates, and 28% protein for 2 days, then were given a high-fat diet (HFD) consisting of 41% fat, 41% carbohydrates, and 18% protein for 5 weeks. After 5 weeks, the rats were fasted for 1 night, then they were injected with a low dose of streptozotocin (30 mg/kgBW in 0.1 citrate buffer, pH 4.5) = intraperitoneally. Injection of streptozotocin dose of 30 mg/kgBW in 0.1 citrate buffer, pH 4.5 was repeated for the following week. After 1 week of the second administration of streptozotocin, BGLs when checked with a glucometer and if more than 200 mg/dl, then fasting BGLs and fasting insulin levels are checked to ensure insulin resistance and T2DM have occurred in experimental animals. When measuring BGLs above 200 mg/dl, rats are said to have T2DM.

Treatment

Wistar rats that had been induced with HFD/streptozotocin (STZ) were then found to have BGLs indicating a value that indicated T2DM on the measurement of blood sugar. Wistar rats were divided into two large groups, namely the normal group that was not made the T2DM model (n = 10) and the T2DM model group (n = 25). All experimental animals in the T2DM model group were induced with a low dose of STZ 30 mg/kgBW (1-week interval) after being given a HFD for 5 weeks to make it a T2DM model. Wistar rats that had become T2DM were divided randomly into 5 groups, namely the T2DM group without treatment (n = 5), the T2DM group with metformin (n = 5), the T2DM group with the administration of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 150 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5), the T2DM group with the administration of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 200 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5), and the T2DM group was given Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5). Likewise, the group of mice that were not made the T2DM model was divided into 2 groups randomly, namely the normal control group without treatment (n = 5) and the normal control group with the administration of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5). Hence, the total number of groups (t) in this study was 7 groups consisting of 2 normal groups and 5 T2DM groups. Of these 7 groups, there were 2 groups that did not receive treatment (K1 and K3) and 5 groups that received treatment (K2, K4, K5, K6, K7). The extract was administered at a
dose of 150 mg/kgBW/day, 200 mg/kgBW/day, and 250 mg/kgBW/day of oral rats through a nasogastric tube for 30 days.

**Blood sugar check procedure**

The measured rat blood was taken from a lateral vein in the rat’s tail, the tip of the tail was sheared, and then the rat’s tail was pressed until it drained a drop of blood. Then, put a drop of blood into the AutoCheck.

**HOMA-IR calculation**

HOMA-IR level is obtained by multiplying FPI by FPG, then dividing it by a constant of 22.5, e.g.:

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\text{HOMA-IR} = \frac{\text{FPI} \times \text{FPG}}{22.5}
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For the cutoff value of HOMA-IR in humans, there are some differences between the previous, so we used a study recommended by Qu et al. where HOMA-IR below 2.6 is the normal range, 2.6–3.8 as borderline high without labeling this individual as having insulin resistance, and 3.8 as high and clearly correlates with insulin resistance with a specificity of 81.8% and a sensitivity of 64.1% [10].

**Statistical analysis**

To assess whether the sample is normally distributed or not, the Shapiro–Wilk test is carried out because the sample is <50. Data are presented in the form of mean, standard deviation because it is normally distributed. To assess the comparison of parameters between the control group and the treatment group, the one-way ANOVA test analysis was used. Data were processed and analyzed using SPSS with a significance limit of \( p < 0.05 \).

**Results and Discussions**

Based on the research that has been done, it shows that from 35 mice, there were changes in fasting BGL from before the intervention and after the intervention of each group. The reading results are then processed and averaged from each intervention group which produces the following data:

Table 1 shows that the mean fasting BGLs of male Wistar rats after being induced into the T2DM model in the T2DM group were higher than the non-induced T2DM model (79.40 ± 1.63 mg/dl [K1], 81.20 ± 1.90 mg/dl [K2], 291.00 ± 5.95 mg/dl [K3], 290.60 ± 4.08 mg/dl [K4], 293.60 ± 3.07 mg/dl [K5], 292.20 ± 2.74 mg/dl [K6], and 281.80 ± 1.82 mg/dl [K7]) with \( p = 0.025 \). The order of the mean fasting BGLs of male Wistar rats after T2DM from the highest to the lowest was K5 (293.60 ± 3.07 mg/dl) > K6 (292.20 ± 2.74 mg/dl) > K4 (290.60 ± 4.08 mg/dl) > K7 (281.80 ± 1.82 mg/dl) > K3 (291.00 ± 5.95 mg/dl) > K2 (81.20 ± 1.90 mg/dl) > K1 (79.40 ± 1.63 mg/dl).

Meanwhile in Table 2, it shows that the mean fasting BGLs of male Wistar rats in the T2DM model after intervention in the T2DM group who did not get the intervention were significantly higher than the average fasting BGLs in the group that received the intervention (79.20 ± 2.81 mg/dl [K1], 81.20 ± 7.48 mg/dl [K3], 82.40 ± 9.42 mg/dl [K4], 109.60 ± 6.87 mg/dl [K5], 87.0 ± 5.726 mg/dl [K6], and 64.60 ± 2.37 mg/dl [K7]) with \( p = 0.003 \). The order of the mean fasting BGLs of male Wistar rats after T2DM from the highest to the lowest was K3 (289.00 ± 7.48 mg/dl) > K5 (109.60 ± 4.00 mg/dl) > K6 (87.0 ± 5.726 mg/dl) > K4 (82.40 ± 9.42 mg/dl) > K2 (81.20 ± 2.81 mg/dl) > K1 (79.20 ± 1.46 mg/dl) > K7 (64.60 ± 2.37 mg/dl).

From Figure 1, we can see that the decrease in BGL in the T2DM group who received the intervention of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 250 mg/kgBW had the highest reduction in BGL even compared to the group that received metformin (K7 > K4). In the picture, it is also seen that the higher the dose of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.), the higher the decrease in BGL that occurs (delta K7 > K6 > K5). In addition, it can be seen in figure that the decrease in BGL in the group receiving Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 200 mg/kgBW was almost the same as the group receiving metformin (delta K6 = K4).

**Table 1: Data of fasting blood glucose levels in T2DM model Wistar rats before intervention**

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<th>Group</th>
<th>K1 (mg/dl)</th>
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<td>Fasting blood glucose levels (mg/dl)</td>
<td>79.40 ± 1.63</td>
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Data shown in mean ± SD form (One-way ANOVA test). *\( p < 0.05 \) was statistically significant. K1=Normal group without treatment. K2=Normal group+extract dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day. K3=T2DM group without treatment. K4=T2DM+metformin group. K5=T2DM group+extract dose of 150 mg/kgBW/day. K6=T2DM group+extract dose of 200 mg/kgBW/day. K7=T2DM group + extract dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day. T2DM: Type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Table 3 shows that the mean fasting insulin levels of male Wistar rats in the treatment group was...
Table 2: Data of fasting blood glucose levels in T2DM model Wistar rats after intervention

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<td>Fasting BG (mg/dl)</td>
<td>79.20 ± 1.46</td>
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Table 3: Differences in mean fasting blood glucose levels, fasting insulin levels, and HOMA-IR levels in Wistar rats model T2DM in the control group and the treatment group with coffee arabica Gayo leaf extract

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<td>Fasting insulin levels (µU/ml)</td>
<td>5.98 ± 1.75</td>
<td>5.40 ± 0.40</td>
<td>5.55 ± 0.39</td>
<td>6.08 ± 0.10</td>
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<td>HOMA-IR</td>
<td>21.07 ± 0.70</td>
<td>19.59 ± 1.92</td>
<td>21.22 ± 2.01</td>
<td>22.14 ± 2.21</td>
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Figure 2 and Table 4 present further tests to determine differences between groups specifically as well as to find out which of these groups had the most significant HOMA-IR changes. For this test, it appears that the significance value between groups is if p < 0.05. Based on the output in Table 4, it is known that the Sig value for K3 against K4 is 0.000, K3 against K5 is 0.000, K3 against K6 is 0.000, K3 against K7 is 0.000, K4 for K5 is 1.000, K4 for K6 is 1.000, K4 for K7 is 1.000, K5 to K6 is 1.000, K5 to K7 is 0.322, and K6 to K7 is 1.000. This shows that there is a significant difference in HOMA-IR on K3 against K4, K3 against K5, K3 against K6, and K3 against K7.
Discussion

The experimental animals used in this study were 35 healthy male Wistar rats (Rattus norvegicus sp.) who had met the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Wistar rats were divided into 2 highest groups, namely, the normal group that was not made the T2DM model (n = 10) and the T2DM model group (n = 25). All experimental animals in the T2DM model group were induced with a low dose of streptozotocin (STZ) 30 mg/kg (1 week interval) after being given an HFD for 5 weeks to make it a T2DM model. Wistar rats that had become T2DM were divided randomly into 5 groups, namely the T2DM group without treatment (n = 5), the T2DM group with metformin (n = 5), the T2DM group with the administration of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 150 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5), the T2DM group was given the Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 200 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5), and the T2DM group was given the Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5). Likewise, the group of mice that were not made the T2DM model was divided into two groups randomly, namely the normal control group without treatment (n = 5) and the normal control group with the administration of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 250 mg/kgBW/day (n = 5). Therefore, the total number of groups (t) in this study was 7 groups consisting of 2 Normal groups and 5 T2DM groups. Of these 7 groups, there were 2 groups that did not receive treatment (K1 and K3) and 5 groups that received treatment (K2, K4, K5, K6, K7).

Intervention of chlorogenic acid in Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf in a long period of time was able to significantly decrease fasting BGLs, fasting insulin levels and therefore HOMA-IR levels. In the pathophysiology of T2DM, insulin resistance plays a big role in the mechanism. Insulin resistance itself can be caused by various factors, both modifiable and non-modifiable factors which then result in decreased glucose transport through decreased GLUT-4 translocation caused by decreased PI3K activity through signal transduction pathways and decreased AMPK activity through non-signal transduction pathways. This decreases in translocation of GLUT-4 which then reduces the uptake of glucose in the blood resulting in an increase in BGLs. In this case, the untreated insulin resistance will cause T2DM. These components of PI3K, AMPK, and GLUT-4 in skeletal muscle are important in lowering the BGL and fasting insulin levels, therefore could improve insulin resistance [11].

In this study, it was found that the decrease in HOMA-IR values was greater in the T2DM model mice in the ethanol extract group of Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) at a dose of 200 mg/kgbb and 250 mg/kgbb for 30 days compared to the metformin group and it was statistically significant with p = 0.002. The results of this study are in line with the research of Roshan et al., who revealed that giving green coffee extract containing chlorogenic acid can significantly reduce the HOMA-IR index and consequently reduce insulin resistance. This was confirmed by several previous studies by giving chlorogenic acid content in green coffee for 14 weeks which resulted in an increase in insulin resistance in HFD-induced mice and a decrease in the value of HOMA-IR [4], [12].

In addition, the important role of insulin resistance leads to the need for an accurate examination of insulin resistance levels as well. HOMA is a method for assessing β cell function and insulin resistance from basal (fasting) glucose and insulin concentrations. Therefore, this study expects an improvement in insulin resistance signal transduction at the molecular level by giving Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) to T2DM model mice so that the state of insulin resistance can be improved [13].

Conclusion

In this study, it was found the Coffee Arabica Gayo Leaf Extract (C. arabica L.) can significantly decrease HOMA-IR levels (p = 0.002) at a dose of 200 mg/kgBW/day and 250 mg/kgBW. The decrease of HOMA-IR levels is greater than The T2DM group that received metformin and the T2DM group without treatment. It also shows that there is a significant difference in HOMA-IR on different groups such as K3 against K4, K3 against K5, K3 against K6, and K3 against K7 in Post Hoc Bonferroni Test.

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