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## The Efficacy of Seluang Fish Oil (*Rasbora agrottynea*) Related Body Weight, Lipid Profile, Adiponectin and Leptin in High Fat Diet -Induced Wistar Rats

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### Abstract

**Background:** *Rasbora agrottynea* (local name : Seluang ) is a fish native to Sumatera, Malaya and Borneo. This fish has a potential as a local wisdom for supplementation of omega 3 and omega 6. In Sumatera, Seluang fish was used as traditional food. The aim of this study to explore the efficacy of seluang fish oil in body weight, lipid profile, adiponectin and leptin level in Wistar Rats-Induced High Fat Diet.

**Methods:** This study was an experimental study , pre-post test with control group design. The sample in this study was 30 male rats, 8 weeks old, weight 150-200 gram. Rats were given high fat diet and seluang fish oil at dose of 0,1 , 0,2 and 0,4 mL/200 gr BW/day for 2 weeks. Seluang fish oil was extracted by distillation methods. The results of this study were assayed by SPSS 18.

**Results:** Seluang fish oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW was more potent to reduce body weight gain, triglyseride level, leptin and increase adiponectin level than seluang fish oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW, 0,2 mL/200 gr BW, negative control and positive control.

**Conclusion:** Seluang fish oil had a potentation to reduce body weight, triglyceride, leptin and increase adiponectin level.

**Keywords:** Seluang fish Oil – body weight- triglyserida – leptin - adiponectin

### Background

Obesity is a serious and complex health problem. This condition occurs due to dysregulation of several organ systems and dysregulated from molecular pathways, including the role of adipose tissue, liver, pancreas, gastrointestinal, nervous and genetic systems. A study shows that the condition of obesity will be associated with insulin resistance and serum adipokine status. Obesity conditions will lead to activation of adipokine production such as

adiponectin, leptin, TNF alpha, MCP-1 and IL-6, which play a role in homeostasis, metabolism and inflammatory processes.<sup>1,2</sup>

Leptin plays a role in appetite regulation and regulation of body energy consumption. Increased leptin is caused by the occurrence of adipocyte hypertrophy and potentially disrupts the hypothalamus feedback and thus induces leptin resistance and contributes to the occurrence of hyperphagia and weight gain.<sup>3</sup> Adiponectin is an adipokine produced by adipocyte cells, where adiponectin levels are found to be higher in the lean population than in the obese population. Adiponectin will reduce the occurrence of insulin resistance and triglyceride levels.

Fatty acids, omega-3s, are potent fatty acids for prevention and management of obesity. Omega-3 is an essential fatty acid obtained from outside the body, because the body is unable to produce these fatty acids. There are two essential fatty acids, omega 3 and omega 6. Omega 6 is represented by linoleic acid (LA) and omega 3 is represented by alpha-linolenic acid (ALA). LA will be metabolized to arachidonic acid (AA) and ALA will be metabolized to eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). EPA and DHA are commonly found in fish oil.<sup>4</sup>

Omega 3 will reduce fat decomposition in adipose tissue by suppressing lipogenic enzymes and increasing  $\beta$ -oxidation. Studies show that EPA and DHA supplementation can prevent obesity, lose weight. Omega 3 will decrease the inflammatory response and decrease the production of prostaglandins and leukotriene, furthermore, will be followed by decreased cytokines TNF alpha and IL-6. Omega 3 also directly affects the expression of the PPAR gene, which plays a role in the process of adipogenesis, improves insulin sensitivity and energy restoration. Rasbora fish (Rasborasp) is endemic fish of south sumatera. The fish contains various vitamins and minerals that are beneficial to health.<sup>5</sup> Previous studies have shown that fish extract contains high levels of vitamin D, omega 3, calcium and zinc. Therefore, this study was conducted to examine the role and effect of fish oil on the expression of protein regulators adipose metabolism, leptin and adiponectin, in obese rats model.

## Methods

The research design was experimental study, pre-post test with control group design. The study had been approved by bioethic humaniora Faculty of Medicine Sriwijaya University.

### **Preparation of Seluang Fish Oil**

Seluang fishes were collected from The Musi River Palembang, South Sumatera, Indonesia. Seluang fishes had been determined by Biology Laboratory, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Sriwijaya University, South Sumatera, Indonesia. Seluang Fishes were washed and removed the feces from the gut. Boiling fish with wet rendering method, where the milled fish is mixed with water at a ratio of 1:10. Next, the fish is cooked with a double jacket at temperature 90°C for 60 minutes. Fish oil located on the surface of the decoction is separated. Subsequently, the filtered fish oil was subjected to cooling by storing in the coolant temperature 4°C for 12 hours. The cooled oil will form three layers, the most basic layer is water, the second layer is free fatty acid and phosphatide and the top layer is fish oil.

### **Procedure of Experimental**

Thirty rats were used in this study. Inclusion criteria were male Wistar Rats, eight weeks old, weight 150-200 gram and health. Rats were divided into 5 groups, every group 6 rats. Rats were given high fat diet for 8 weeks. High fat diet contained 60% fat, 25% carbohydrate, 10% protein and 5% vitamin and minerals. Every Rat was given high fat diet 10% from body weight. At the 9<sup>th</sup> weeks, Rats were given high fat diet and treatment, group 1 : high fat diet + aquadest 1 mL (negative control), group 2 : high fat diet + simvastatin 10 mg/kgBW (positive control), group 3 : high fat diet + seluang fish oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW, group 4 : high fat diet + seluang fish oil 0,2 mL/200 gr BW, and group 5: high fat diet + seluang fish oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW. Treatment was given for 2 weeks.

### **The Body Weight, Lipid Profile, Adiponectin and Leptin Assays**

The body weight of rats were measured before treatments and after treatments. It was used digital analytic scale (One Med). The measurements were done three times and get the mean of body weight. Lipid profile (triglyceride level) was measured using Spectrophotometer and Diasys Kits for triglyceride. Leptin and adiponectin level was measured using ELISA methods and Sunlong biotech Rat ELISA Leptin Kit. The procedure of ELISA was based on the procedure assay in manual book.

### **Analysis of Data**

The results were assayed by SPSS 18. Data was assayed for bivariate and multivariate analysis. Bivariate analysis was used T test and multivariate test was used posthoc test.

**Results**

***The Efficacy of Seluang Fish Oil on Body Weight, Triglycerida, Adiponectin and Leptin Level***

Table 1 showed Seluang Fish Oil fruit extract 0,4 mL/200 gr BW was more potent to reduce body weight gain, triglycerida level, adiponectin and leptin level than Seluang fish oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW, seluang fish oil 0,2 mL/200gr BW, negative control and positive control.

**Table 1. The Efficacy of Seluang Fish Oil Fruit Extract on Body Weight, Triglycerida and Leptin**

Variable	Group	Before	After	p value <sup>a</sup>	% gained
<b>Body Weight (gram)</b>	Negative Control	220±5.72	220±8.83	1.000	0
	Positive Control	221±7,21	203±5,23	0.015	-7.72
	Oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW	222±6.78	200±7.82	0.011	-9.91
	Oil 0,2 mL/200 gr BW	222±14.9	211±11.43	0.016	-4.95
	Oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW	224±11.11	190±5.72	0.018	-15.18
<b>Triglycerida (mg/dL)</b>	Negative Control	212±6.75	212±1.09	1.000	0
	Positive Control	213±5.87	200±3,76	0.021	-6.43
	Oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW	221±6.15	198±0.53	0.011	-10.42
	Oil 0,2 mL/200 gr BW	216±5.65	199±0.84	0.004	-7.91
	Oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW	215±5.25	169±0.78	0.009	-21.39
<b>Adiponectin (pg/mL)</b>	Negative Control	78.78±0.87	78.87±5.12	1.000	0
	Positive Control	70,65±1.09	77.35±5.43	0.013	8.67
	Oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW	69.23±0.34	75.47±6.22	0.011	7.69
	Oil 0,2 mL/200 gr BW	69.13±0.35	80.45±5.23	0.003	13.75
	Oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW	61.23±0.87	79.17±6.52	0.008	22.78
<b>Leptin (pg/mL)</b>	Negative Control	78.87±5.12	78.78±0.87	1.000	0
	Positive Control	77.35±5.43	70,65±1.09	0.013	-8.67
	Oil 0,1 mL/200 gr BW	75.47±6.22	69.23±0.34	0.011	-7.69
	Oil 0,2 mL/200 gr BW	80.45±5.23	69.13±0.35	0.003	-13.75
	Oil 0,4 mL/200 gr BW	79.17±6.52	61.23±0.87	0.008	-22.78

<sup>a</sup>Paired T test, p=0,05

## Discussion

Seluang fishoil showed dose-dependence efficacy to reduce body weight, leptin, triglycerida and increase adiponectin level. Seluang fish oil at doses 0,4 mL/200 gr BW had more potent to reduce body weight, leptin, triglycerida and increase adiponectin level than seluang fishoil at doses 0,1 mL/200 gr BW and 0,2 mL/200 gr BW. The increasing doses of extract did not positive correlation with efficacy to reduce body weight, leptin, triglycerida and increase adiponectin level. Based on selung fish oil analysis, seluang fishoil contained omega 3 and omega 6. Fatty acids, omega-3s, are potent fatty acids for prevention and management of obesity. Omega-3 is an essential fatty acid obtained from outside the body, because the body is unable to produce these fatty acids.<sup>6,7</sup> There are two essential fatty acids, omega 3 and omega 6. Omega 6 is represented by linoleic acid (LA) and omega 3 is represented by alpha-linoleic acid (ALA). LA will be metabolized to arachidonic acid (AA) and ALA will be metabolized to eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). EPA and DHA are commonly found in fish oil.<sup>8,9</sup> Omega 3 will reduce fat decomposition in adipose tissue by suppressing lipogenic enzymes and increasing  $\beta$ -oxidation. Studies show that EPA and DHA supplementation can prevent obesity, lose weight. Omega 3 will decrease the inflammatory response and decrease the production of prostaglandins and leukotriene, furthermore, will be followed by decreased cytokines TNF alpha and IL-6. Omega 3 also directly affects the expression of the PPAR gene, which plays a role in the process of adipogenesis, improves insulin sensitivity and energy restoration.<sup>10-12</sup>

## Conclusion

Seluang fish oil had a potentiation to reduce body weight, triglyceride, leptin and increase adiponectin level.

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