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Abstract. Cadmium is a heavy metal widely used in human life. When it enters the body, cadmium might bind to metallothionein protein and impair renal function. The renal function decrease usually is characterized by raise of β2-microglobulin, creatinine, ureum and uric acid levels, which possibly be cured by lycopene, and antioxidant found in tomato. The objective of the study was to determine the effective lycopene dose as a renoprotective of Cd exposure. Twenty four Wistar rats used in this study were divided into six groups (four individuals in each group). Group I was the negative control, Group II was given 5.6 mg/kgBW CdSO4 as a positive control. Group III, IV and V were given 5.6 mg/kgBW CdSO4 and tomato extract of 0.36, 0.72 and 1.08 mg/kgBW/day respectively. Group VI exposed to CdSO4, and after seven days an additional 0.3 mg/kgBW/day of dimercaprol was administered for 14 days as a comparison to tomato. The parameters observed were levels of Cd, creatinine, and β2-microglobulin in blood level. Observations were made on day 0 and day 22. The data were analyzed by ANOVA (F-test), followed by the Duncan test. The results showed that all treatments and dimercaprol could reduce the levels of Cd, creatinine, ureum, uric acid, and β2-Microglobulin. The optimal decrease was observed in the rats administered with 1.08 mg/kgBW/day. Tomato extract dose 1.08 mg/kgBW was the highest in lowering levels of blood Cd, β2-M, creatinine, urea, and uric acid levels.

1. Introduction

Industrial waste containing Cd can pollute the atmosphere, soil, and water. Cadmium is a persistent compound in an environment with a half-life of 30-40 years [1, 2]. Consequently, exposure to both acute and chronic Cd is very harmful to human health, especially to the kidney, which is the main target of Cd. Cadmium is also one of the causes of hypertension and human heart disease (atherosclerotic heart disease) [3, 4, 5]. Poisoning of Cd, Itai-Itai disease, occurring in Japan was caused by water pollution in Kumamoto. In Indonesia, it happened in Jakarta Bay. A Kaliadem resident who consumed green mussels had a high risk for Cd exposure (RQ > 1) with hypertension symptom [6]. In the body, cadmium binds to the metallothionein protein [7, 8]. This bonding is stable and can lead to increase free radicals in the liver and kidneys, resulting in oxidative stress characterized by decreased of superoxide dismutase (SOD) and Glutathione Peroxidase (GPx), leading to a decrease of renal function [3, 9]. An antioxidant supplement such as vitamin C, Vitamin E, and Selenium prevents Cd toxicity. They reduce Cd absorption by the kidneys and help to eliminate Cd out of the body without damaging the kidneys [10]. However, antioxidants in the form of food supplements are expensive and only the upper-middle-class society that might afford it. Usually, Cd toxicity treatment involves application of a chemical chelation compound, dimercaprol, but it is not

recommended because it can damage the kidneys and cause hypertension [3]. It is necessary to find an alternative treatment of easily available and cheap natural antioxidants such as tomatoes to overcome Cd toxicity. Tomato contains an active compound called lycopene, a potent antioxidant because of its capacity to reduce free radical compounds in the body [10]. This research aimed to understand renoprotective effects of lycopene on rat exposed by Cd with measuring of their β2-M level, and renal function creatinine, urea, and uric acid level, as well as to find the effective dose of lycopene as renoprotective on rat exposed by Cd in terms of decreasing β2-M, creatinine, urea, and uric acid level.

2. Methods

We selected a golden jubilee or golden tomato. The ethanol tomato extract (by maceration method) was used as a chelating agent for Cd poisoning. Five kg of raw tomato was dissolved in 96%-ethanol for 3x24 hours, and to thicken the extract the macerate was evaporated by vacuum rotary evaporator to produce 0.5 g extract. Tomato extract was administered 14 days after rat exposures to CdSO4. Wistar rats were fed with AD II pellets and distilled water for drinking ad libitum. They (24) were divided into six groups, C1: negative control (non-CdSO4, non-tomato extract), C2: positive control (exposed to 5.6 mg/kgBW CdSO4 for 14 days), C3, C4, C5 were exposed to 5.6 mg/kgBW CdSO4 for seven days and given tomato extract at a dose of 0.36, 0.72 and 1.08 mg/kgBW/day for 14 days, respectively. C6 was exposed to CdSO4 for seven days and dimercaprol for 14 days at a dose of 0.3 mg/kgBW. Dose of 0.36 mg/kgBW equals to lycopene dose of 15 mg/kgBW in humans, 0.72 mg/kgBB correspond to 30 mg/kgBW in human, and 1.08 mg/kgBW was to 45 mg/kgBW. The blood was collected on day 0 and 15, using a hematocrit capillary pipette on the vein orbitalis plexus of rat, then collected in Eppendorf tube (3 ml). The blood was divided into two parts, i.e., 0.5 ml for blood Cd analysis, and 2.5 ml for measurements of creatinine, uric acid, urea, and β2-M. The 2.5 ml blood was centrifuged for 10 minutes (4,000 rpm). Cadmium was measured by AAS at 228.6 nm wavelength and a strong current of 3.5 mA0. Creatinine level was examined by Jaffe kinetic method and read at spectrophotometer (492 nm). Urea and uric acid were measured by Dyasis method with a wavelength of 546 nm. Data of Cd, creatinine, uric acid, urea, and β2-M levels were analyzed by ANOVA, followed by Duncan test, to find out the differences in the treatments.

3. Results

The levels of cadmium, creatinine, β 2M, urea and uric acid after administrated by lycopene is presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Cadmium, creatinine,β 2M, urea and uric acid levels after lycopene administered (C1: healthy control, C2: $CdSO_4$ + 5.6 mg/kgBW lycopene, C3: $CdSO_4$ + 0.36 mg/kgBW lycopene, C4: $CdSO_4$ + 0.72 mg/kgBW lycopene, C5: $CdSO_4$ + 1.08 mg/kgBW lycopene, C6: $CdSO_4$ + 0.3 mg/kgBW dimercaprol. Column followed by the same letter is not significantly different with $p < 0.05$.)

Treatment	Cadmium (ppm)	Creatinin (mg/dl)	β 2M (mg/dl)	Urea (mg/dl)	Uric acid (mg/dl)
C1	0.2 ±0.08 [a]	0.61±0.09[a]	96.21±16.98[a]	13.5±1.62[a]	2.63±0.12[a]
C2	2.08±0.17[b]	1.23±0.16[b]	188.15±17.91[b]	45.38±2.97[b]	6.17±0.56[b]
C3	1.36±0.04[c]	1.00±0.20[c]	140.38±28.07[c]	28.75±2.01[c]	4.67±0.36[c]
C4	1.18±0.36[c]	0.78±0.11[a]	111.05±10.04[d]	17.50±1.01[d]	2.92±0.20[a]
C5	0.84±0.05[d]	0.69±0.08[a]	84.58±14.48[a]	19.70±1.05[d]	3.05±0.19[d]

Treatment	Cadmium (ppm)	Creatinin (mg/dl)	β 2M (mg/dl)	Urea (mg/dl)	Uric acid (mg/dl)
C6	1.14±0.40[c]	0.82±0.05[a]	113.6±15.22[d]	22.32±1.15[d]	3.23±1.2[d]

4. Discussion

The highest Cd level was in C2 after giving the rat with CdSO4. It is because Cd in the body binds to metallothionein (Cd + Mt) and increase Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) such as $1O_2$, O_2- and OH- which leads to lipid peroxidation that accumulates and damages the kidney especially renal proximal tubule [7, 8]. The damage of proximal renal tubules by Cd leads to an increase in blood creatinine, urea, uric acid, and β2-M level (Table 1) [11, 12].

The β2-M increase in the rats (normal value 80-150 ng/ml) is due to renal dysfunction and inhibits salt reabsorption, reduction of water reabsorption, and consequently an increase in urine volume (polyuria) [13]. Creatinine is a creatine and phosphocreatine metabolites which are filtered in the glomerulus and reabsorbed in the kidney tubules. Kidney dysfunction causes Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) to decrease, followed by decrease ability to filtrate creatinine, and increase of serum creatinine (normal value 0.3-0.9 mg/dl) [14].

After administering the tomato extract and dimercaprol for 14 days, improvements were shown in renal function characterized by decreased levels of blood Cd, creatinine urea, uric acid, and β2-M, which returned to normal levels. The analysis showed highly significant differences between control and treatment groups. Lycopene and flavonoids in tomatoes can neutralize free radical of Cd +Mt by giving H+ as an electron donor, result in improvements of kidney organ. Lycopene in tomato fruit may reduce free radicals 20 times greater than vitamin C, and 10 times larger than vitamin E [10, 15]. Lycopene in tomato extract dose of 1.08 mg/kgBW was the best in lowering levels of blood Cd, β2-M, creatinine, urea, and uric acid levels compared to dose of 0.36 mg/kgBW, 0.72 mg/kgBW, and dimercaprol dose of 0.3 mg/kgBW.

5. Conclusion

Tomato extract with dose of 1.08 mg/kgBW was the best in lowering levels of blood Cd, β2-M, creatinine, urea, and uric acid levels.

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