

## **SUPPLEMENTATION OF COFFEE HUSK FERMENTED WITH *Pleurotus ostreatus*: EFFECT ON PERFORMANCE AND BLOOD PROFILE OF GASTROINTESTINAL NEMATODES INFECTED GOAT**

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### **ABSTRAK**

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengevaluasi potensi kulit buah kopi yang telah difermentasi dengan *Pleurotus ostreatus* sebagai suplemen obat cacing alami dengan mengukur performa dan profil darah kambing yang menderita infeksi nematoda. Sebanyak 18 ekor kambing Kacang jantan berumur seragam ( $\pm 10$  bulan) dengan rata-rata berat badan  $9,23 \pm 1,71$  kg dialokasikan ke dalam tiga perlakuan dalam rancangan acak lengkap yaitu T0 (grup yang tidak diberi obat anthelmintik dan tidak disuplementasi kulit buah kopi fermentasi), T1 (grup yang tidak diberi obat anthelmintik, tetapi mendapat suplementasi kulit buah kopi fermentasi) dan T2 (grup yang diberi obat anthelmintik, tetapi tidak disuplementasi kulit buah kopi fermentasi). Ransum basal terdiri dari 60% rumput alam dan 40% konsentrat. Kulit buah kopi fermentasi ditambahkan sebanyak 6% dari kebutuhan bahan kering ransum. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan perlakuan tidak memberikan pengaruh yang nyata terhadap konsumsi bahan kering, pertambahan berat badan harian, nilai *Packed Cell Volume* (PCV) dan jumlah eosinofil ( $P > 0,05$ ). Suplementasi kulit buah kopi fermentasi (T1) meningkatkan nilai Hemoglobin (Hb) dan *Red Blood Cell* (RBC) ( $P < 0,05$ ). Tidak terdapat perbedaan yang nyata antara T1 dan T2 terhadap nilai Hb dan RBC. Tidak terdapat infeksi nematoda setelah mendapat perlakuan T1 dan T2 yang ditunjukkan dengan nilai Egg Count nol sementara pada T0 masih menderita infeksi nematoda. Hasil penelitian ini memberikan indikasi bahwa kulit buah kopi yang telah difermentasi oleh *P.ostreatus* dapat digunakan sebagai suplemen anticacing alami dengan perbaikan terhadap nilai Hb, nilai RBC, jumlah telur dalam feses dan pertambahan berat badan harian.

*Kata Kunci : kulit buah kopi fermentasi, pakan suplemen anticacing, performa, profil darah, kambing*

### **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this study was to investigate the potency of coffee husk fermented with *P.ostreatus* as a natural anthelmintic supplement by measuring the performance and blood profile of goat suffered gastrointestinal nematodes infection. Eighteen local male goats of Kacang goat with body weight of  $9.23 \pm 1.71$  kg and aged at  $\pm 10$  months were arranged into three treatments in completely randomized design. The treatments were T0 (group without chemical anthelmintic treatment and no supplementation of fermented coffee husk), T1 (without chemical anthelmintic treatment, but supplied with fermented coffee husk) and T2 (group with chemical anthelmintic and no supplementation of fermented coffee husk). All goats were offered a basal diet in the ratio of 60% natural grasses along with 40% concentrate. Fermented coffee husk was added in the diet as much as 6% from the dry matter need. The result showed that there were no significant effect to dry matter intake, daily weight gain, PCV value and eosinophil counts ( $P > 0.05$ ). The supplementation of fermented coffee husk (T1) enhanced Hb and red blood cell (RBC) value ( $P < 0.05$ ) while no significant difference to T2. There were no nematodes

infection in T1 and T2 with the eggs count were zero while the animals in T0 were still infected. This result indicated that fermented coffee husk can be used as a promising natural anthelmintic supplement with the improvement of Hb value, RBC, egg counts and daily weight gain.

*Keywords: fermented coffee husk, anthelmintic feed supplement, performance, blood profile, goat*

## INTRODUCTION

Gastrointestinal (GI) nematodes infection constitutes a major health problem for humans and animals in many parts of the world. The consequence of nematodes infection is adverse effects on the productivity of animal such as decrease the appetite, more susceptible to high prevalence and frequent outbreaks of infectious diseases (Pathak and Pal, 2008).

The customary mode of control of these GI nematodes has been based on the repeated use of chemical anthelmintics. However, drug resistance has become an important issue in small ruminant husbandry. The intensive use of drugs in the livestock industry has led to widespread resistance to all current anthelmintics (Wolstenholme *et al.*, 2004; Sissouma *et al.*, 2011).

Alternative environment friendly sustainable novel strategies are required, which could reduce the exclusive reliance on anthelmintic treatment. Plants have been used from ancient times to cure diseases of man and animals. There are many plants which have been reported in the literature for their anthelmintic importance.

Mushrooms have been also used as food supplement from times because of their medicinal properties. One of the mushrooms is *P.ostreatus* possesses a number of active compounds help in health-enhancers, potentiating against diseases, biological respon modifiers (Wong *et al.*, 2011; Patel *et al.*, 2012). There were the increasing lymphocyte and the decreasing of eosinophyl counts from the PE goat supplied with solid substrate of *P. Ostreatus* made from coffee husk (Badarina *et al.*, 2014). This indicated that fermented coffee husk could improve immunity which enhanced the onset of parasite rejection.

The bioactive substance responsables for biological action is  $\beta$ -glucan, a part of polysaccharides that form an integral part of fungal cell wall (Chen and Seviour, 2007). The application of fermented coffee husk against internal parasites could be due to its metabolic secondary substances such as saponin, tannin, alkaloid, flavonoid, glycosides and triterpenoid (Badarina *et al.*, 2013). These substances were found in chemical anthelmintics drugs and

botanical anthelmintics (Zafar *et al.*, 2004; Suharti *et al.*, 2010).

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Coffee Husk Cultivation with *Pleurotus ostreatus*

Coffee husks were sun dried until its moisture content range was 10%-15%. The cultivation method and the composition of solid substrate were conducted according to Herliyana *et al.* (2008) with slight modification. The substrate consisted of 82.5% of coffee husks, 15% rice bran, 1.5% gypsums, and 1.0%  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . The clean water was added into the substrate as much as 65%-70% (v/w). All the components were composted for 24 h and then was placed into polypropylene bags as much as 400 g per bag. The bag logs were sterilized on 121°C for 30 min. After cooling, each bag was inoculated aseptically with *P.ostreatus* grain spawn and incubated in an incubating room at 23-24°C and approximately 80% relative humidity. Each spawned bag was closed with a small sterile cotton plug inserted in the middle of its opening. All bags were placed in incubating room and after 60 d the substrates were fully colonized and the primordial started to appear. The fully colonized substrates were solar dried and ready to use as feed. The nutrient content of coffee husk substrate is presented in Table 1.

### Animals and Treatments

Eighteen local male goats named Kacang goat were used in this experiment. The mean of goat body weights were  $9.3 \pm 1.71$ kg with similar age ( $\pm 10$  months). All goats were selected from the traditional farmer and suffered gastro intestinal nematodes (GINs) based on fecal egg count (FECs). The FECs were made using the modified McMaster technique (MAFF, 1986). All experimental goats were arranged in a completely

randomized design.

All the goats were allocated in three different groups i.e. T0 (no chemical anthelmintic treatment and no supplementation of fermented coffee husk), T1 (no chemical anthelmintic treatment, animals supplied with fermented coffee husk) and T2 (group with anthelmintic treatment and no supplementation of fermented coffee husk). All goats were housed individually with facilities for individual feeding.

All goats were offered a basal diet in the ratio of 60% natural grasses and 40% concentrate mixture. The concentrate diet composed mainly of cassava waste, coconut meal, soybean wastes meal, rice bran and crude palm oil. The formulation and chemical analysis of concentrate was shown in the Table 2. Goats were fed twice daily in adequate amounts to ensure 3.5% dry matter intake of body weight at the day. The diet was arranged to fulfill the nutrient for goat with crude protein 11-12% and TDN 60% (Kearl, 1982). Fermented coffee husk was added in the diet of treatment (T1) as much as 6% of dry matter requirement (Badarina *et al.*, 2014).

#### Measurements of Feed Intake, Weight Gain and Blood Profile

Feed intake: Voluntary feed intake (VFI) for each animal was recorded individually on daily basis. Feed intake was the difference between amount offered and amount left. Dry matter intake (DMI) was estimated from VFI x percentage of dry matter (DM). The weight gain evaluated by the difference between the weight after and before treatment. Feeding trial lasted for 45 d.

Blood samples were obtained before morning feeding by venipuncture from jugular venous vein, it was collected into heparinized vacutainer. Blood samples were immediately placed into an ice-bath before processing. Blood samples were analyzed by standard methods (Jain, 1993). Packed cell volume (PCV) was determined by microhematocrit method, hemoglobin (Hgb) concentration by spectrophotometric method, red blood cell (RBCs) and eosinophil counts by haemocytometer method. Blood profile were evaluated after and before treatment.

#### Data Analysis

All statistical analysis of the data obtained were performed to anova (Steel and Torrie, 2003). Means among treatments were compared by Duncan Multiple Range Test (DMRT). Statistical differences were expressed at  $P < 0.05$ .

Table 1. Nutrient Contents of Coffee Husk Substrate Fermented by *Pleurotus ostreatus* (dry matter)

Nutrient Component	Fermented Coffee husk
Organic matter (%)	86.60
Crude protein (%)	12.14
Crude fiber (%)	46.83
Ether extract (%)	1.67
NDF (%)	79.08
ADF (%)	74.08
Hemicelluloses (%)	5.32
Celluloses (%)	24.79
Lignin (%)	45.04
Tannin (%)	0.18
Caffein (%)	0.82
$\beta$ -glucan (%w/w)	4.25
Ca (%)	1.28
P (%)	0.08
Fe (%)	0.11
Zn (ppm)	12.00

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Dry Matter Intake and Weight Gain

Table 3 shows the effect of treatments on feed intake and growth performance of goats. Intake of the dry matter was not significantly different ( $P > 0.05$ ) between treatments. The dry matter intake of all the treatment groups were higher than the feeding standard 0.35kg/day (Kearl, 1982). This condition meant that the diet were palatable and the animals got the nutrients more than recommendation for standard weight gain 75 gram/day. Matanovic *et al.* (2007) stated that the animals with the good nutrient intake will have better ability to improve the immune system so decreasing the fecundity of existing parasites.

In this research, the daily weight gain of the treatments were less than 75 gram. The highest daily gain was reached by T2 ( 62.86±49.14 g) and the lowest was T0 (33.571±24.94 g). This

Table 2. Ingredients of Concentrate and Chemical Composition of Concentrate

Ingredient	Percentage of DM
Soybean wastes meal	34.88
Rice bran	23.26
Coconut wastes meal	23.26
Cassava wastes	11.63
Crude palm oil	6.97
Total	100.00
Dry matter(%)	85.05
Ash (%)	10.38
Crude protein (%)	15.33
Crude fiber (%)	30.94
Ether extract (%)	5.66
Total Digestible Nutrient (%)	71.96

Badarina *et al.* (2013)

condition may be attributed to nematodes infection with relation to nutrient intake and the nutrient utilization by animals (Pathak and Tiwari, 2012). On T0 (no chemical anthelmintic treatment and no supplementation of fermented coffee husk), the dry matter intake and daily gain was the lowest. The mean of faecal egg count (FECs) is presented in Tabel 4. At the beginning of this research, all animals were infected by the nematodes. The level of nematodes infection were moderate because the faecal egg counts were range 500-5000 eggs/g faeces (Soulsby, 1982). After treatment, the animals in T1 (with fermented coffee husk supplementation) and T2 (with chemical anthelmintic treatment) were in good health. There were no nematodes infection in T1 and T2 shown with the faecal egg counts were zero while the animals in T0 were still infected.

The performance of the goats in this research were not optimally yet, this could be due to most of the nutrients were allocated to improve the immunity. Cunningham-Rundles (2006) reported that nutrition was the main factor to improve the immunity. During a disease challenge, nutrient are shunted away from growth and are used by specific cells to mount an immune system (Ingvarsen and Moyes, 2013). Pathak *et al.* (2013) stated that GIN infection caused extensive

abomasal tissue damage, haemorrhage and protein losses and redirected protein synthesis away from growth.

Though there was no statistically significant difference between treatment groups, the weight gain on T1 and T2 were higher than T0. This indicates that the health of animals on T1 and T2 are better than T0 group. Roche and Berry (2006) stated that there was association between body condition and health.

### Blood Profile

Blood parameter is one of the methods used to assess nutritional and health status of animals. Changes in haematological characteristics could be used as a measure of the nutritional or physiological status of the animal (Ndlovu *et al.* 2007; Ekenyem and Madubuike, 2007). Feeding fermented coffee husk (T1) and T2 (chemical anthelmintic treatment) in GIN infected goat improved Hb and RBC value ( $P < 0.05$ ) as shown in Table 3. The reduced Hb values in T0 possibly related to nematode infection. The reduced Hb in infected animal may be attributed to the bleeding of abomasum and intestines due to injuries caused by the parasites (Rowe *et al.*, 1988). Fermented coffee husk supplementation to infected goat prevented a marked decreased in Hb. The improving the health of animal in T1 and T2 possibly related to the effect of fermented coffee husk and chemical anthelmintic as control of GINs.

The decreasing and increasing of PCV and eosinophil counts had been known as the indicator of parasite infection. No statistically significant differences were observed in PCV and eosinophil counts. The PCV counts decreased on T0. PCV is the most accurate means of determining red blood cell volume and can be used to deduce total blood volume and haemoglobin levels. The decreasing of PCV counts meant that there had been decreasing of red blood cells counts and decreasing of Hb concentration in blood (Widjajanti *et al.*, 2002). Eosinophil counts on T0 group was the highest. This condition possibly related to the immune responsiveness of animals to GIN infection. The eosinophil counts associated with the level of parasite infection. Tuasikal and Suhardono (2006) reported that the eosinophil counts were higher on goats with gastro intestinal nematodes infection.

The percentage of eosinophil count change were lower in T0. This condition indicated that the immune system on T0 still fought against the

Table 3. The Weight Gain and Dry Matter Intake in Feeding Trial

Variables	Diets		
	T0	T1	T2
Avarage weight gain, g/day/head	33.571 ± 24.94	44.29 ± 19.69	62.86 ± 49.14
Dry matter intake, g/day/head	691.31 ± 128.23	792.01 ± 128.79	801.34 ± 159.26

Tabel 4. Blood Profile of the Goats in Feeding Trial

Items	Treatment		
	T0	T1	T2
Haemoglobin, g/dL			
- Baseline	8.15±1.55	8.32±1.10	7.23±0.86
- Post-analytical	5.55±1.90 <sup>a</sup>	8.62±1.50 <sup>b</sup>	9.20±2.46 <sup>b</sup>
- % of change	-31.92	+3.61	+27.25
Packed Cell Volume (PCV), %			
- Baseline	24.00±4.58	23.50±4.46	21.50±2.29
- Post-analytical	21.00±6.59	25.17±4.37	27.50±7.43
- % of change	-12.5	+7.11	+27.91
Red Blood Cells (RBC), 10 <sup>6</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>			
- Baseline	11.28±1.72	11.16±1.48	9.44±1.04
- Post-analytical	7.40±2.52 <sup>a</sup>	11.40±2.04 <sup>b</sup>	12.20±3.24 <sup>b</sup>
- % of change	-34.40	+2.15	+29.24
Eosinophil count, %			
- Baseline	2.75±0.83	1.50±0.40	1.50±0.82
- Post-analytical	2.50±1.12	1.33±0.75	1.25±0.83
- % of change	-9.09	-11.33	-16.66
Faecal Egg Count (FEC), egg/g faeces			
- Baseline	681.25	687.5	531.25
- Post-analytical	37.5	0	0

Different superscripts in same row indicate significantly different (P<0.05)

nematodes infection. Estuningsih *et al.* (2002) stated that eosinophil cells are one of the immune cells to protect from parasite infection.

### CONCLUSION

The result of the current study confirmed the potency of fermented coffee husk as natural anthelmintic feed supplement in ruminant diets.

Fermented coffee husk could be used as anthelmintic feed supplement with the improvement of Hb value, RBC counts, egg counts and daily weight gain of goats.

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