Effect of Leafflower (Phyllanthus niruri Linn.) treatment on kidney and uterus in sodium chloride-induced fibrotic rats

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ABSTRACT

Background
Phyllanthus niruri (local name : meniran) extract is utilized in treating kidney and uterus disease. Effects of ethanol extract of P. niruri on kidney and uterus of 2% NaCl triggered fibrotic rats had been studied. Aim of Study Aim of this study to explore the effect of leafflower (Phyllanthus niruri Linn.) treatment on kidney and uterus in 2% NaCl - induced fibrotic rats. Methods Wistar rats were challenged with 2% NaCl in drinking water to induce fibrotic kidney and uterus. Phyllanthus niruri extract (200 mg/kg) was given orally for 4 weeks. Matrix extracellular abundance was determined by HE Staining and measured by METAVIR Fibrosis Score. The results of this study were assayed by SPSS 16. Results P. niruri extract was potent to reduce the matrix extracellular in 2% NaCl-induced rats compared to control group (p<0.05). Conclusion P. niruri extract was potent to decrease the matrix extracellular in the kidney and uterus of the rats.

1. Introduction

Non-infectious disease (NIDs) are the greatest killer in the global that leads 36 million mortalities each year-6% of all mortalities global. Three number one NIDs (malignancy, cardiovascular and diabetes) and 3 actions hazard factors (insufficient nutrition, disproportionate bodily tactics, and usage of tobacco and risky intake of liquor).1 The growth of NIDs predominance inclusive of extended blood pressure, diabetes mellitus and overweight effects with the enhance of persistent renal illness surveillance approximately 8% steady with year.2 In 2005, approximately 1000 million people (14%) worldwide had elevated blood stress disease. Elevated blood pressure is the number one threat component for cardiovascular, cerebrovascular and renal diseases that related to the fibrosis contamination in some a part of the body, which includes heart, renal organ, liver and cardiovascular.3,4

The raise of the blood pressure particularly is led with the resource of many factors. Epidemiologic statistics display that genetic in the body, activity stress and sphere issue extended blood stress,5 but exaggerated mineral salt like sodium chloride (NaCl) utilization is the main issue that drives improved blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and renal disease worldwide.6 The system of hypertension that drives by method of overstated mineral salt is as yet incomprehensive, anyway might be identified with renal obstacle to discharge sodium chloride in full-size level.7 The relationship among misrepresented mineral salt and blood pressure keeps on being inadequate also
and actually, that is still denied by methods for a couple of social networks. As of late numerous analysts consideration on the examination about the techniques for renal devastation by sodium chloride, thoughtful nerve movement (SNA) raised through baroreflex instrument and collagen accumulation (Blaustein et al., 2012).

In view of the past test on animal model, it showed that 8% NaCl improves pulse on precipitously hypertensive rodents (SHRs) and normotensive Wistar-Kyoto rodents (NWKYs). The incitement methods are imagined by method of the incitement of angiotensin II by methods for Na in the way of aldosterone → endogenous oabain (EO). Angiotensin II initiates vasoconstriction and drives adrenal organ to create aldosterone. Hereinafter, aldosterone turns on distal tubulus to reabsorb Na and H2O. Besides, angiotensin II invigorates the proselyte of fibroblast to miofibroblast through pathway of changing development factor-β1 (TGF-β1). Miofibroblast blends extracelluer framework (ECM), thus, ECM accumulates inside the tubule interstitial territory.

Phyllanthus niruri (local name: meniran) extract is utilized in treating kidney and uterus disease. It contain quercitine that be able to increase the expression of PPAR-γ. The activation drives PPAR-γ shapes heterodimer with retinoid X receptors (RXRs) so as co-repressor is synthesized that may block TGF-β1 expression.

Based on the description above, Phyllanthus niruri extract treatment to the 2% sodium chloride-induced rats is most likely expected to be anti-fibrotic by describing matrix extracellular that stained by HE staining in the kidney and uterus organ. 2% NaCl is able to induce the fibrotic organ on the rats.

2. Methods

The research design was experimental study, post-test only with control group design. The study had been affirmed by ethical clearance number 41/EC/FK-06/UNIZAR/X/2020, Faculty of Medicine, Al-Azhar Islamic University, Mataram, NTB.

**Preparation Extract of Phyllanthus niruri**

P. niruri plants were harvested from Alung village, Mekar Damai dorp, Praya districts, Central Lombok regency, West Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia. Furthermore, it was determined by the study center of herb science, Faculty of Health Science, University of Nahdlatul Wathan Mataram. P. niruri plants were extracted by maceration methods in 70% ethanol.

**Procedure of Experimental**

Wistar rats (3 months old) received normal (CTRL; n = 8) or high salt intake (2% NaCl in drinking water) for 4 weeks (n = 16). Rats from the group on a high salt intake were administered vehicle (SALT; n = 7) or Phyllanthus extract (PE) (200 mg/kg) (SALT-PE; n = 8) during the last week of high salt diet. Matrix extracellular abundance was determined by HE Staining and measured by METAVIR Fibrosis Score. The results of this study were assayed by SPSS 16.

**Analysis of Data**

The result of this study were tested by SPSS 16. Data was examined for bivariate. Bivariate test was Kruskal-Wallis test (p<0.05).

3. Result

**HE Staining of Kidney**

Figure 1 and 2 showed the differences of matrix extracellular in treatment group vs the control group. It means that Phyllanthus extract was able to reduce the abundance of matrix extracellular in the kidney and uterus in sodium chloride-induced fibrotic rats.

Table 1 and 2 showed the METAVIR fibrosis score of kidney and uterus in the treatment group vs the control group. Bivariate test was Kruskal-Wallis test showed the p value < 0.05. It means there were the significant differences between treatment vs control group. Therefore, Phyllanthus extract was more potent to reduce the matrix extracellular in sodium chloride-induced fibrotic rats.
**Figure 1.** HE staining of kidney

**Figure 2.** HE staining of uterus

### Table 1. METAVIR Uterus Fibrosis Score of treatment group

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<td>Treatment group (TG)</td>
<td>0.4±0.16</td>
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<td>NaCl-control group (NCG)</td>
<td>3.9±0.18</td>
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TG = induced by 2% NaCl + 200 mg/Kg *P.niruri* extract; NCG = induced by 2% NaCl without treatment; ACG = no induction and treatment.

### Table 2. METAVIR Oviduct Fibrosis Score of treatment group

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4. Discussion

Based on figure 1& 2 and table 1 & 2 in this research showed the difference of treatment and control group significantly (p<0.05). They indicated that P. niruri was potent to decrease the abundance of matrix extracellular in the kidney and uterus which caused the fibrosis. 2% NaCl intake was accompanied by a 2.5-fold increase in aortic collagen abundance and by a reduction of sensitivity of aortic explants to the vasorelaxant effect of SNP following endothelin-1-induced constriction.14

Effects of aqueous extract of P. niruri on kidney, liver, and testes of CCl4 caused hepatotoxic rats have been studied previously. High degrees of malondialdehyde (MDA) have been determined within the CCI4 check organization with good sized discount of MDA degrees in all corporations on P. niruri extract administration. Highest degrees of glutathione (GSH) have been located in P. niruri organization. Activities of alanine transaminase, aspartate transaminase and alkaline phosphatase enzymes have been appreciably decreased within the healing organization (P. niruri remedy after CCl4 injection). Histopathology of liver confirmed lesser diploma of irritation in all P. niruri handled corporations at the same time as the renal and seminiferous tubules confirmed eosinophilic protein casts with symptoms and symptoms of tubular harm and degeneration. Testes additionally confirmed reduced quantity of mature spermatozoa. The consequences recommend that P. niruri has anti-oxidant and hepato-protecting hobby with related deleterious outcomes on kidney and testes.16

Phyllanthus niruri extract allows to hold close to kidney feature and stops histopathological adjustments through ameliorating oxidative stress, inflammation, fibrosis and apoptosis at the same time as improving proliferation of the kidney in diabetes mellitus.17 Administration of Phyllanthus sp extract substantially reduced the ranges of collagen and tissue inhibitors of matrix metalloproteinases (TIMPs); and definitely modulated the expression of matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs).18

5. Conclusion

P. niruri extract was potent to decrease the matrix extracellular in the kidney and uterus of the rats.

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