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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Demographic Profile and Lifestyle of T2DM Patients

Table 1 Demographic Profile and Lifestyle of T2DM Patients at Jetis 1 Public Health Center, Bantul, Yogyakarta (statistical test: frequency distribution)

	Variable		Σ (n=85)	Percentage (%)
Demographics	1. Age	< 55	32	37,6
		≥ 55	53	62,4
		Mean \pm SD		57,6 \pm 9,1
	2. Sex	Male	33	38,8
		Female	52	61,2
Lifestyle	3 Consumption habits of vegetables and fruit	Yes	70	82,4
		No	15	17,6

This study involved 85 patients with the average age of the patients was 57.6 ± 9.1 years. The proportion of female 61.2% and male 38.8% and there were 82.4% of patients who had habit of consuming vegetables and fruit.

Table 2 The relationship between differences in characteristics and lifestyle of patients with T-GSH levels in blood plasma of DM2 patients at Jetis 1 Health Center Bantul Yogyakarta (Statistical test: Mann Whitney Test, significant ($p < 0.05$))

Variabel	N	T-GSH ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)			
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Demographics	Age	<55	32	13,28 \pm 3,47 (6,82-22,73)	0,884
		\geq 55	53	13,46 \pm 2,88 (6,82-20,45)	
	Sex	Male	33	13,84 \pm 3,08 (6,82-20,45)	
		Female	52	13,11 \pm 3,10 (6,82-22,73)	
Lifestyle	Consumption habits of vegetables and fruit	Yes	70	13,54 \pm 3,34 (6,82-22,73)	0,222
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The mean plasma T-GSH level in T2DM patients with age less than 55 years ($13.28 \pm 3.47 \mu\text{mol/L}$) was slightly lower than plasma T-GSH levels in T2DM patients aged more than or equal to 55 years ($13.46 \pm 2.88 \mu\text{mol/L}$). There was no significant relationship between age difference in T2DM patients and plasma T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$).

Association of plasma T-GSH levels with gender in diabetes patients

The mean plasma GSH levels in male patients were ($13.84 \pm 3.08 \mu\text{mol/L}$) higher than female ($13.11 \pm 3.10 \mu\text{mol/L}$). There was no significant relationship between gender differences and plasma T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$) (table IV).

Association between consumption habits of vegetables and fruit plasma T-GSH levels with plasma T-GSH levels consumption habits of vegetables and fruit and non in diabetes patients

The mean T-GSH levels in patients who consumed vegetables and fruit ($13.54 \pm 3.34 \mu\text{mol/L}$) were lower than those who did not consume vegetables and fruit ($12.73 \pm 1.44 \mu\text{mol/L}$). No significant relationship was found between differences in vegetable and fruit consumption habits and T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$). The results obtained are contrary to the hypothesis of this study. However, a similar pattern was found in the study of Rohim et al, who did not find a significant difference in cholesterol levels after consuming foods rich in glutathione (Rohim Tualeka' et al., n.d.).

Many factors can affect the level of GSH consumed, including how to cook it. Peeling and chopping vegetables before cooking can remove the epidermis and have a protective effect when cooked. Cooking duration, especially the baking and frying method, can significantly affect GSH levels. In addition, although not significant, cooking at high temperatures (baking, frying, and grilling) can reduce GSH levels by as much as 40% (Drinkwater et al., 2015). Any form of food processing will reduce the content of phytochemicals, including Citrus plants (Zou et al., 2016).

Another influencing factor is the characteristics of the vegetables and fruits themselves in terms of their phytonutrient content. In line with this, Zou et al's research stated that citrus plants contain very diverse and varied phytochemicals that can affect antioxidant capacity (Zou et al., 2016). Other supporting research shows that Se supplementation significantly increases blood glutathione

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(Sedighi et al., 2014), the selection of vegetables and fruits consumed with greater Se content will also have a greater chance of increasing glutathione levels. The amount of vegetables and fruit consumed also affects the increase in glutathione peroxidase activity (Hermsdorff et al., 2012). However, it is recommended that a variety of vegetables be consumed daily to obtain health benefits, including reducing the risk of diabetes (Dias, 2012).

It is known that type 2 diabetic patients have lower plasma glutathione concentrations than non-diabetic controls. This is probably due to reduced synthesis and increased irreversible utilization by non-glycemic mechanisms (Lutchmansingh et al., 2018). The habit of consuming vegetables and fruit regularly can improve antioxidant status. Research shows that consuming one serving of broccoli has significantly increased GST activity in plasma (Bahadoran et al., 2011) (Riso et al., 2014). The same thing was seen in type 2 diabetes patients who did a low-calorie diet of 2 pieces per day, the results obtained were significantly increased glutathione reduction (Hegde et al., 2013).

Our study has several limitations. First, we did not compare plasma glutathione concentrations in the group of patients with T2DM with that of a healthy control group. Second, the number of samples used was not so large and many confounding factors were not excluded in this study, including the method of preparation and cooking. However, despite the aforementioned challenges it is apparent that optimizing dietary intake of glutathione precursors, co-factors, and whole foods that have been shown to enhance glutathione status or are a source of glutathione would be a relatively simple, low cost, and safe approach that could improve health by optimizing glutathione status in an individual (Minich & Brown, 2019).

CONCLUSION

The relationship between lifestyle and degenerative diseases has been widely recognized. In this study, differences in lifestyle associations in the form of habits of consuming vegetables and fruit on T-GSH levels were assessed, because they will provide an overview of the influence of nutrition on disease development. In conclusion, this study did not show that lifestyle habits in consuming vegetables and fruit did not significantly affect plasma T-GSH levels. However, consuming vegetables and fruit is still recommended as a healthy habit to prevent or inhibit various diseases. Further research is needed with a larger number of subjects and limiting the variety of vegetables that have been shown to contain glutathione.

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Data Analysis

The data obtained were analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Demographic data (age and sex) and consumption habits of vegetables and fruit in T2DM patients were analyzed using a descriptive test presented in the form of frequency. Then the homogeneity and normality tests were carried out using the explore of descriptive tests and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test to determine the type of further analysis.

The test results showed that the data obtained were homogeneous ($p > 0.05$) but not normally distributed ($p < 0.05$) so the further test was to determine the relationship between the differences between the independent variables (age, gender and consumption of vegetables and fruit) and the dependent variable. (T-GSH levels in blood plasma of DMT2 patients) using a nonparametric test, namely the Mann Whitney Test. Results were considered to be statistically significant at $P < 0.05$.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Demographic Profile and Lifestyle of T2DM Patients

Table 1 Demographic Profile and Lifestyle of T2DM Patients at Jetis 1 Public Health Center, Bantul, Yogyakarta (statistical test: frequency distribution)

	Variable		Σ (n=85)	Percentage (%)
Demographics	1. Age	< 55	32	37,6
		≥ 55	53	62,4
		Mean \pm SD		57,6 \pm 9,1
	2. Sex	Male	33	38,8
		Female	52	61,2
Lifestyle	3 Consumption habits of vegetables and fruit	Yes	70	82,4
		No	15	17,6

This study involved 85 patients with the average age of the patients was 57.6 ± 9.1 years. The proportion of female 61.2% and male 38.8% and there were 82.4% of patients who had habit of consuming vegetables and fruit.

Table 2 The relationship between differences in characteristics and lifestyle of patients with T-GSH levels in blood plasma of DM2 patients at Jetis 1 Health Center Bantul Yogyakarta (Statistical test: Mann Whitney Test, significant ($p < 0.05$))

	Variabel		N	T-GSH ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)		
				Mean \pm SD	(min-max)	p
Demographics	1. Age	<55	32	$13,28 \pm 3,47$	(6,82-22,73)	0,884
		≥ 55	53	$13,46 \pm 2,88$	(6,82-20,45)	
	2. Sex	Male	33	$13,84 \pm 3,08$	(6,82-20,45)	
		Female	52	$13,11 \pm 3,10$	(6,82-22,73)	
Lifestyle	3. Consumption habits of vegetables and fruit	Yes	70	$13,54 \pm 3,34$	(6,82-22,73)	0,222
		No	15	$12,73 \pm 1,44$	(9,09-13,64)	
Kadar T-GSH				$13,39 \pm 3,10$	(6,82-22,73)	

Association of plasma T-GSH levels with age in diabetes patients

The mean plasma T-GSH level in T2DM patients with age less than 55 years ($13.28 \pm 3.47 \mu\text{mol/L}$) was slightly lower than plasma T-GSH levels in T2DM patients aged more than or equal to 55 years ($13.46 \pm 2.88 \mu\text{mol/L}$). There was no significant relationship between age difference in T2DM patients and plasma T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$).

Association of plasma T-GSH levels with gender in diabetes patients

The mean plasma GSH levels in male patients were ($13.84 \pm 3.08 \mu\text{mol/L}$) higher than female ($13.11 \pm 3.10 \mu\text{mol/L}$). There was no significant relationship between gender differences and plasma T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$) (table IV).

Association between plasma T-GSH levels with consumption habits of vegetables and fruit and non in diabetes patients

The mean T-GSH levels in patients who consumed vegetables and fruit ($13.54 \pm 3.34 \mu\text{mol/L}$) were lower than those who did not consume vegetables and fruit ($12.73 \pm 1.44 \mu\text{mol/L}$). No significant relationship was found between differences in vegetable and fruit consumption habits and T-GSH levels ($p > 0.05$). The results obtained are contrary to the hypothesis of this study. However, a similar pattern was found in the study of Rohim et al, who did not find a significant difference in cholesterol levels after consuming foods rich in glutathione (Rohim Tualeka' et al., n.d.).

Many factors can affect the level of GSH consumed, including how to cook it. Peeling and chopping vegetables before cooking can remove the epidermis and have a protective effect when cooked. Cooking duration, especially the baking and frying method, can significantly affect GSH levels. In addition, although not significant, cooking at high temperatures (baking, frying, and grilling) can reduce GSH levels by as much as 40% (Drinkwater et al., 2015). Any form of food processing will reduce the content of phytochemicals, including Citrus plants (Zou et al., 2016).

Another influencing factor is the characteristics of the vegetables and fruits themselves in terms of their phytonutrient content. In line with this, Zou et al's research stated that citrus plants contain very diverse and varied phytochemicals that can affect antioxidant capacity (Zou et al.,

2016). Other supporting research shows that Se supplementation significantly increases blood glutathione (Sedighi et al., 2014), the selection of vegetables and fruits consumed with greater Se content will also have a greater chance of increasing glutathione levels. The amount of vegetables and fruit consumed also affects the increase in glutathione peroxidase activity (Hermsdorff et al., 2012). However, it is recommended that a variety of vegetables be consumed daily to obtain health benefits, including reducing the risk of diabetes (Dias, 2012).

It is known that type 2 diabetic patients have lower plasma glutathione concentrations than non-diabetic controls. This is probably due to reduced synthesis and increased irreversible utilization by non-glycemic mechanisms (Lutchmansingh et al., 2018). The habit of consuming vegetables and fruit regularly can improve antioxidant status. Research shows that consuming one serving of broccoli has significantly increased GST activity in plasma (Bahadoran et al., 2011) (Riso et al., 2014). The same thing was seen in type 2 diabetes patients who did a low-calorie diet of 2 pieces per day, the results obtained were significantly increased glutathione reduction (Hegde et al., 2013).

Our study has several limitations. First, we did not compare plasma glutathione concentrations in the group of patients with T2DM with that of a healthy control group. Second, the number of samples used was not so large and many confounding factors were not excluded in this study, including the method of preparation and cooking. However, despite the aforementioned challenges it is apparent that optimizing dietary intake of glutathione precursors, co-factors, and whole foods that have been shown to enhance glutathione status or are a source of glutathione would be a relatively simple, low cost, and safe approach that could improve health by optimizing glutathione status in an individual (Minich & Brown, 2019).

CONCLUSION

The relationship between lifestyle and degenerative diseases has been widely recognized. In this study, differences in lifestyle associations in the form of habits of consuming vegetables and fruit on T-GSH levels were assessed, because they will provide an overview of the influence of nutrition on disease development. In conclusion, this study did not show that lifestyle habits in consuming vegetables and fruit did not significantly affect plasma T-GSH levels. However, consuming vegetables and fruit is still recommended as a healthy habit to prevent or inhibit various diseases. Further research is needed with a larger number of subjects and limiting the variety of vegetables that have been shown to contain glutathione.

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