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KARDIOVASKULAR DAN STATUS OKSIDATIF DI KALANGAN
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ABSTRAK

Cara hidup sedentari dikatakan mempunyai kaitan rapat dengan peningkatan terhadap berlakunya pelbagai penyakit kronik seperti penyakit kardiovaskular dan diabetes melitus di kalangan dewasa tua. Manakala, senaman pula dilaporkan dapat meningkatkan penghasilan radikal bebas yang seterusnya menyebabkan ketidakseimbangan dalam status oksidatif. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk menentukan kesan senaman Tai Chi jangka masa panjang ke atas profil kardiovaskular dan status oksidatif di kalangan dewasa tua. Kajian kes kawalan ini telah dijalankan ke atas 200 individu sihat berumur 45 tahun ke atas, terdiri daripada kumpulan kawalan sedentari ($n=100$) dan individu yang telah melakukan senaman Tai Chi lebih dari 2 tahun ($n=100$). Profil kardiovaskular ditentukan melalui kadar denyutan jantung, tekanan darah dan profil lipid. Peroksidasi lipid dan glikosilasi diukur melalui penentuan aras malondialdehid (MDA) dan 'advanced glycosylation end product' (AGE) masing-masing manakala kerosakan oksidatif DNA ditentukan melalui pengesanan komet. Status antioksidatif dikaji dengan mengukur aktiviti enzim antioksidan superoksida dismutase (SOD), katalase (CAT), glutathione peroksidase (GPx) dan kepekatan vitamin antioksidan A, C dan E. Profil kardiovaskular menunjukkan kadar denyutan jantung, tekanan darah sistol dan diastol yang lebih rendah ($p < 0.05$) dalam kumpulan Tai Chi. Kepekatan HDL dan nisbah HDL/kolesterol lebih tinggi dalam kumpulan Tai Chi ($p < 0.05$), manakala tiada perubahan yang signifikan pada aras kolesterol, trigliserida dan LDL. Tiada perbezaan pada aras MDA, aras AGE dan peratus kerosakan oksidatif DNA dalam kumpulan Tai Chi berbanding kawalan. Walau bagaimanapun, enzim antioksidan SOD dan CAT adalah lebih tinggi secara signifikan dalam kumpulan Tai Chi berbanding sedentari ($p < 0.05$), manakala enzim GPx pula adalah lebih rendah ($p < 0.05$). Kepekatan vitamin A adalah lebih rendah manakala vitamin C lebih tinggi dalam kumpulan Tai Chi ($p < 0.05$). Tiada perbezaan ditunjukkan dalam kepekatan vitamin E. Kesimpulannya, senaman Tai Chi jangka masa panjang memperbaiki profil kardiovaskular dengan meningkatkan HDL dan menurunkan kadar denyutan nadi dan mengurangkan tekanan oksidatif dengan merangsang penyesuaian enzim dan vitamin antioksidan dalam tubuh badan.

EFFECT OF LONG TERM TAI CHI EXERCISE ON CARDIOVASCULAR PROFILE AND OXIDATIVE STATUS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

ABSTRACT

Sedentary life is known to be associated with increase in the incidence of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases and diabetes mellitus in older adults. Exercise on the other hand, has been reported to increase free radical production resulting in an imbalance in oxidative status. The aim of this study was to determine the effect of long term Tai Chi exercise on cardiovascular profile and oxidative status amongst older adults. A case control study was done on 200 healthy adults aged 45 years and above consisting of a sedentary control group (n=100) and those who had been practicing Tai Chi for more than 2 years (n=100). Cardiovascular profile was determined by the heart rate, blood pressure and lipid profile. Lipid peroxidation and glycosylation were measured by determining the levels of malondialdehyde (MDA) and advanced glycosylation end products (AGE) respectively, while DNA oxidative damage was measured by comet assay. Antioxidative status was determined by measuring the activities of the antioxidant enzymes superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT) and glutathione peroxidase (GPx) and concentration of the antioxidant vitamins A, C and E. The cardiovascular profile showed significant lowering of the heart rate and systolic and diastolic blood pressure ($p<0.05$) in the Tai Chi group. HDL and HDL/cholesterol ratio were higher in Tai Chi group ($p<0.05$), while no significant change in cholesterol, triglyceride and LDL concentrations was observed. There was no difference in the MDA level, AGE level and percentage of DNA oxidative damage in the Tai Chi group compared to control. However, the antioxidant enzymes SOD and CAT were significantly higher in the Tai Chi group compared to the sedentary group ($p<0.05$), while GPx was significantly lower ($p<0.05$). The vitamin A concentration was significantly lower, whereas vitamin C concentration was higher in the Tai Chi group ($p<0.05$). No difference was observed in the vitamin E concentration. In conclusion, long term Tai Chi exercise improved cardiovascular profile by increasing HDL concentration and decreasing heart rate and reduced oxidative stress by stimulating adaptation in antioxidant enzymes and vitamins in the body.

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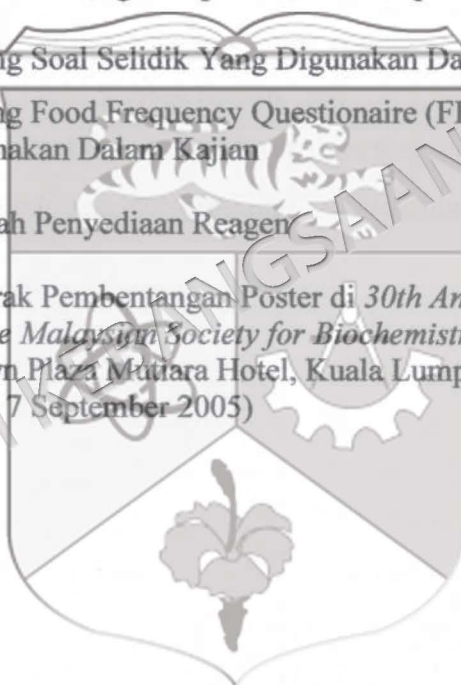
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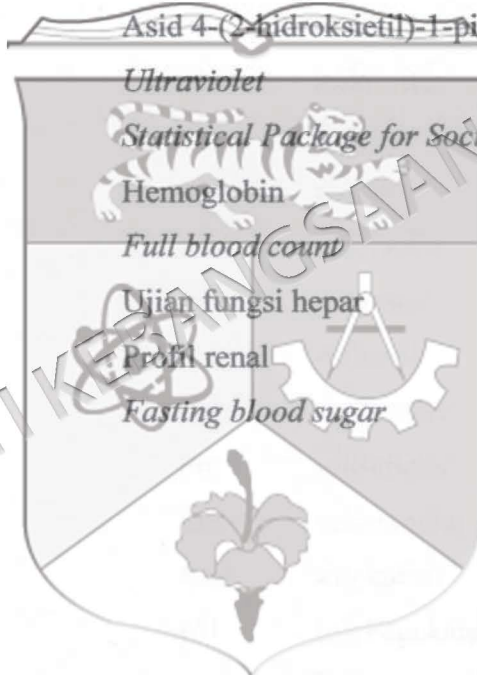
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SENARAI SINGKATAN

ALP	Alkalin fosfatase
ALT	Alanin transaminase
LDL	Lipoprotein ketumpatan rendah
HDL	Lipoprotein ketumpatan tinggi
WBC	Sel darah putih
RBC	Sel darah merah
DNA	Asid deoksiribonukleik
ELISA	<i>Enzyme-Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay</i>
HPLC	<i>High Performance Liquid Chromatography</i>
HEPES	Asid 4-(2-hidroksietil)-1-piperazinetanasulfonik
UV	<i>Ultraviolet</i>
SPSS	<i>Statistical Package for Social Sciences</i>
Hb	Hemoglobin
FBC	<i>Full blood count</i>
LFT	Ujian fungsi hepar
PR	Profil renal
FBS	<i>Fasting blood sugar</i>



SENARAI SIMBOL

%	peratus
&	dan
<	kurang daripada
g	gram
mg	milligram
kg	kilogram
μ g	mikrogram
rpm	putaran per minit
$^{\circ}$ C	darjah celcius
ml	milliliter
μ l	mikroliter
dl	desiliter
M	molar
mM	milimolar
nmol	nanomol
mmol	milimol
cm	sentimeter
mm	millimeter
μ m	micrometer
kcal	kilokalori
pH	log kepekatan ion hydrogen
p	kebarangkalian
V	volt
mA	miliampere
n	bilangan subjek

BAB 1

PENDAHULUAN

1.1 PENGENALAN

Amalan gaya hidup sihat sangat penting dilakukan oleh setiap individu untuk mengekalkan kesihatan fizikal dan mental pada tahap terbaik. Kajian yang dilakukan oleh Jones et al. (2005) menunjukkan penduduk Asia lebih cenderung mendapat penyakit hati, penyakit akibat merokok, hipertensi, strok, diabetis dan kanser. Jadi, adalah perlu untuk memberikan kesedaran dan kempen pendidikan kepada orang awam selain menerapkan cara hidup sihat di dalam diri individu (Jones et al. 2005).

Senaman amat memberi manfaat kepada sistem imun tubuh. Walau bagaimanapun, manfaat yang diperolehi daripada senaman mungkin akan hilang apabila individu mengalami keletihan dan tidak dapat melakukan senaman secara berterusan (Tauler et al. 2006). Senaman yang berterusan pada peningkatan umur dapat membantu mengurangkan morbiditi dan mortaliti (Jonathan et al. 2004). Senaman biasa dan berintensiti sederhana dapat memberikan pelbagai kesan baik terhadap kesihatan termasuklah mengurangkan risiko penyakit kardiovaskular, kanser, osteoporosis dan kegemukan (Colin et al. 2002).

Penyakit kardiovaskular merupakan penyebab mortaliti dan morbiditi (Dubey et al. 2005). Penyakit ini perlu dicegah terutamanya di kalangan dewasa tua dengan melakukan senaman yang berterusan. Selain itu, senaman juga dapat menghalang dan merawat penyakit kronik yang lain (Houde & Melillo 2002). Selain daripada meningkatkan kapasiti kardiorespiratori (Galan et al. 2006), senaman yang berterusan dapat mengurangkan tekanan darah, kolesterol total dan LDL kolesterol. Ia juga

mampu meningkatkan HDL kolesterol dan memperbaiki fungsi endotelia (Leon & Sanchez 2001). Walau bagaimanapun, terdapat kajian yang menunjukkan bahawa senaman yang berintensiti tinggi apabila dilakukan secara berulang akan menyebabkan risiko penyakit kardiovaskular yang tinggi kepada ahli sukan (Smith 1995; Petibois & Deleris 2005; Santos-Silva 2001). Keadaan ini berlaku apabila terdapat tekanan oksidatif yang tinggi. Ozben & Kasapoglu (2001) mengatakan bahawa eritrosit lebih cenderung kepada kerosakan oksidatif sepanjang senaman kerana ia sangat terdedah kepada influks oksigen yang tinggi.

Walaupun senaman memberi banyak manfaat tetapi haruslah ditekankan bahawa bukan semua senaman sesuai dilakukan oleh golongan dewasa tua. Kajian lepas telah menunjukkan bahawa Tai Chi adalah senaman yang sangat sesuai disarankan kepada golongan dewasa tua kerana Tai Chi merupakan senaman yang berintensiti sederhana (Jancewicz 2001; Taylor-Piliae 2003). Ia merupakan senaman yang dipraktikkan oleh masyarakat Cina sejak berkurun dahulu dan dipercayai dapat memperbaiki ketahanan badan, meningkatkan fungsi koordinasi badan dan sebagainya (Jancewicz 2001). Ia sangat mudah serta boleh dilakukan bila-bila masa dan di mana sahaja tanpa memerlukan sebarang peralatan, mempunyai ritma yang tetap, dan tekanan fizikal serta mental yang rendah (Li et al. 2002). Apabila seseorang itu melakukan senaman Tai Chi dalam keadaan aman, tenang, menumpukan sepenuh perhatian dan pernafasan kepada setiap pergerakan, mereka akan merasai ketenangan fizikal dan psikologi (Jancewicz 2001). Tai Chi dapat memperbaiki keseimbangan tubuh badan kerana ia mengandungi pergerakan yang perlahan dan memerlukan koordinasi seluruh badan (Tsang et al. 2004). Ia juga dapat meningkatkan kestabilan postur dan mengelakkan risiko kejatuhan di kalangan golongan berumur (Taggart 2002). Daripada kajian-kajian lepas, dapatlah dilihat bahawa Tai Chi mampu mengurangkan risiko penyakit yang dialami semasa penuaan.

Salah satu punca penuaan adalah peningkatan radikal bebas apabila umur meningkat (Junqueira et al. 2004). Penglibatan radikal bebas dalam penuaan telah mula dibuktikan oleh Harman (1956) di mana beliau mencadangkan bahawa penuaan adalah proses yang disebabkan oleh kerosakan radikal bebas pada tisu dan sel badan (Peter 2002). Menurut Christopher & David (2003), tekanan oksidatif ialah gangguan

dalam keseimbangan pro-oksidan-antioksidan yang menyebabkan kerosakan lipid, protein dan DNA. Sepanjang melakukan senaman, terdapat pelbagai sumber yang berpotensi untuk menghasilkan spesies oksigen reaktif seperti anion superoksid, hidrogen peroksida dan radikal hidroksil (Christopher & David 2003).

Organisma mempunyai sistem untuk melindungi diri daripada penghasilan dan pemusnahan oleh ROS. Mekanisme detoksifikasi di dalam hati telah dikaji dan didapati bahawa enzim yang paling aktif adalah superoksida dismutase (SOD), katalase dan glutathione peroksidase (GPx) (Ceconi et al. 2003). Kebanyakan kajian kesan Tai Chi yang dilakukan adalah lebih kepada kajian fizikal dan mental tetapi kurang kajian perubahan peringkat sel dengan menentukan parameter biokimia dijalankan. Oleh kerana senaman Tai Chi telah disarankan amat sesuai kepada dewasa tua dan kajian awal telah membuktikan bahawa Tai Chi berjaya menurunkan produk tekanan oksidatif (Noor Aini et al. 2004), kajian rentas ini dijalankan untuk melihat kesan senaman Tai Chi jangka masa panjang ke atas profil kardiovaskular dan status oksidatif pada warga dewasa tua. Dalam kajian ini, kesan senaman Tai Chi ke atas aktiviti enzim antioksidan seperti superoksid dismutase (SOD), katalase (CAT) dan glutathione peroksidase (GPx), aras malondealdehid (MDA), produk AGE, kerosakan DNA dan aras vitamin antioksidan seperti vitamin A, C, dan E dianalisa pada individu yang melakukan senaman Tai Chi lebih daripada 2 tahun. Hasil kajian dapat memberi manfaat dalam mengurangkan penuaan dan menggalakkan cara hidup yang sihat pada semua individu.

1.2 OBJEKTIF PENYELIDIKAN

1.2.1 Objektif Umum

Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menentukan kesan senaman Tai Chi jangka masa panjang (lebih daripada 2 tahun) ke atas profil kardiovaskular dan status oksidatif di kalangan dewasa tua.

1.2.2 Objektif Khusus

Objektif khusus kajian ini adalah untuk menentukan kesan senaman Tai Chi jangkamasa panjang ke atas:

- Profil kardiovaskular seperti kadar denyutan jantung dan tekanan darah.
- Profil lipid seperti aras LDL, HDL dan kolesterol.
- Status tekanan oksidatif seperti peroksidasi lipid dengan mengkaji aras MDA, glikosilasi dengan menentukan aras AGE serum, dan kerosakan DNA melalui pengesanan komet.
- Perlindungan enzim antioksidan seperti enzim superoksid dismutase (SOD), katalase (CAT) dan glutathion peroksidase (GPx) serta vitamin antioksidan seperti vitamin A, C dan E.

1.3 HIPOTESIS KAJIAN

Hipotesis kajian yang dicadangkan adalah senaman Tai Chi jangkamasa panjang dijangka akan memberi perlindungan kardiovaskular dengan

- Merendahkan kadar denyutan jantung dan tekanan darah.
- Memperbaiki profil lipid dengan merendahkan LDL dan kolesterol serta meningkatkan HDL.
- Melindungi daripada tekanan oksidatif melalui penurunan peroksidasi lipid, aras AGE dan kerosakan DNA serta meningkatkan enzim antioksidan SOD, CAT, GPx dan vitamin antioksidan A, C dan E.

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