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This study wanted to see the effectiveness of Moringa oleifera extract in improving the quality of life as an adjuvant to the administration of aromatase inhibitors in postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+), PR (+).

METHODS

Research Design

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Research Sample

The research sample was breast cancer patients who were treated at Dr. Kariadi Semarang, and met the inclusion criteria, that are non-metastatic breast cancer patients with immunohistochemical results ER (+), PR (+), post menopause, received aromatase inhibitor therapy for at least 2 months, had arthralgia after receiving aromatase inhibitor therapy, and agreed to participate in the study. This is by signing the informed consent form

Time and Location of Research

Research and data collection will be carried out for 2 months. The treatment of breast cancer

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patients was carried out at the Kasuari Polyclinic, Dr. Kariadi Hospital, Semarang, Central Java. Examination of CRP levels was carried out at the Clinical Pathology Laboratory, Dr. Kariadi Hospital, Semarang

Research Variable

The independent variable of this research is Moringa oleifera extract with dose 600 mg / day and the dependent variable are CRP serum level and HAQ-DI score.

Research Implementation

A total of 40 samples that met the inclusion criteria and exclusion criteria and had signed an informed consent were used as research subjects. The research subjects were randomized and divided into 2 research groups, namely the control group (K) and the treatment group (P1). Data were collected on CRP serum levels and HAQ-DI scores. The measurement of the HAQ-DI score was done by interviewing the subject directly by the researcher. Data on CRP levels were obtained from the subject's medical records. Administration of therapy according to the study group for 30 days. Monitoring of adverse effects will be carried out periodically every week or research subjects can immediately contact the researcher without waiting for the monitoring schedule. Monitoring is carried out by contacting the subject via WhatsApp application, or telephone by asking the progress during the treatment. After 30 days, data were collected on CRP serum levels and the second HAQ-DI score was measured again.

Data Analysis

Data cleaning, coding, and tabulation are done after the data is gathered. Analysing data also involves testing hypotheses and descriptive analysis. CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores were presented in descriptive analysis as median, minimum range, and maximum range, or as mean and standard deviation (SD) if the data were normally distributed. Because the sample size was less than 50, the data normality test was then performed using the Shapiro-Wilk test. Hypothesis testing of differences in pretest and posttest of CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores using paired t-test if the data is normally distributed or Wilcoxon test if the data is not normally

distributed.

Differences in serum CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores between the treatment and control groups will be tested using the unpaired t-test if the distribution is normal or the Mann-Whitney test if the data is not normally distributed.

The difference is considered significant if the p value <0.05 with 95% confidence interval. Data analysis was performed using SPSS Ver software. 26.0 for Windows.

Research Ethical Requirements

Before the research, we received ethical clearance from the Dr. Kariadi Hospital's Institution Review Board.

Prospective research subjects will be given an explanation of the research conducted, its objectives, benefits, research protocol and side effects that can occur. Prospective subjects have the right to refuse participation without any consequences and continue to receive health services in accordance with the protocol of patient's disease. Subjects have the right to leave the study at their own will. Prospective subjects who agree to be included in the study will be asked for written consent (informed consent).

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RESULTS

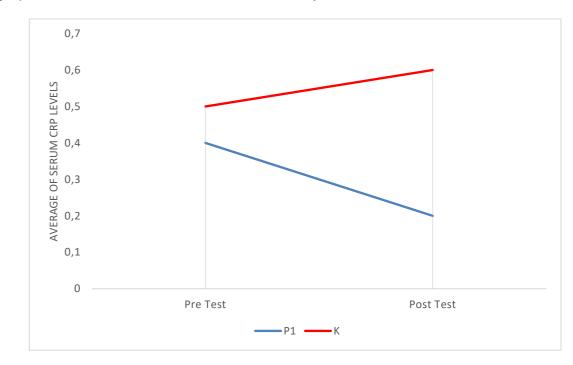
Forty samples that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria and have signed an informed consent, follow the research according to the research flow and the planned method. The average age is 54.88 years, with a median of 53.5 years, as seen in the table below

Table 1.	Characteristics	of Research	Sample Data
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Variable	n	%	Mean ± SD	Median (min – max)
Group				
Treatment (P1)	20	(50,0)		

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Control (K)	20	(50,0)		
Age			54,9 ± 9,23	53,5 (38 – 18)



The graph below shows the outcomes of the study on serum CRP levels.

Figure 1. Graph shows decrease in Serum CRP Level

From the graph above, the mean serum CRP levels in the treatment group decreased from 0.4

± 0.17 to 0.2 ± 0.13

The statistic test between the groups will be presented in table 1 as follows:

Table 2. Statistic test between CRP	groups
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	Kelompok				
	Perlakuan (n=20)		Kontrol (n=20)		р
CRP	Mean ± SD	Median (Min –	Maan - CD	Median (Min –	
		Max)	Mean ± SD	Max)	

Pre test	0,4 ± 0,17	0,4 (0,26 –	0,5 ± 0,55	0,3 (0,18 -	15 [±] *
FIE lesi	$0,4 \pm 0,17$	0,91)	0.5 ± 0.55	2,69) 0,045 ^{‡*}	
Post	0.2 + 0.12	0,2 (0,12 –	06.074	0,4 (0,18 -	001‡*
test	0,2 ± 0,13	0,72)	$0,6 \pm 0,74$	2,69)	<0,001‡*
٨	-0,2 ± 0,12	0,2 (0,02 –	0,2 ± 0,53	0,1 (0,07 -	,001 [‡] *
Δ	$-0,2 \pm 0,12$	0,50) 0,2 ± 0,53		2,37)	,001'
р	<0,001**		0,002†*		

Note : *significant (p < 0,05); ‡ Mann Whitney; † Wilcoxon

From the table above, the difference between the pretest and posttest of serum CRP levels in the control group and the treatment group showed significant results. In the assessment of the CRP between the treatment and control groups also showed significant results.

The graph below shows the outcomes of the study on HAQ-DI score.

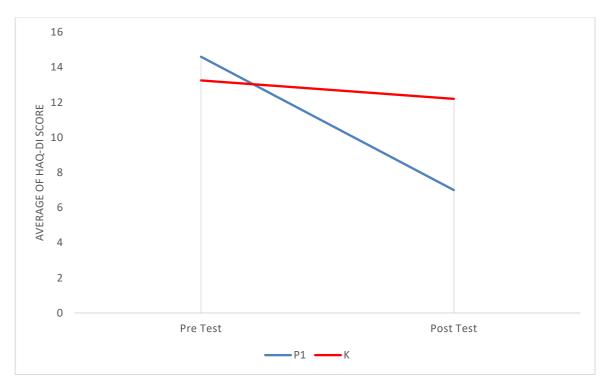


Figure 1. Graph shows decrease in HAQ-DI Score

From the graph above, the mean HAQ-DI score in the treatment group decreased from 14,6 \pm

1,57 to 7,0 ± 1,84.

The statistic test between the groups will be presented in table 2 as follows:

Table 3. Statistic test between HAQ-DI groups

HAQ-DI	Groups	р

	P1 (n=20)	K (n=20)	
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	
Pre test	14,6 ± 1,57	13,3 ± 2,43	0,034‡*
Post test	7,00 ± 1,84	12,2 ± 2,24	<0,001‡*
Δ	-7,6 ± 2,14	-1,1 ± 1,67	<0,001§*
р	<0,001 [†] *	0,011†*	

Note : * significant (p < 0,05); § Independent t; ‡ Mann Whitney; † Wilcoxon

From the table above, the difference between the pretest and posttest HAQ-DI scores in the control group and the treatment group showed significant results. In the assessment of the HAQ-DI score between the treatment and control groups also showed significant results.

DISCUSSION

This study aims to prove the effect of Moringa oleifera extract in reducing CRP serum and improving the quality of life of postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+), PR (+) who had aromatase inhibitor associated musculoskeletal syndrome (AIMSS).

According to April et al., postmenopausal women's decreased estrogen production will have an impact on the quantity of cytokines, adjustments in macrophage activity, and changes in cell adhesion molecule activity, all of which contribute to inflammation and joint pain. Aromatase inhibitors work by inhibiting the expression of estrogen formation in women, and that worsening the symptoms of AIMSS.¹⁰

Previous studies have shown that Moringa oleifera inhibits the COX-2 enzyme, which is crucial for inflammation. Isothyocyanates, which block COX-2 activity and prostaglandin formation, are one of the Moringa oleifera components thought to have anti-inflammatory effects. Isothyocyanates control the activity of nuclear factor-B (NF-B) and nuclear erythroid 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2), which reduces the body's inflammatory response.¹¹⁻¹⁴

This is consistent with this study, which found that after using aromatase inhibitors for arthralgia, patients' inflammatory status, as measured by serum CRP levels, decreased.

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A lower quality of life is also a result of increasing inflammation, as shown by higher serum CRP levels. Increased levels of CRP brought on by inflammation, including chronic inflammation, have been found to lower quality of life, according to Roediger's research including 1225 human samples. Chronic pain is caused on by AI inhibitors. Chronic pain and inflammation are side effects of AI inhibitor medication, which is also linked to lower drug adherence, a poorer quality of life, and depression when used daily for years. Using the HAQ-DI questionnaire, it was discovered that the treatment group's quality of life had improved. Moringa oleifera extract has been shown to lower CRP levels in the blood. There was less pain and more patients in the therapy group.¹⁵⁻¹⁷

In postmenopausal breast cancer patients who have received aromatase inhibitor therapy and have ER (+), PR (+), *Moringa oleifera* extract has a significant deal of potential as an anti-inflammatory. Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, it will help breast cancer patients live longer, take their medications more consistently, and in the long run, it will significantly enhance their therapy and outcomes.

CONCLUSION

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest

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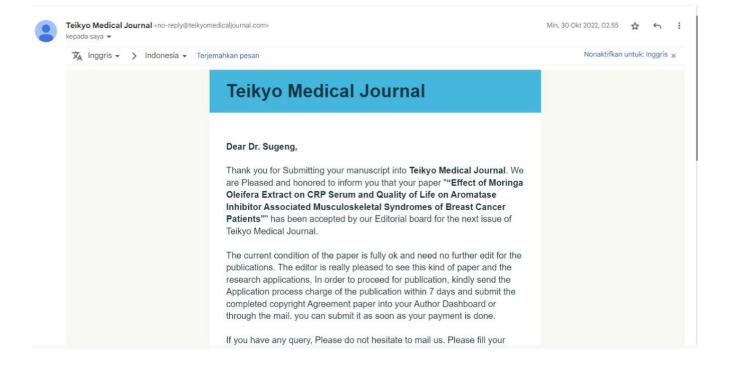
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This research is experimental research with two groups parallel pretest and posttest control group design. The research group was divided into 2 groups, group K (Control) is postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+) and PR (+), who received aromatase inhibitor therapy and diclofenac sodium 100 mg / day if pain, and treatment group 1 (P1 is postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+) and PR (+), who received aromatase inhibitor therapy day if pain and treatment group 1 (P1 is postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+) and PR (+), who received aromatase inhibitor therapy, sodium diclofenac 100 mg / day if pain and Moringa oleifera extract at a dose of 600 mg / day.

2.2 Research Sample

The research sample was breast cancer patients who were treated at Dr. Kariadi Semarang, and met the inclusion criteria, that are non-metastatic breast cancer patients with immunohistochemical results ER (+), PR (+), post menopause, received aromatase inhibitor therapy for at least 2 months, had arthralgia after



receiving aromatase inhibitor therapy, and agreed to participate in the study. This is by signing the informed consent form.

2.3 Time and Location of Research

Research and data collection will be carried out for 2 months. The treatment of breast cancer patients was carried out at the Kasuari Polyclinic, Dr. Kariadi Hospital, Semarang, Central Java. Examination of CRP levels was carried out at the Clinical Pathology Laboratory, Dr. Kariadi Hospital, Semarang.

2.4 Research Variable

The independent variable of this research is Moringa oleifera extract with dose 600 mg / day and the dependent variable are CRP serum level and HAQ-DI score.

2.5 Research Implementation

A total of 40 samples that met the inclusion criteria and exclusion criteria and had signed an informed consent were used as research subjects. The research subjects were randomized and divided into 2 research groups, namely the control group (K) and the treatment group (P1). Data were collected on CRP serum levels and HAQ-DI scores. The measurement of the HAQ-DI score was done by interviewing the subject directly by the researcher. Data on CRP levels were obtained from the subject's medical records. Administration of therapy according to the study group for 30 days. Monitoring of adverse effects will be carried out periodically every week or research subjects can immediately contact the researcher without waiting for the monitoring schedule. Monitoring is carried out by contacting the subject via WhatsApp application, or telephone by asking the progress during the treatment. After 30 days, data were collected on CRP serum levels and the second HAQ-DI score was measured again.

2.6 Data Analysis

Data cleaning, coding, and tabulation are done after the data is gathered. Analysing data also involves testing hypotheses and descriptive analysis. CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores were presented in descriptive analysis as median, minimum range, and maximum range, or as mean and standard deviation (SD) if the data were normally distributed. Because the sample size was less than 50, the data normality test was then performed using the Shapiro-Wilk test.

Hypothesis testing of differences in pretest and posttest of CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores using paired t-test if the data is normally distributed or Wilcoxon test if the data is not normally distributed.

Differences in serum CRP levels and HAQ-DI scores between the treatment and control groups will be tested using the unpaired t-test if the distribution is normal or the Mann-Whitney test if the data is not normally distributed.

The difference is considered significant if the p value <0.05 with 95% confidence interval. Data analysis was performed using SPSS Ver software. 26.0 for Windows.

2.7 Research Ethical Requirements

Before the research, we received ethical clearance from the Dr. Kariadi Hospital's Institution Review Board. Prospective research subjects will be given an explanation of the research conducted, its objectives, benefits, research protocol and side effects that can occur. Prospective subjects have the right to refuse participation without any consequences and continue to receive health services in accordance with the protocol of patient's disease. Subjects have the right to leave the study at their own will. Prospective subjects who agree to be included in the study will be asked for written consent (informed consent).

The personal identity of all research subjects will be kept confidential and will not be published without the subject's consent.

3. RESULTS

Forty samples that meet the inclusion and exclusion criteria and have signed an informed consent, follow the research according to the research flow and the planned method. The average age is 54.88 years, with a median of 53.5 years, as seen in the table below

Table 1. Characteristics of Research Sample Data				
Variable	n	%	Mean ± SD	Median (min – max)
Group				
Treatment (P1)	20	(50,0)		
Control (K)	20	(50,0)		
Age			$54,9 \pm 9,23$	53,5 (38 - 18)

The graph below shows the outcomes of the study on serum CRP levels.

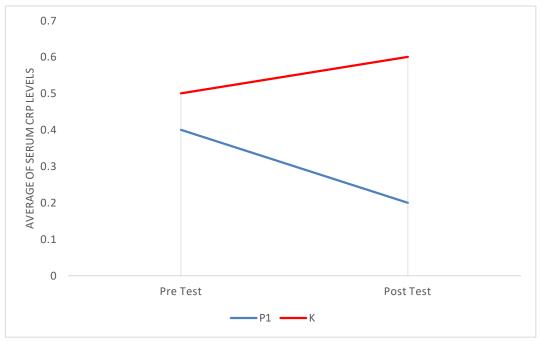


Figure 1. Graph shows decrease in Serum CRP Level

From the graph above, the mean serum CRP levels in the treatment group decreased from 0.4 \pm 0.17 to 0.2 \pm 0.13

The statistic test between the groups will be presented in table 1 as follows:

Table 2. Statistic test betwee	en CRP groups
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	Perlakuan (n=20)		Kontrol (n=20)		
	Mean ± SD	Median (Min –	Mean ± SD	Median (Min –	
	Mean ± SD	Max)	Wieali ± SD	Max)	
Pre test	$0,4 \pm 0,17$	0,4 (0,26 - 0,91)	$0,5 \pm 0,55$	0,3 (0,18 - 2,69)	0,045‡*
Post test	$0,2 \pm 0,13$	0,2 (0,12 - 0,72)	$0,\!6\pm0,\!74$	0,4 (0,18 – 2,69)	<0,001 [‡] *
Δ	$-0,2 \pm 0,12$	0,2 (0,02 – 0,50)	$0,2\pm0,53$	0,1 (0,07 – 2,37)	<0,001 [‡] *
р	$<\!\!0,\!001^{\dagger*}$		0,002**		

Note: *significant (p < 0,05); ‡ Mann Whitney; † Wilcoxon

From the table above, the difference between the pretest and posttest of serum CRP levels in the control group and the treatment group showed significant results. In the assessment of the CRP between the treatment and control groups also showed significant results.

The graph below shows the outcomes of the study on HAQ-DI score.

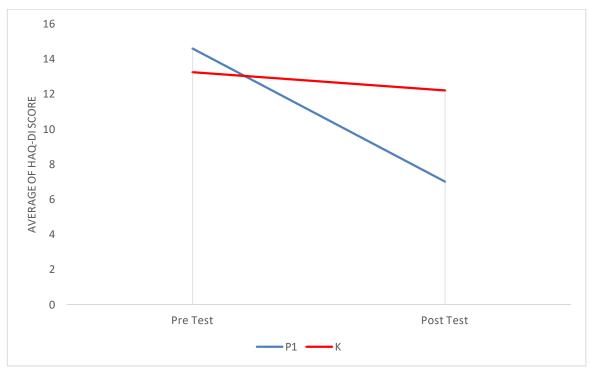


Figure 1. Graph shows decrease in HAQ-DI Score

From the graph above, the mean HAQ-DI score in the treatment group decreased from 14,6 \pm 1,57 to 7,0 \pm 1,84.

The statistic test between the groups will be presented in table 2 as follows:

Table 3. Statistic test between HAQ-DI groups				
HAQ-DI	Gro	р		
	P1 (n=20)	K (n=20)	·	

-	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	
Pre test	$14,6 \pm 1,57$	13,3 ± 2,43	0,034 [‡] *
Post test	7,00 ± 1,84	$12,2 \pm 2,24$	<0,001 [‡] *
Δ	$-7,6 \pm 2,14$	$-1,1 \pm 1,67$	<0,001 [§] *
р	<0,001 [†] *	$0,011^{\dagger *}$	

Note: * significant (p < 0,05); § Independent t; \ddagger Mann Whitney; \dagger Wilcoxon

From the table above, the difference between the pretest and posttest HAQ-DI scores in the control group and the treatment group showed significant results. In the assessment of the HAQ-DI score between the treatment and control groups also showed significant results.

4. DISCUSSION

This study aims to prove the effect of Moringa oleifera extract in reducing CRP serum and improving the quality of life of postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+), PR (+) who had aromatase inhibitor associated musculoskeletal syndrome (AIMSS).

According to [10] postmenopausal women's decreased estrogen production will have an impact on the quantity of cytokines, adjustments in macrophage activity, and changes in cell adhesion molecule activity, all of which contribute to inflammation and joint pain. Aromatase inhibitors work by inhibiting the expression of estrogen formation in women, and that worsening the symptoms of AIMSS.

Previous studies have shown that Moringa oleifera inhibits the COX-2 enzyme, which is crucial for inflammation. Isothyocyanates, which block COX-2 activity and prostaglandin formation, are one of the Moringa oleifera components thought to have anti-inflammatory effects. Isothyocyanates control the activity of nuclear factor-B (NF-B) and nuclear erythroid 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2), which reduces the body's inflammatory response [11-14].

This is consistent with this study, which found that after using aromatase inhibitors for arthralgia, patients' inflammatory status, as measured by serum CRP levels, decreased.

A lower quality of life is also a result of increasing inflammation, as shown by higher serum CRP levels. Increased levels of CRP brought on by inflammation, including chronic inflammation, have been found to lower quality of life, according to Roediger's research including 1225 human samples. Chronic pain is caused on by AI inhibitors. Chronic pain and inflammation are side effects of AI inhibitor medication, which is also linked to lower drug adherence, a poorer quality of life, and depression when used daily for years. Using the HAQ-DI questionnaire, it was discovered that the treatment group's quality of life had improved. Moringa oleifera extract has been shown to lower CRP levels in the blood. There was less pain and more patients in the therapy group [15-17].

In postmenopausal breast cancer patients who have received aromatase inhibitor therapy and have ER (+), PR (+), *Moringa oleifera* extract has a significant deal of potential as an anti-inflammatory. Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, it will help breast cancer patients live longer, take their medications more



consistently, and in the long run, it will significantly enhance their therapy and outcomes.

5. CONCLUSION

Moringa oleifera extract improve quality of life of on aromatase inhibitor induced arthralgia of postmenopausal breast cancer patients with ER (+), PR (+) by reduced inflammatory status as assessed by serum CRP levels and HAO-DI score.

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