

# Molecular Aspects of Zinc Intake (Zn) and Selenium (Se) on Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) in patients with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (DMT2)

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## Abstract

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a metabolic disease characterized by hyperglycemic. HbA1c is the result of the examination for glycemic control. Zinc and Selenium are metalloenzim factors. play a role in the mechanism and regulation of insulin synthesis. This study aims to explore the relationship between zinc and selenium with HbA1C in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Cross sectional study to patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Samples numbered 108 people conducted at several hospitals in Bandung from years 2011 to 2013. The sample was done by purposive sampling. Zinc and Selenium are collected by SOFF. HbA1c is measured by the method of affinity chromatography. Data were analyzed by Fisher's Exact test and Spearman correlation ( $p < 0.05$ ). The study showed that there was a significant relationship between Zinc Selenium and HbA1c were significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ). There is a relationship between Zinc and Selenium with HbA1c, so the management of diet with intake of Zinc and Selenium is needed in the regulation of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Keywords: Intake Zinc, intake Selenium, levels of HbA1c

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is one of the chronic degenerative diseases that the prevalence continues to increase by year to years.<sup>1</sup> DM is also a group of metabolic diseases by characteristics chronic hyperglycemia due to a defect in insulin secretion, insulin or both.<sup>2</sup> The type 2 diabetes pathogenesis based on impaired insulin secretion by pancreatic beta cells and impaired insulin action due to insensitivity (resistance) to insulin target tissues. Shaw showed, the worldwide prevalence of diabetes in the adult population aged 20-70 years was 6.4% in 2010, affected 287 million adults and is expected to increase to 7.7% and affected 439 million adults in 2030.~ The prevalence of DM in Indonesia is expected to increase from 5.1 % in 2000 to 6.3% in the year 2010.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, Mismanagement could lead to complications and increased morbidity and mortality pasien." Glycosylated hemoglobin or (HbA1c) is one of the laboratory tests for blood sugar control. Persistent hyperglycemia causes glycosylation of the protein hemoglobin. It is estimated by the percentage of glycosylated hemoglobin glycation of hemoglobin (HbA1c), which are used clinically since 30 years ago to assess the degree of chronic hyperglycemia in patients with mild severe of DM.<sup>1</sup> Its value indicates the

average level of sugar in the period of 3 months; disglycemia helpful to know the characteristics of the study population because it is simple compared to oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). In diabetes, one percent increase in HbA1c associated with 20-30% that it would lead to increase in mortality and morbidity of the cardiovascular.7-8

DM management is necessary to seek the way the blood sugar levels closely to normal. The main pillars is a medical nutrition therapy. Medical nutrition therapy, or better known as diet of meal arrangements for persons with DM is a very important factor in controlling blood sugar. Dietary management generally still rarely pay attention to the availability and adequacy of the trace elements and bioactives food. Dieticians tend more priority to macro-nutrients such as carbohydrates, fats and proteins. Trace minerals are important for the body specifically in patients with type 2 diabetes. Dietary management generally still rarely pay attention to the availability and adequacy of the trace element minerals and bioactive food.

Minerals such as Zinc and Selenium including types of trace minerals. In the body there is a small amount, but it has a play very vital role. This mineral belongs to a group of minerals that works as an antioxidant metalloenzyme which can prevent free radicals, increase insulin receptor sensitivity thereby potentially preventing the degenerative disease<sup>11</sup>

Zinc for example is an element essential for the synthesis, storage and secretion of insulin. It is a component of several enzymes. Zinc has, also an important role in maintaining the balance function of multiple networks and have an important role in modulating system immun. Body's ability to synthesize and secrete insulin is affected by zinc in the body, because it is involved in the mechanism of regulation and synthesis of insulin receptors<sup>12</sup>

Selenium serves as part of a protein known as Selenoprotein. Selenoprotein plays a role as a defensive mechanism to oxidative stress, to regulation of thyroid hormone activity, and for the redox status of vitamin C and other molecules. However, note that the "therapeutic window" is limited, and the adverse effects on health may occur due to excessive intake of Se (supra nutritional) or below the level required to toxicity." Selenium acts as an antioxidant and contributes in regulating cell membrane integrity and lowering the risk of oxidative damage." High-Se diet can stimulate the release of glucagon, promotes hyperglycemia, or can cause excess of glutathione peroxidase-1 and other antioxidants Selenoprotein resulting in insulin resistance and obesity.<sup>15</sup> This study aims to explore the relationship between zinc and selenium with HbA1c in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

## 2. METHODS AND MATERIALS

This study is cross sectional study design, which was implemented in January 2011 to December 2013. The experiment was conducted at several hospitals in Bandung. Research was used all patients by type 2 diabetes who did endocrine outpatients clinic at Hospital in Bandung and incorporated Diabetes Association Members (Persadia). The samples was taken as many as 108 patients. They were obtained by purposive sampling with the following inclusion criteria: Patients with type 2 diabetes who have a history or results of HbA1c. age <65 years. did not have a blood disorder,

as been getting nutrition education, without the complications of the disease, not pregnant and was willing to be the subject of research by signing informed consent.

The eating habits questionnaire was collected by Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ). This data were analyzed by Nulri survey. Nutrition intake of trace minerals such Zn, Se was collected by Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ). HbA1c was measured by affinity chromatography method. Processing and analysis the data was used by computer software with a significance level of  $p < 0.05$  and 95% confidence level. Data were analyzed in univariate and bivariate format. The correlation between independent variables and the dependent variable was analyzed by non-parametric statistical analysis the Fisher Exact, Spearman correlation ( $p < 0.05$ ). This study has approved by ethical clearance

### 3. RESEARCH RESULT

#### 3.1 Characteristics of Samples

The study sample characteristics include age, educational background, employment, and others in this study it is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1. Distribution of the characteristics of the study sample by gender**

Samples Characteristics	Category by Sex					
	Bo~		Girt		Total	
	n	%	n	%	N	%
Age						
<50 years	5	11.6	7	12,7	12	11.1
2:50 years	38	88.4	48	87,3	96	86,9
Education level						
Elementary	8	18,6	52	80,0	60	55,5
High school	35	81,4	13	20,0	48	44,5
Occupation						
Work	23	53,5	64	98,5	87	80,6
Unemployed	20	46,5	1	1,5	21	19,4
Family OM History						
Yes	25	58,1	23	35,9	48	44,4
No	18	41,9	42	64,6	60	55,6
Duration suffer OM						
<5 year	19	44,2	31	47,7	50	46,3
2:5 year	24	55,8	34	52,3	58	53,7
Medical therapy						
Yes	39	90,7	59	90,8	98	90,7
No	4	9,3	6	9,2	10	9,3
Exercise (Sport)						
Yes	15	34,9	11	90,8	26	24,1
No	28	65,1	54	9,2	62	75,9
Nutritional Status						
Normal	25	58,1	28	43,1	53	49,1
Malnutrition	18	41,9	37	49,2	55	50,9

### 3.2 Intake of Zinc, Selenium and levels of HbA1c samples

Based on finding, Zinc intake showed it achieved at a mean of  $8.3 \pm 2.62$  mg, with a minimum intake value of 5.2 and a maximum of 18 mg. The recommended dietary allowance level (RDA) of less than 80% by 56 (61.5%). The intake of selenium ~showed on the average position of  $74.62 \pm 15.46$  ug With a minimum intake value of 41 and a maximum of 104 ug that can be seen in Table 2. The findings suggest that most of the patients were in the intake of zinc is not ideal to meet the recommended nutrient required by RDA.

**Table 2. Distribution of the intake of zinc, selenium intake and levels of HbA1c samples.**

Variabel	Statistical analysis		
	$\bar{x} \pm SD$	Min	Max
Zinc Intake (mg)	8,3 ± 2,62	5.2	18
Baik (>80% RDA)	35 (38,5%)		
Kurang (80%RDA)	56 (61,5%)		
Selenium Intake (µg)	74,62 ± 15,46	41	104
Good (<80% RDA)	91(100%)		
Less (<80%RDA)	0(0%)		
HbA1c Level(%)	8,4 ± 2,17	5,7	15,4
Controlled (<7%)	32(35,2%)		
Uncontrolled (> 7%)	59 (64,8%)		

Based on the study of HbA1c levels showed that it achieved at the mean of  $8.4 \pm 2.17$  percent which the achievement of a minimum value of 5.7 and a maximum of 15.4 percent. This showed that the majority of patients are at high HbA1c levels or uncontrolled regulation.

### 3.3 Relationship intake of zinc and selenium intake with levels of HbA1c

Based on the data analysis of the relationship intake zinc, selenium with HbA1c levels obtained the data as it is presented in Table 3 below.

**Table 3. Relationship intake of zinc and selenium intake with levels of HbA1c**

variabel	n	r	P
Zinc intake and HbA1c level	108	-0,482	0,001*
Selenium intake and HbA1c level	108	-0.863	0.001•

\*) Kore/asi Spearman  $p < 0,05$

Results of correlation analysis on samples of zinc intake patients with type 2 diabetes showed that zinc intake was significantly associated with HbA1c levels ( $r = -0.482$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). The present invention provided an indication of improvement zinc intake which meets the nutritional adequacy (RDA) can reduce HbA1c levels in patients with

type 2 diabetes. Selenium intake also showed significantly association with HbA1c levels ( $r = -0.863$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). Results of this analysis indicated that an increased intake of selenium in accordance with the level of adequacy of the advice showed a decrease of the levels of HbA1c.

### 3.4 Effect of intake of zinc, selenium on HbA1c

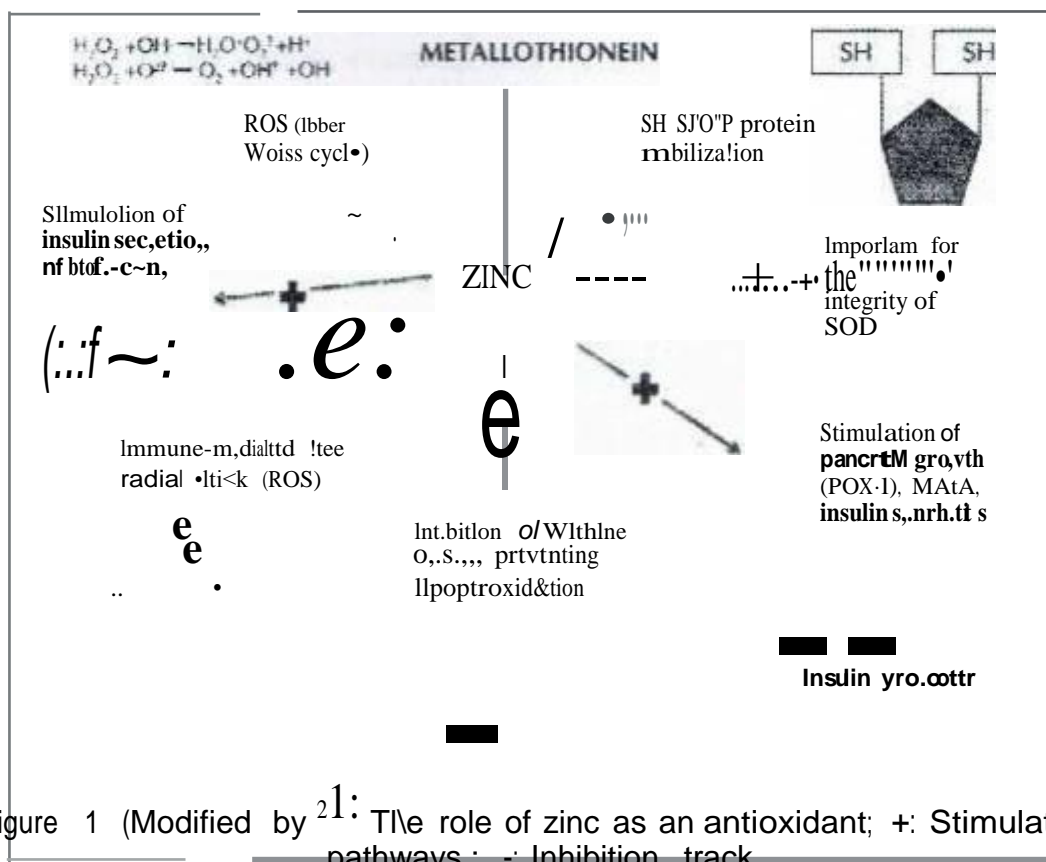
Based on regression analysis of the effect of the intake of zinc, selenium against HbA1c levels of data obtained as follows: Levels of HbA1c =  $13.6 - 0.44$  (zinc intake) -  $3.03$  (selenium intake), with coefficient  $R = 0.773$  or 77.3% HbA1c is determined by the intake of zinc and selenium, rest influenced by other factors, namely obedience, diet, drug consumption, exercise, heredity, habits and eating patterns ( $p < 0.001$ ).

## 4. DISCUSSION

This study has shown a significant association between the intake of zinc with HbA1c levels, despite a weak negative relationship ( $r = -0.4$ ). This study also showed a statistically significant association between the intake of Selenium with HbA1c levels ( $p < 0.001$ ). These results were consistent with research conducted by Jayawardena *et al.*, 2012. That the better grades of zinc in the blood, then the individual will be in the regulatory status of OM were better, but lower when compared with the regulations on the individual non OM. The Song study, patients with type 2 diabetes who given zinc (flour and zinc) for 3 months was able to reduce HbA1c levels in bermakna<sup>1</sup>

Zinc; (Zn) is an essential micronutrient that is needed for more than 300 different cellular processes, including DNA, protein synthesis, enzyme activity, and intracellular signaling. Require compartmentalization of cellular homeostasis Zn into intracellular organelles, which are closely regulated through the integration of transport mechanism<sup>16</sup>. Zinc works as an antioxidant to protect intracellular oxidation process produces free radicals which will also work as a synthesizer, storing and secreting a protective role insulin.<sup>19</sup> Zinc affect on damage pancreatic beta cells. Lack of zinc affects the beta cells of the pancreas in response to the call of the body to produce and secrete insulin, lowers insulin secretion and improve insulin resistance.<sup>20</sup> If the pancreas does not produce and secrete enough insulin in the body's glucose levels remain high, so that with continued high levels of glucose in the body of the regulation of blood sugar is not good.<sup>71</sup>

The role of zinc as an antioxidant is inhibition of ROS via the reduction of glucose toxicity by Zn. Zinc stimulates transcription of metallothionein. Metallothionein itself have antioxidant effects. Zinc provides protection against free radical attack immune mediators (immune-mediated free radical attack) to protect sulfhydryl groups (SH) against oxidation. Also participation in the inhibition of the production of free radicals (Haber Weiss cycle) to compete with the transition metal. Zinc contributes to stabilizing SH by protecting proteins from oxidation. It also reduces direct and radical  $O_2$ ,  $OH$ ,  $H_2O_2$ , and the level of xanthine oxidase, thereby improving mitochondrial function. This radical decline decrease lead to lipid peroxidation. Zinc also stimulates the activity of insulin promoter PDX-1, and inhibits the activity of xanthine oxidase, thus reducing lipid peroxidation. 72



Research on intake of selenium (Se) in patients with diabetes, previous findings indicated that contrary to the possibility of a relationship between the level of control of diabetes and changes in the levels of this mineral. Se intake in this study was measured and the relationship between the intake and the metabolic control of diabetes, as determined by glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c). A negative correlation between the intake of Se and HbA1c was found. Some studies show that selenium levels in the diabetic group compared with the non-diabetic. Subjects of research data showed that selenium plays a role in regulation of beta cell-specific target genes and potentially push the overall improvement in the function of the islet of Langerhans.<sup>24</sup> On the other hand, it has shown that high levels of selenium are associated with the prevalence of diabetes.

In addition, due to the intake of zinc and selenium that already meet adequacy, HbA1c levels were also influenced by other factors, including the use of pharmacological therapy. The results showed that nearly all of the samples (90%) using the pharmacological therapy. Oral hypoglycemic drugs and injection drug given to patients with diabetes mellitus can reduce HbA1c between 0.5 to 3.5%.<sup>25</sup>

## 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This study showed an association between the intake of zinc and selenium with HbA1c levels in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM). It is suggested that the management of diet in patients with type 2 diabetes that it needed to pay attention to

the intake of zinc and Se in sufficiency recommended with respect to obtain a controlled HbA1c levels. Further research It is needed to be examined glutathione peroxidase-1 and selenoproteins other antioxidantS such as Copper (Cu) which resulted in insulin resistance and obesity.

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