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ABSTRACT

Background: Recently, NAFLD has been associated with insulin resistance and hypoadiponectin. However, the study about the relationship of-between adiponectin level and NAFLD is lacking.

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Result: There were 37 subjects, 26 (70,3%) boys and 11 (29,7%) girls. Twenty subjects (54.1%) had bright liver. Correlation test between adiponectin level and HOMA was negatif-negative ($r = -0,503$, $p: 0,001$). There were no significant association between hypoadiponectinemia and bright liver ($p: 0,350$). The prediction by discriminant analysis between adiponectin level and HOMA > -0,259 may predict NAFLD in the obese adolescent.

Conclusion: Hypoadiponectin was not associated with NAFLD in obese adolescents. Discriminant analysis between adiponectin level and HOMA > -0,259 may predict NAFLD in the obese adolescent.

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INTRODUCTION

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) represents a spectrum of disorders characterized by macrovesicular hepatic steatosis occurring in individuals without a relevant alcohol consumption.^{1,2} There was increasing evidence that NAFLD often represents a component of the metabolic syndrome characterized by obesity, hyperinsulinemia, insulin resistance, diabetes, hypertriglyceridemia and hypertension, it was also correlated with children-childhood obesity.^{3,4,5} It was reported that 53% of obese children has-have NAFLD.⁶ NAFLD was confirmed by abdominal ultrasonography which was represented by bright liver imaging. Abdominal ultrasonography has 94% sensitivity and 84% specificity to detect NAFLD that described increased echogenicity as a bright liver.^{7,8} Adiponectin also known as Acrp30 is a 30kDa, the protein that is almost exclusively secreted from white adipose tissue, is a potent modulator of glucose and lipid metabolism and an indicator of metabolic disorders. Adiponectin gene expression and plasma levels correlated with the insulin sensitive state. Dysregulation in the synthesis and/or secretion from the adipose tissue may play a role in the pathogenesis of insulin resistance in obesity. Adiponectin level was lower in the obese children and had associated with insulin resistance, which was obtained by homeostasis model assessment (HOMA) equation. The homeostasis model assessment [(homeostasis model assessment) – insulin resistance = $\text{insulin}/22.5e^{-\ln(\text{glucose})}$].^{9,10,11} Obesity has emerged as a global epidemic in children with a spectrum of psychosocial and medical consequences-consequences manifesting a lifespan. Obesity is defined medically as a state of increased body weight more specifically adipose tissue of sufficient magnitude to produce adverse health consequences. Obesity develops when only-if energy intake in the form of

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METHODS

The study design was a cross-sectional study. The inclusion criteria were obese adolescents aged 11 to-14 years, which consists of 37 subjects (26 boys and 11 girls) of Private Junior High School in Semarang grade VIII in August-August 2007. Informed consents were signed by subject's parents. Anthropometric measurements, weight (to the nearest 0,1 kg) were measured by BIA.TANITA BC 545 and height (to the nearest 0,1 cm) were measured by *microtoise* while the subjects were fasting and wearing only their undergarments. The waist circumference was measured at the level of the umbilicus (to the nearest 0,1 cm). All obese adolescents had a body mass index (BMI) greater than 95th percentile specific for age and sex, whereas nonobese adolescents had a BMI between the 50th and 75th percentiles. Fat percentage were was measured by BIA.TANITA BC 545. Three mililiter-millilitre venous blood sample was taken after 8 hours of fasting for measuring adiponectin level, insulin level, fasting blood glucose level. Adiponectin level ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) was assessed using ELISA ELX 800 Universal Microplate Reader. Fasting blood glucose level (mg/dl)

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RESULTS

There were 37 subjects, 26 (70,3%) boys and 11 (29,7%) girls. This results showed that boys' adiponectin level was lower than girls'. ~~Twenty~~ There ~~were~~ 37 subjects, 20 (54,1%) had NAFLD and 17 (45,9%) normal. This results showed that adiponectin level was lower, and HOMA was higher in NAFLD than normal, as seen in Table 1.

There was significantly correlation ($p < 0,05$) adiponectin level and HOMA, as seen in Table 2. This results showed that low adiponectin level inversely related to high HOMA.

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Variables	Adiponectin level ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	
	r	p
1. Fasting blood glucose level (mg/dl)	-0,249	0,137
2. Insulin level (IU/L)	0,098	0,564
3. HOMA (mg/dl)	-0,503*	0,001

* Pearson test

Table 3. Chi-square test between adiponectin level and NAFLD

Variables	NAFLD	Normal	Total
Hypoadiponectin	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	1
Normal	19 (52,8%)	17 (47,2%)	36
Total	20	17	37

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DISCUSSION

In this study, most boys were in the group of subjects. There was significantly ~~difference-different~~ between boys and girls in adiponectin level. According to the other studies that also found that boys had more visceral fat mass therefore low adiponectin level mostly occurs in boys.⁵

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