

Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV (DPP-IV) Inhibitory Activity of Ultrafiltration and Gel Filtration Fraction of Gelatin Hydrolyzate Derived from Bone of Fish for Antidiabetes

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Abstract—Bioactive peptides have been investigated largely for many biofunctional properties. The aim of this research was to determine the inhibitory activity of ultrafiltration (UF) and gel filtration (GF) fractions of gelatin derived from bone of *Pangasius catfish* against dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV). Previous studies have shown that gelatin from skins of salmon, hake, halibut, milkfish, tilapia and bone of pangasius catfish have the activity in DPP-IV inhibition. While, as inhibitor, most of previous and recent studies shown that separation and fractionation of gelatin hydrolysate increase their activity. This research was conducted in three stages including gelatin hydrolysates fractionation by ultrafiltration (UF), UF fraction loaded into gel filtration (GF) and DPP-IV inhibition measurement. The fish bone gelatin was hydrolyzed using flavourzyme at three enzyme/substrate ratios (E/S of 3%, 6% and 9%) with incubation times 4, 6, and 8 h. Then, the hydrolysates fractionated by ultrafiltration with 3 kDa cutoff membrane continued with Superfine G-25 sephadex column (65 cm x 3 cm, flow rate 1 mL/min). The result shown that both group of fractions i.e UF and GF have inhibitory activity regarding their capacity to inhibit DPP-IV. The UF fraction >3 kDa derived from 9% (E/S) ratio for hdyrolysis were superb as DPP-IV inhibitor than other fractions, the highest one also has bioactivity higher than other previous fish gelatin fractions.

Keywords— dipeptidyl peptidase-IV inhibitor; fish gelatin; antidiabetes type 2; incretin; bioactive peptide.

I. INTRODUCTION

Bioactive peptides is specific protein fragments (usually range from 2 to 20 amino acid residues) that acting as sources of amino acids sequence with numerous potential physiological functions including opioid, antioxidant, immunomodulatory, antibacterial, antithrombotic and antihypertensive activity [1]. Now, it has been investigated largely for other biofunctional properties, such as anticancer [2] and antidiabetes [3]. As antidiabetes, most of studies have been concern to the activity of bioactive peptide contra dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) [4], [5]. DPP-IV is an enzyme degrades glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) and glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), which are both of them is a precursor for creating incretin.

The degradation of GIP and or GLP-1 causes the incretin loses their fuction, while this hormone has a significant aspect related managing of blood glucose homeostasis, and it was encouraging in therapeutic target of type 2 diabetic (T2D) treatment and prevention [3], [6], which is most of T2D has been focused on incretin regulation as a novel therapy, recently [7]. In addition, majority of diabetes patient is T2D (more than 90% diabetic patients is affect T2D [8]) and some of drugs for treating T2D by incretin approach have been trade commercially [9]. So that why, currently, research and study related producing and characterizing of bioactive peptide as inhibitor of DPP-IV have been increase dramatically.

The bioactive peptides as DPP-IV inhibitor has been inspected from broad sources, like microbial product and

natural food protein [4]. Diprotin A and B, a microbial bioactive peptide provide supreme inhibitory activity toward DPP-IV [10], regardless the utilization of food based protein as parent of bioactive peptide is a favorable choice, particularly for safety and health consideration. The food based protein that have been used to produce of bioactive peptide covering chicken egg, beef meat, soy protein, cheese, milk, corn, fish meat and gelatin [1], [4], [11]. We definitely agreed that gelatin is the most promising source of bioactive peptide including for DPP-IV inhibitor. Despite, it has been used widely in food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, fortunately, gelatin usually extracted from by-product or useless materials [12],[13]. In addition, the inhibitory activity of bioactive peptide againsts DPP-IV influence by their proline existency, whilst this amino acid is second abundance in gelatin [5].

Number of studies have been done by using of gelatin as source of bioactive peptide for DPP-IV inhibitor. Almost all type of gelatin sources have shown inhibitory activity against DPP-IV covering traditional and alternative origin [14], [15], [16]. Even though, most of gelatin or derivatives is from mammals, such as cow and pig [17], but some research were used gelatin from alternative source in order to seeking a bioactive peptide for DPP-IV inhibitor [15], [16], [18], [19]. It is caused by socio-religion and cultural aspects, where are gelatin derived from porcine is unacceptable in Muslim and Jewish communities, whereas bovine or cow gelatin is not accepted by Hindu community [20]. The gelatin from alternative sources which has been tested for generating bioactive peptide as DPP-IV inhibitor monopolized by fish gelatin. They were involved gelatin from skin of salmon [18], [19] hake, halibut, milkfish, nila tilapia [16] and pangasius catfish [15]. Bioactive peptide derived from warm-water fish were higher than other in order to inhibit DPP-IV action [16].

The bone of Pangasius catfish was most auspicious as source of gelatin and their derivatives. This type of fish was confirmed that they was provided highest in gelatin yield, comparable in physical characteristics within commercial gelatin and they have ash content which is confirm with standard of gelatin [21], [22]. In Indonesia, Pangasius catfish spread out in Sumatera and Borneo island, where are their consumption and production rate has been increased continuously every years. The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia was targeted the Pangasius catfish production in 2018 reaching 604.587 ton [23], it would inflicted to they waste especially bones, which is contribute about 12.44% for total fish weight. In addition, our previous study also shown that the gelatin from bone of Indonesia Pangasius catfish has DPP-IV inhibitory activity, and it was above of bovine and fish skin gelatin activities [15]. Consequently, it is required to further analysis of this gelatin hydrolysate in order to discover a superior and sustainable source of bioactive peptide with DPP-IV inhibitory activity.

The aim of this research was to determine the inhibitory activity of ultrafiltration (UF) and gel filtration (GF) fractions of fish bone of gelatin hydrolysate against DPP-IV. It is because most of previous studies were described that the inhibitory activity increased after the separation and fractionation. Although, the activity might be scale down on

GF fraction coincide with their protein reduction, however this process is needed in order to obtain the pure component or peptide sequence as well as to increase the specific activity. For functional food and drug agents, the high activity with the lower concentration is necessary.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

A. Materials and Reagents

The gelatin solution from bone of Pangasius catfish (*Pangsius sutchi*) which was extracted on our previous study [15]. The Hydroxyproline Colorimetric Assay Kit (containing 10 mL Oxidation buffer, 0.6 mL Chloramin T concentrate, 5 mL Perchloric acid/Isopropanol solution, 5 mL *p*-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (DMAB) concentrate (in DMSO) and 0.1 mL Hydroxyproline standard) was purchased from Biovision Inc. (Milpitas, CA, USA). The food-grade proteolytic enzyme, Flavourzyme 250 mL (from *Aspergillus oryzae*, 500 U/g) was manufactured by Novozyme Corp. (Bagsvaerd, Denmark). Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV human (D4943, expressed in baculovirus infected *Sf9* cells), Gly-pro-p-nitroanilide, Bovine serum albumin (BSA), Superfine sephadex G-25 and Diprotin A were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). Sitagliptin phosphate monohydrate was from European Pharmacopoeia (Strasbourg, France). The Citric acid and Trichloro acetic acid (TCA) were donated by Merck KgaA (Darmstadt, Germany). Marker proteins was purchased from Promega Cooperation (Madison, WI, USA). Other chemicals and reagents used were of analytical grade and it is available commercially.

B. Gelatin Confirmation Test

Before hydrolysis the gelatin existence was confirmed by *sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis* (SDS-PAGE) through discontinues Tris/HCl/ glycine buffer system [21]. A 20 μ L liquid solution of fish bone gelatin loaded into gel on electrophoresis apparatus (ATTO, Tokyo, Japan), running at voltage of 50 V for 90 min. During this analysis, marker protein was also loaded as standard of molecular weight range. Then, the gelatin yield calculated as the ratio of weight dried fish bone gelatin to the total weight of leached bone (*ossein*) on wet basis [21]. Finally, the hydroxyproline recovery analyzed as extraction yield and selected as part of indicator of gelatin amount. It was calculated by the method described in Koli et al. [24] and Atma et al. [25] with some modifications.

C. Gelatin Hydrolysis

In the hydrolysis stage, the fish bone gelatin was incubated at 50 °C for 10 minutes prior enzymatic hydrolysis. The hydrolysis reaction was started by the addition of Flavourzyme at various enzyme/substrate ratios (E/S: 3, 6 and 9%) and incubation times (4, 6 and 8 hours). The hydrolysis process was stopped by heating the reaction in the boiling water (100 °C) for 10 minutes and cooled in ice water for 20 minutes immediately, both for enzyme inactivation. Then, adjusted to pH 7.0 with addition of 1 M NaOH and centrifugated (Hettich, Tuttlingen, Germany) at 10.000 g, 4 °C for 15 minutes. The supernatant or gelatin hydrolysate was collected and stored at -18 °C. The degree

of hydrolysis (DH) measured by quantify of remain protein in hydrolysate divided total protein in gelatin (whitout hydrolysis) as adopted from Mahmoodani et al. [26] which is using 20% Trichloroacetic acid (TCA) (w/v) to allow precipitation, Bradford solution (*commasie brilliant blue* G250:ethanol :phosphoric acid; 2:1:2; w/v/v) to protein quantification and Bovine serum albumin (0.1-1 mg/mL) to determine standard curve.

D. Ultrafiltration (UF)

The fish bone gelatin hydrolysates were fractionated by ultrafiltration (PLBC Ultracel-PL Millipore, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany) with vertical regenerated cellulose membrane having molecular weight cut-off 3 kDa combined centrifugation at 4000 g and 4 °C for 45 minutes. The fraction was collected as follow: >3 kDa, hydrolysates retained without passing through 3 kDa membrane and ≤3 kDa, hydrolysates permeating through the 3 kDa membrane. All fractions namely UF fractions were collected and stored in refrigerator until further analysis and fractination.

E. Gel Filtration (GF)

The UF fraction which has highest activity as a DPP-IV inhibitor was fractionated using a gel filtration column. A 5 mL fraction solution was loaded in a column (65 cm x 3 cm) containing a stationary phase of the G-25 sephadex gel. The column was equilibrated prior of fraction loading by using aquabides (mobile phase). When the UF fraction solution entered the stationary phase, then aquabides added again. Samples and mobile phases passing through the column at a speed of 1 mL/min are manually collected with a test tube per 5 mL expressed as sub-fractions. Furthermore, each protein profile was measured using a spectrophotometer at wavelengths 214 nm and 280 nm. Based on this protein pattern, subfractions are then mixed into several fractions to measure their activity as DPP-IV inhibitors.

F. Determination of DPP-IV Inhibitory Activity

Inhibitory activity of UF and GF fractions were measured based on their capacity to inhibit DPP-IV in order to use substrate i.e *Gly-Pro-p-nitroanilide* [27]. It was performed using microplate reader (Multiscan Ex, Champaign, IL, USA) mated with 96-well microplate and interpreted by the color amplification of reacted solution absorbance at visible wavelength [5]. The procedure of analysis is according to our previous study [15]. In this quantification, Sitagliptin in concentration of 0.1 ng/mL (diluted with 100 mM buffer Tris, pH 8) and 10 µg/mL Diprotin A were used as standard.

G. Statistical Analysis

The recorded data which represent the average of replication were subjected to an one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), and Tukey's HSD (Honestly Significant Different) or Tukey's studentized range test was ensued subsequently in order to rule the significant level of $p < 0.05$ between data in statistically.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. The Fish Bone Gelatin from *Pangasius catfish*

The gelatin existance in clear extracted solution was confirmed through the molecular weight (MW) range

recognition using SDS-PAGE, also the hydroxyproline content and the gelatin yield. It is re-play as same as our previous research [15], [23], [25], but it is needed to be re-test in order to justify that the gelatin are presence in the extracted solution. The protein pattern of fish bone gelatin showed at Figure 1. with MW of >245 kDa and 100-140 kDa. The hydroxyproline and gelatin yield are 12.90 ± 1.03 mg/g and 5.11 ± 0.02 % respectively. These three indicators have been sufficient in justify that the extraction process was fruition.

The gelatin has three form; α -chain gelatin (with MW ~120 kDa) , β -chain (dimer of α -chain, MW ~250 kDa) gelatin and γ -chain (trimer of α -chain, MW >250 kDa) gelatin. Gelatin derived from fish bones were dominated by β and α form. The α -chain gelatin is divided to $\alpha 1$ and $\alpha 2$ form whereas MW of $\alpha 2$ is smaller than $\alpha 1$ [28]. Previous studies have been confirmed that gelatin from bones of *Pangasius catfish* [21], *Lizardfish* [29], *Grass carp* [30], *Red snapper* and *Grouper fish* [17], *King Weakfish* [28] as well as *Channel catfish* [31] have MW in range of β , $\alpha 1$ and $\alpha 2$ chain through vertical electrophoresis identification. Furthermore, our previous studies also found that gelatin extracted from bone of Indonesian *Pangasius catfish* has shown their band in area with MW of 100-200 kDa and > 225 kDa.

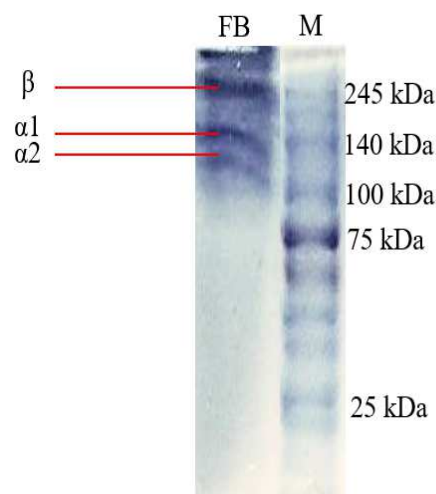


Fig. 1 Electroforegram fish bone gelatin from *Pangasius catfish* (FB) and marker protein (M)

The next indicators were hydroxyproline concent and the gelatin yield. Hydroxyproline is amino acid which abundant in gelatin and it has a role as differentiator during analysis in order to describe of this type of protein compared another, despite it was a main factor that influencing of gelatin physical characteristic. The hydroxyproline content in Indonesian *Pangasius catfish* extracted by pineapple liquid waste with different pre-treatment times was 10.9 – 16.3 mg/g [12] and extracted by citric acid was 18.1 mg/g [23]. Hydroxyproline contents of the gelatin derived from bone of *Tiger-toothed croaker* (*Otolithes ruber*), *Pink perch* (*Nemipterus japonicus*) [24] and skin of *Tilapia* [32] were 7.51, 7.41 and 8.44 mg/g, respectively. In addition, the gelatin yield was quantified to indicate of resulting dry gelatin based on weighth of bone. Fish bone gelatin yield have been reported to vary among difference species, *Tiger-toothed croaker* was 4.57%, *Pink perch* of 3.55% [17],

Pangasius catfish was 13.86% [21], Red snapper was 9.14% [24], Lizardfish of 8.9% [29], Channel catfish of 8.43% [31], and Nila tilapia of 2.4% [33]. For production of biopolymer, the gelatin yield is important, however for medical use, the bioactivities and protein concentration are essential.

B. Hydrolysate Gelatin Preparation Before Fractination

Hydrolysis of fish bone gelatin was by enzymatic hydrolysis using Flavourzyme, a protease (exo- and endopeptidase complex) which has been proven produce bioactive peptide with higher bioactivities against DPP-IV. Degrees of Hydrolysis (DHs) were measured on one representative enzyme/substrate [E/S] concentration and incubation time. It was confirmed that the fish bone gelatin hydrolyzed through each ratio of concentration. The DHs of the gelatin hydrolysates obtained by all concentration were increased with the increment of E/S ratio. The DH of hydrolysate with E/S ratio 3, 6, and 9 % at 4 hours incubation were 31.13 ± 0.6 , 43.60 ± 2.5 and $59.32 \pm 3.6\%$, respectively. These values were significant different each other ($p < 0.05$). DHs of fish bone gelatin for 4 hours incubation are shown in figure 2.

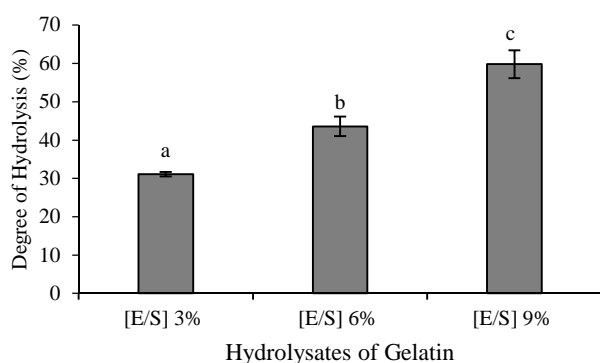


Fig. 2 DH of *Pangasius catfish* bone gelatin hydrolyzed with Flavourzyme at various E/S ratios during 4 hours incubation time.

DH of hydrolysates derived from tuna juice were 19.4 and 23.6% by enzyme Protease XXIII (from *Aspergillus melleus*) and Orientase 9N (from *Bacillus subtilis*) respectively during 6 hours incubation time at E/S ratio of 3.68%. These hydrolysates having inhibitory activity against DPP-IV of 39.5 and 38.8% respectively [34]. Study conducted by Li-Chan et al. shown that DH of fish skin gelatin using 1% Flavourzyme (E/S ratio) was 28.3%, it is lower than Alcalase and Bromelin, and at E/S ratio 6%, the DH was slightly higher than other comparative enzymes which was reached of 42.5% and it was produced hydrolysate with higher inhibitory activity toward DPP-IV. Patent WO 2006/068480 has demonstrated that protein hydrolysates with DHs of 20-40% were possessed referable and preferable for DPP-IV inhibitory activities [19]. Liu et al. stated that the DPP-IV activity is determine by the molecular size or structure and hydrolysate sequences [35], not depend on the DHs.

The extracted fish bone gelatin (without hydrolysis) showed that the percent of inhibition against DPP-IV about 8.37%. Our previous study has been shown that fish bone has a percent inhibition in range of 18.2-21.8% through 10-1000 times smaller Sitagliptin (standard) concentration compared this study. In this work, the hydrolysate from 9%

E/S ratio along 4 hours incubation showed percent of inhibition of 80.41%, and it was the greatest percent of inhibition toward DPP-IV than other E/S ratio. It is only difference of 20% compared 0.1 ng/mL Sitagliptin as positive control. Hydrolysates from E/S ratio of 3% with incubation time 4 hours and 6 hours also having percent of inhibition above of fifty percent which are 51.15% and 58.72%, respectively, and those no significant different ($p < 0.05$). Percent of inhibition hydrolysate by E/S ratio of 6% for 4 hours incubation was 41.38%, and it was declined slowly by the increasing of hydrolysis time. In this study, concluded that the reaction for hydrolysis preferable at 4 hours. In overall, hydrolysis process was gradually increase the value of percent of inhibition on fish bone gelatin.

Previous studies were shown that the inhibition rate of hydrolysate gelatin derived from skin of salmon, halibut, hake, tilapia and milkfish were increased significantly than before hydrolysis. Those were about 10% or below before enzymatic hydrolysis, whilst after hydrolysis with Flavourzyme, they have inhibitory activity above of 20% in average and became reach a peak in 48.1%. Hydrolysates gelatin from skin of salmon were above of 40% by E/S ratio of 1, 2, 3 and 6% at 4 hours incubation [19]. Hydrolysates gelatin from skin of halibut and hake were around of 20%, 30% and 40% in inhibition activity for 4 hours incubation at E/S ration 1, 3 and 5% respectively. Their inhibition rate were stable at various of hydrolysis times (4, 6 and 8 hours). In addition, hydrolysates gelatin from skin of tilapia and milkfish were around mean of 30%, 40% and 45% for inhibit the DPP-IV activity by same ratio of E/S namely 1, 3 and 5% respectively. The inhibitory activity those fish based gelatin were also remain stable at difference incubation period (4, 6, and 8 hours) [16]. All of those previous research were used Diprotin A as standard, however this study was used Sitagliptin as a standard DPP-IV inhibitor. Nongonierma and FitzGerald was used 0.006 and 0.03 ng/mL sitagliptin previously as standard in determination inhibitory activity drug interaction with whey hydrolysate against DPP-IV [36]. Actually, the value of IC_{50} of Sitagliptin is better namely ~ 20 nM [37], whilst the IC_{50} of Diprotin A is 24.7 μ M [19].

Before fractination, the protein identification was done by SDS-PAGE to ensure that the gelatin hydrolysate is exist in the solution and not totally degraded. It is critical because in the fractination stage, the gelatin hydrolysate is separated and fractionated to become smaller molecule. The activity of fraction is potentially disappear if the procedure of this stage is improperly means that the bioactive peptide is uncollected. Fig. 3 depicted that the fish bone gelatin before hydrolysis and after hydrolysis. Based on Fig. 3 shows that the distribution pattern of gelatin from bone of pangasius catfish is changing, where are around 100-225 kDa before hydrolysis to become ≤ 50 kDa after hydrolysis. It is mean that the hydrolysis stage has been successful whitout eliminate the gelatin. This identification also to confirm the data in Fig. 2.

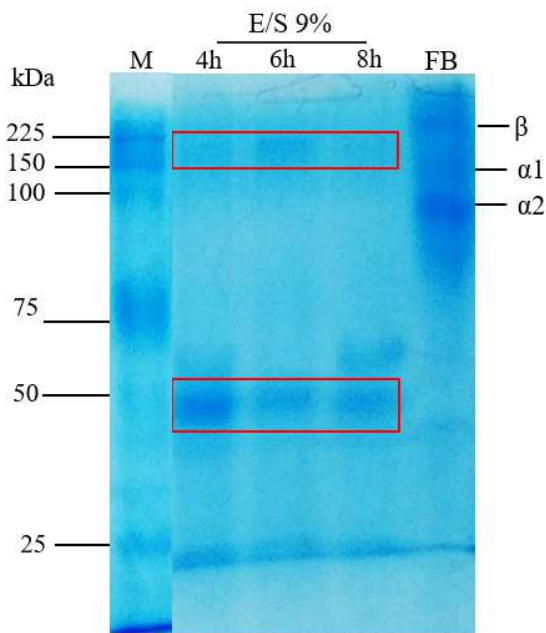


Fig. 3 Electroforegram fish gelatin hydrolysate derived from E/S ratio of 9% for 4, 6, and 8 h hydrolysis time. M=marker protein, FB=fish bone gelatin (without hydrolysis)

C. DPP-IV Inhibitory Activity of UF fraction

Inhibition rate of UF fraction (≤ 3 kDa and > 3 kDa) hydrolysates from fish bone gelatin are shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. Fig 4 illustrates percent of inhibition UF fraction of each hydrolysates (in various of E/S ratio and time of hydrolysis), and Fig 5 depicts percent of inhibition accompanied with hydroxyproline content of UF fraction which are highest in their own E/S concentration ratio. The result showed that percent of inhibition of the fraction > 3 kDa higher than those fraction ≤ 3 kDa. For UF fractions of > 3 kDa, percent of inhibition were climbed up moderately by the increasing of E/S ratio, while for UF fractions of ≤ 3 kDa from different E/S ratio and hydrolysis time were categorized as stable in DPP-IV inhibition. The fractions ≤ 3 kDa have percent of inhibition between 4.51 ± 0.86 to $8.36 \pm 0.92\%$ with insignificant differences ($p < 0.05$). The fraction > 3 kDa had percent of inhibition of 25.48 ± 1.92 - $84.83 \pm 12.38\%$. There were significant different among UF fraction from E/S ratio 3, 6 and 9%. The highest percent of inhibition is UF fraction > 3 kDa from E/S ratio 9% and 4 hours hydrolysis. It was insignificant compared fraction > 3 kDa from E/S ratio 9% and 6 hours hydrolysis. Fig. 5 shows that no correlation between hydroxyproline content and inhibitory activity of fraction gelatin. UF fraction ≤ 3 kDa contain hydroxyproline 70 – 97.27 mg/g, and UF fraction > 3 kDa have hydroxyproline 81.36 – 160.91 mg/g. According to Nongonierma and FitzGerald, inhibitory activity of peptide against DPP-IV is depend on amino acid Proline and Alanin existency [5].

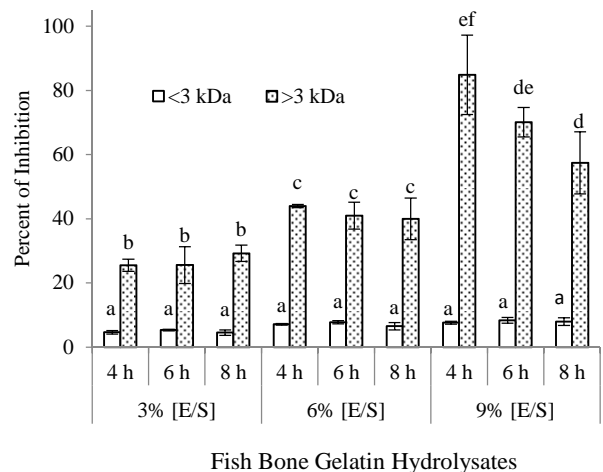


Fig. 4 Percent of inhibition UF fractions of gelatin derived from bone of Pangasius catfish against DPP-IV. The percent of inhibition was determined by using Sitagliptin (0.1 ng/mL) as standard. Bars with different letters are significantly different at $p < 0.05$.

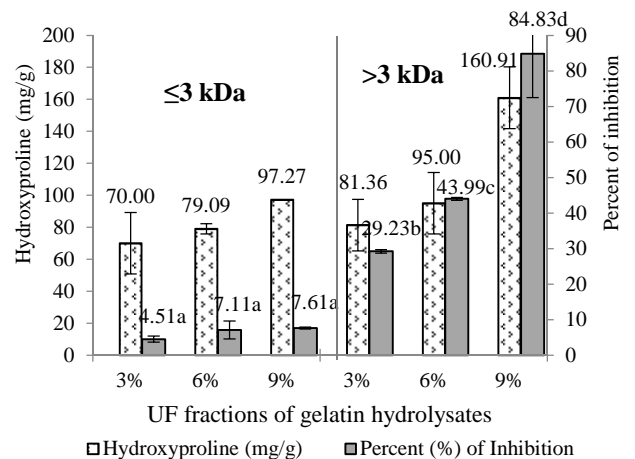


Fig. 5 Percent of inhibition and hydroxyproline content of UF fraction (≤ 3 kDa and > 3 kDa) derived from hydrolysates gelatin of different E/S ratio. Hydroxyproline quantified using hydroxyprolin assay kit, with standard ranging of 0.2–1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The percent of inhibition toward DPP-IV was determined by using 0.1 ng/mL Sitagliptin as standard. Bars with different letters are significantly different at $p < 0.05$.

Study conducted by Li-Chan et al., Huang et al., and Wang et al. showed that the inhibitory activity of fish gelatin hydrolysates facing DPP-IV were higher after ultrafiltration. The peptides of salmon skin gelatin within the < 1 kDa UF fraction had DPP-IV inhibition rate of 61.2%, although the > 2.5 and $1-2.5$ kDa fractions demonstrated inhibition rates of 29.6 and 43.2%, respectively [19]. Fraction of < 1.5 kDa of gelatin hydrolysate from skin of halibut by E/S ratio 5% and 4 hours hydrolysis time was 38.2%, which was slightly higher than fraction from skin of hake but insignificant difference ($p < 0.05$). Furthermore, fraction of < 1.5 kDa of gelatin hydrolysate derived from skin of tilapia by E/S ratio 6% and 6 hours of hydrolysis period was 51.2% and it was significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared fraction of milkfish skin hydrolysate which was higher than UF fraction of hake and halibut, but lower than UF fraction of tilapia. All of those fractions were originated from gelatin hydrolysis using Flavourzyme [16]

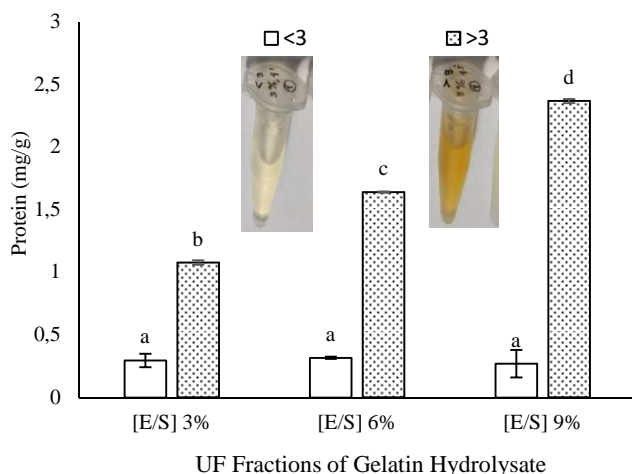


Fig. 6 Protein concentration of UF fraction of fish bone gelatin hydrolysate (at 4 hours hydrolysis). *Bovine serum albumin* (BSA) at 0.1-1.0 mg/mL used as standard. Bars with different letters are significantly different at $p < 0.05$.

In addition, the inhibition rate is not the only one of key factor to determine and discover a bioactivities of peptide, while the other important is protein concentration. It was used as base on effectivity establishment of bioactive peptide. The peptide with high bioactivities value and low of protein content is preferable [38]. So that, in this study also quantified the protein content of UF fractions. The protein concentration has been measured on various E/S ratio of concentration at the similar time of hydrolysis (4 hours). Time of hydrolysis for 4 hours was selected regarding their superiority in resulting of hydrolysate as well as UF fraction. Fig. 6 presents the total protein of fraction of gelatin hydrolysate from bone of Indonesian *Pangasius catfish* and the solution pictures.

Fig. 6 illustrated that protein content in UF fractions >3 kDa were considerably higher than UF fractions ≤ 3 kDa. The fraction >3 kDa fish bone hydrolyate from E/S ratio 9% and 4 hours hydrolysis time namely 2.36 mg/g. It was higher and significant different ($p < 0.05$) than other fractions of hydrolyate from different E/S ratio (3 and 6%, at 4 hours hydrolysis). Based on these facts, we definitely agreed that, generally, DPP-IV inhibitory activity of a compound or a protein is depend on the protein composition. Li-Chan et al. concluded that the inhibition activity of bioactive peptide from fish gelatin hydrolysate influenced by their amino acid composition, molecular weight and hydrophobicity [19]. In addition, Huang et al. mentioned that the inhibition rate of tuna juice hydrolysates against DPP-IV were determined by composition and sequence of amino acid but not the length of peptide [34]. Gelatin hydrolysates derived from warm-water fish possessed better *in vitro* and *in vivo* DPP-IV inhibitory activity than those of cold-water fish [16].

Sort of contradiction showed in this study where are the smaller fractions (≤ 3 kDa) have lower inhibition rate than fraction of >3 kDa. Whilst the opposite condition was happened on most of past studies, where are the smaller fraction present highest inhibitory activity. For instance; the inhibition rate of UF fraction <1.5 kDa from fish skin hydrolysate of nila, hake, halibut and tilapia were about 40-60%, at the same time their UF fraction 1.5-2.5 kDa

and >2.5 kDa were below 20% [16]. Then, the UF fraction <1.5 kDa from gelatin hydrolysate of salmon skin was over 60%, while they UF fraction 1.5-2.5 kDa and >2.5 kDa were below 50% and around 30% [19], respectively. Thus, the statement related the correlation between the molecular weight (MW) with DPP-IV inhibition can not be fully accepted. In addition, study operated by Huang et al. (2014) which is using porcine gelatin hydrolysate was described that fraction <1.5 kDa and 1.5-2.5 kDa had similar inhibition rate of 35% roughly [39]. Study conducted by Hsu et al. (2013) found that inhibition rate of fraction 1.5-2.5 kDa from porcine gelatin hydrolysate was slightly higher than fraction <1.5 kDa [40]. Therefore, it will strengthening and persuing the theory toward role of amino acid composition and sequence on DPP-IV inhibitory activity and eliminating the effect of MW.

D. DPP-IV Inhibitory Activity of GF fraction

The UF fraction >3 kDa (from E/S ratio 9%) has the higher activity, so this fraction was separated further. Each eluted solution from gel filtration sephadex G-25 column was collected and then measured for their protein profile. Figure 7 depicts the protein profile of seventy subfraction which is eluted from gel filtration stage. Based on the protein profile, it is known that the protein began appeared in the 13th subfraction, and then dropped again in the subfraction number of 50. There was no identification at all in the subfraction above 60. Therefore, the subfraction collected that is, starting from the 13th to the 60th number which is divided into five gel filtration (GF) fractions namely F1-F5. Each fractions then quantified their activity as DPP-IV inhibitors. The activity of GF fraction againts DPP-IV presented in Figure 8.

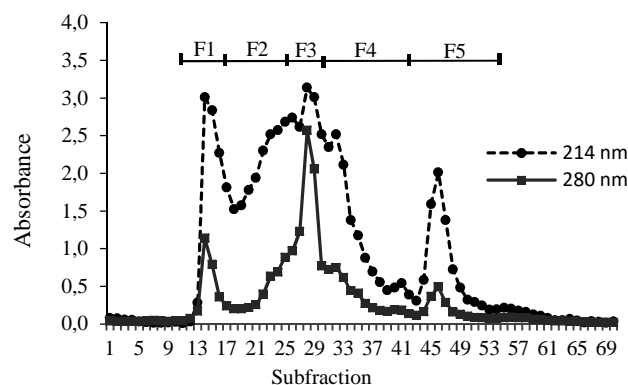


Fig. 7 Elution profile UF fraction >3 kDa from E/S ratio 9% and 4 hours hydrolysis separated with gel filtration column on Sephadex G-25. F1= subfraction number 13-18, F2= no. 19-27, F3= no. 28-31, F4= no. 32-43 and F5=no. 44-60.

The inhibitory activity of GF fraction in this study is in range of 11.08 – 25.10% (using 0.1 ng/mL sitagliptin as standard) and 8.01 – 20.92% (using 10 μ g/mL diprotin A as standard). The inhibitory activity of these fraction was lower than UF fraction. The main factor that might be influence this slightly reduction fact is the gelatin hydrolysate/polypeptide concentration, where are in the UF fraction, the liquid fraction more concentrated, while in the GF fraction, the solution is aqueous or thinner because

aquabidest addition as mobile phase. Study by Huang et al. found that the GF fraction of protein derived from tuna was below 10% until reach a peak at 39.5% [34]. In addition, the purified fraction of gelatin hydrolysate derived from salmon skin and porcine gelatin were around 15%-68% and 26.7-64.6%. However, these gelatin fractions are fractionated and eluted using high performance coloumn chromatography (HPLC) instrument [19], [40].

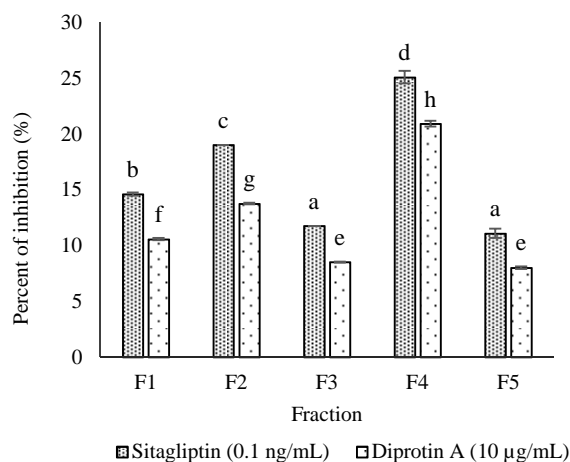


Fig. 8 DPP-IV inhibition activity gel filtration (GF) fraction separated using Sephadex G-25. Percent of inhibition quantified by two standard; Sitagliptin (0.1 ng/mL) and Diprotin A (10 µg/mL). Bars with different letters are significantly different at $p < 0.05$.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

This study has clearly demonstrated UF and GF fractions of fish bone gelatin hydrolysate have activity as inhibitor of DPP-IV. The UF fraction >3 kDa which are hydrolyzed by E/S ratio of 9% for 4 hours incubation time and GF fraction 4 (F4) were potent as an inhibitor agent of DPP-IV. This study provides an outlook on the gelatin hydrolysates from bone of *Pangasius catfish* whereas it was the greatest source of gelatin with high gelatin and extraction yield as well as superior physico-chemical characteristic.

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