

Effect of synchronizing the rate degradation of protein and organic matter of feed base on rice by product on fermentation characteristic and synthesis protein microbial

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Abstract: Low dry matter intake on rice straw due to nitrogen content of rice straw is low, so it is not able to support the growth of rumen microbes. Supplementation and synchronizing the rate degradation of protein and organic matter in the rumen can increase microbial protein production. The objective of this research was to determine the effect of synchronizing the rate degradation protein and energy of feed base on rice by product on fermentation characteristic and synthesis protein microbial on *in vitro* condition. Dietary treatments contained 3 level of synchrony indeks (0.4; 0.5 and 0.6) that were derived from nutrient content and degradation parameters of feedstuffs using nylon bag technique. This research was using randomized complete design. Synchronization index affected to the concentration of acetic acid ($P = 0.007$), propionic acid ($P = 0.020$), butyric acid ($P = 0.029$), CH_4 (0.031) and ratio of $C_2: C_3$ (0.013). Improved synchronization index led to a decrease in acetic acid and CH_4 and increase efficiency of microbial protein synthesis. This result indicated that the improvement of synchronization index can improve feed efficiency, reduce global warming and it can be expected to improve the productivity of livestock.

Key words: feed base on rice by product, fermentation characteristic, *in vitro*, synchrony indeks, synthesis protein microbial.

I. Introduction

Rice (*Oryza zativa*) is the main food crop in Indonesia so it has the highest harvesting area. Rice straw and rice bran are a by product of the rice plant and they were potential to be used as a ruminant feed. Harvesting area of the rice plant in Indonesia was 13.8 million Ha while on the island of Java was 6.5 million Ha (Anonimous, 2013). The production of rice bran is 8-12% of the rice grain, whereas an average production of rice grain in Indonesia is 4.9 Tons/ha. Production of rice straw is equivalent 3.86 Ton dry matter (DM)/Ha/crop if grown in wet land and 2.76 Ton DM/Ha/crop if grown in a dry land (Martawidjaya, 2003). Low dry matter intake on rice straw due to less capability to support the growth of rumen microbes that play in fermentative digestion especially in feedstuffs containing high crude fiber. Nitrogen (N) content of rice straw is only 0.64 to 0.80% or equivalent to 4-5% protein, while the growth of rumen microbes need 1.28% of N or equivalent to 8% protein (Utomo, 2004). One of the ways to support the growth of rumen microbes is by supplementation. Rice bran can be used as a supplement on rice straw as forage.

The aim of supplementation is giving a nutrition for rumen microbes and the host. The synchronization degradation rate of energy and protein has been proposed as a method to increase ruminal MPS, improve efficiency of N usage and animal performance, decrease urinary N excretion (Sinclair *et al.*, 1993; Cole *et al.*, 2008) and fermentative carbon losses in CO_2 and CH_4 (Blummel *et al.*, 1999 cyted by Chumpawadee *et al.*, 2006). Synchronous supply of energy and protein to the rumen enhanced the efficiency of microbes in capturing N and use of ATP for microbial growth (Richardson *et al.*, 2003), which implied synchronized feeds increased microbial protein production in the rumen and enhanced rumen fermentation efficiency, and thereby improved feed utilization and animal performance (Chumpawadee *et al.*, 2006).

Formulation of feed with synchronization of availability of protein and energy in the rumen was developed by Sinclair *et al.* (1993). Sinclair *et al.* (1993) developed a parameter that called synchronization index. Synchronization index expressed as the ratio between the hourly degradability of nitrogen (g N) with organic matter (kg OM) or carbohydrates in the rumen where the highest value for the synchronization index is 1.0.

This research was a preliminary study to evaluate the supplementation on of rice straw in ruminant animals with pay attention to synchronizing supply of protein and energy in the rumen on *in vitro* condition.

II. Material And Methods

This research was conducted in Beef Cattle Research Station, Grati-East Java. The study consisted of two stages, the first stage was the determination of nutrients and the value of feed degradation parameter while the second stage was a research that examined the effect of synchronization index on feed based on rice by product to the fermentation characteristics and rumen microbial protein production on *in vitro* condition.

Research 1. Determination of nutrients and degradation parameters of feedstuffs. Feedstuffs that used to formulate a rations were rice straw, native grass, rice bran, cassava flour, palm kernel cake, coconut cake and molasses. Nutrient values include dry matter (DM), organic matter (OM), crude protein (CP), ether extract (EE) and crude fiber (CF) were determined according to AOAC (2009). Nitrogen free extract (NFE) was calculated according to Ibrahim (1988). Total Digestible Nutrient (TDN) value was determined according to Hartadi *et al.* (1986).

Ruminal degradation measurement using the nylon bag technique was carried out after two weeks adaptation period in a male Ongole Crossbred (body weight 647 Kg, fitted with permanent rumen cannula). Animal was offered elephant grass and commercial concentrate (60:40) that was calculated approximately at 3 % DMI of live weight and given twice per day. Ruminal degradation measurement using 4 nylon bags to every feedstuffs. An empty nylon bags with a dimensions of 14x8 cm² heated in an oven at 45-50°C for 48 hours and then they were weighed. Nylon bags filled with feed ingredients as much as 5 grams of sample then they were tied with nylon thread. The next set of the nylon bag were tied to a plastic rope slap. They were placed in the rumen before feeding in the morning and they were taken back after an time interval incubation 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24 , and 48 hours for feed concentrates; 2, 4, 6, 12, 24, 48, and 72 hours for forage.

Nylon bags were taken from the rumen on each incubation time and they were washed under tap water until the water became clear. Nylon bag containing feed material residue was dried in an oven 60°C. The residue was analysed of dry matter (DM), organic matter (OM) and crude protein (CP). To determine the content of water soluble material, bags representating 0 hours degradation also underwent the same washing procedure as the incubated bags. The value of feedstuffs degradation were the percentage of the sample weight that were missing after incubation with the initial sample weight. Further the value of feedstuffs degradation were used for the determination of degradation parameters using the formula developed by Ørskov and McDonald (1979) using a computer program developed by International Feed Resources Centre (2004). The formula developed by Ørskov and McDonald (1979) is as follows:

$$P = a + b (1 - e^{-ct})$$

Description:

P = cumulative amount degraded at time t.

a = fraction of feed material that rapidly soluble in the rumen (%).

b = potentially degradable fraction in the rumen (%).

c = rate of degradation (% / h).

t = time (hours).

The variables observed in this study were 1) the fraction of protein and organic matters of feed that rapidly soluble in the rumen or *a* value, 2) protein and organic matter of feed ingredients that insoluble but potential for degradation or *b* value and 3) the rate of degradation of protein and organic matter or *c* value.

Research 2. Effect of synchronization of degradation of protein and organic matter of feed based on rice by product to fermentation characteristics and rumen microbial protein production on *in vitro* condition. The material of this study was three of feed based on rice by product using feed ingredients such as rice straw, native grass, rice bran, cassava flour, coconut cake and palm kernel cake with synchronization index low (0.4) as P1, medium (0.5) as P2 and high (0.6) as P3. Determination of the value of synchronization index using the formula developed by Sinclair *et al.* (1993), as follows:

$$\text{synchrony index} = 25 - \frac{\sum_{1-24} \sqrt{\left(25 - \text{hourly } \frac{N}{OM}\right)^2}}{25}$$

Description :

- Twenty five (25) is 25 g N-protein/kg OM digested in the rumen , is assuming the optimum ratio for efficiency of the synchronization of microbial protein synthesis in the rumen (Czerkawski 1986) .
- hourly N / OM is the quantity of nitrogen and organic matter degraded per hour.

- synchronization with the index value of 1.0 indicates perfect synchronization between the supply of N - protein and energy during the day and the value of < 1.0 indicated unsynchronization.
- Computer programs are modified by Sinclair *et al.* (1993) was used to calculate the N and OM supply from feed, this program requires input data including :
 - a. Content of DM, CP and OM of feedstuffs.
 - b. Value of soluble fraction (a), potentially degradable fraction (b) and the rate of degradation (c) of OM and CP of feedstuffs.
 - c. The proportion of each constituent in the diet.
 - d. DM intake per day, in this study assumed a 3% of live weight.
 - e. Feeding frequency , in this study it was assumed 2 times
 - f. The outflow rate of solid (k) from the rumen, in this study it was assumed 0.05/h.

Determination of rumen characteristics and microbial protein production using *in vitro* digestibility test developed by Tilley and Terry (1963) with some modifications the procedure developed by Blummel *et al.* (1997). Rumen fluid used for testing the *in vitro* digestibility was taken from male Ongole cross breed that fitted with permanent canula in the rumen. A 500 mg of sample inserted into the *in vitro* bottle and it was added 50 ml of McDougal buffer solution and rumen fluid (pH 6.9 and temperature of 39 ° C) with a ratio of 4:1. The bootles were saturated with CO₂, then they were closed with a rubber and put into a water bath in 39 ° C of temperature for fermentation process. The bottle containing with a mixture of Mc Dougal and rumen fluid without samples was used as a blank.

All treatments were fermented for 24 hours. Shaking the bottle fermentors performed every 4 hours. Fermentation of each feed treatment performed on 4 bottles, 2 bottles fermentor which were used to measure the apparent degradability and the others were used to measure the true degradability. After 24 hours, the fermentation was stopped by immersion in ice water for 15 minutes. Apparent degradability was determined using two bottles that were centrifuged at 2500 g for 30 min. Supernatant was used to measure pH (Hanna 301) then it was used for measurement of NH₃ (preserved with 1 ml of H₂SO₄ 1 N for 10 ml sample) and individual VFA (acetic acid, propionic acid and butyric acid) was preserved with HgCl₂ and H₃PO₄ as much as 1 ml for 10 ml of sample. The residue was placed into a porcelain cup that had been weighed, then porcelain cup and the residue dried at 105 ° C for 12 hours followed by burning at a constant temperature of 600 ° C for 2 hours to determine the degradability of organic matter.

True degradability determined using a sample that has been fermented in two other bottles. They reflux with 100 ml of Neutral Detergent Solution (NDS) for 1 hour then they were filtered using crusibel filter. Crusible and the residue were dried at 105 ° C for 12 hours. Microbial biomass production (MBP) was calculated as the difference of digested weight of sample from the measurement of true and apparent degradability. Fermented organic matter in the rumen (FOM) is determined by calculating the organic matter content of feed multiplied by the organic matter degradability. NH₃ concentration measurements were using steam destilasion while individual VFA (acetic acid, propionic acid and butyric acid) concentration measurements carried out according with the instructions of Bachrudin (1996). Concentration of CH₄ and CO₂ were estimated according to Van Soest (1994). The efficiency of microbial protein synthesis (EMPS) was determined as follows :

$$\text{EMPS (g N/kg FOM)} = (\text{MBP (g) x 7\%}) / \text{FOM (Kg)}$$

Note : 7 % is an average content of N in microbially cell.

Variables that observed in this research were rumen fermentation characteristics (pH, NH₃ concentrations, individual VFA, estimated the concentration of CO₂ and CH₄, the ratio of C₂: C₃, organic matter degradability, fermented organic matter in the rumen (FOM), microbial biomass production (MBP) and efficiency of microbial protein synthesis (EMPS). The study was used a randomized complete design with 3 treatments of synchronization index (SI). Three level of synchronization indexes were P1 (0.4); P2 (0.5) and P3 (0.6). Data were analyzed using a program GENSTAT 14.2 (2011).

III. Result And Discussion

Research 1. Determination of nutrients and degradation parameters of feedstuffs.

Nutrient content and degradation parameters of feedstuffs used in the experiment were presented in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively. The feedstuffs varied widely in term of nutrient content and the degradation parameters. The nutrient content of diets was presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Nutrient content of feedstuffs in the experiment.

Feedstuffs	DM(%)	OM (% DM)	CP (% DM)	EE (% DM)	CF (%DM)	NFE (% DM)	TDN (% DM)
Rice straw	43.75	78.27	5.73	1.99	26.93	34.01	47.63
Native grass	26.71	78.30	10.50	1.35	21.42	45.03	55.00
Rice bran	90.07	82.47	8.39	1.02	28.86	44.20	46.33
Cassava flour	90.03	95.54	3.18	1.22	4.20	86.94	74.00
Coconut meal	84.59	94.27	23.83	2.54	14.79	53.11	72.89
Palm kernel cake	91.91	91.89	17.37	7.69	24.42	25.81	81.91

Nutrient value (DM, OM, CP, EE, CF and TDN) of feedstuffs was varied. Dry matter of forage (rice straw and native grass) ranged from 26.86% (native grass) to 45.82% (rice straw). Dry matter value of concentrate varied between 88.19% (cassava) to 95.39% (palm kernel cake). Organic matter value varied between 76.97% (rice straw) to 93.58% (cassava flour). Crude protein value (CP) varied between 2.29% (cassava) to 24.91% (coconut meal). Value of ether extract (EE) varied between 1.25% (cassava) to 9.20% (palm kernel cake). Value of Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN) varied between 43.77% (rice bran) to 68.72% (cassava).

Table (2): The value of parameter degradation of organic matter (OM) and crude protein (CP)

Feedstuffs	OM			CP		
	a (%)	b (%)	c (fraction/hour)	a (%)	b (%)	c (fraction/hour)
Rice straw	35.10	11.20	0.06	41.90	16.40	0.03
Native grass	18.10	41.60	0.08	32.30	40.60	0.16
Rice bran	22.60	21.60	0.20	41.30	37.40	0.25
Cassava flour	48.10	46.90	0.04	41.50	33.50	0.09
Coconut meal	24.40	63.30	0.07	29.62	70.40	0.01
Palm kernel cake	17.70	63.60	0.03	35.80	49.80	0.04
Molasses	100	0	0	100	0	0

Research on the determination of the degradation parameters of rice straw by Chumpawadee *et al.* (2006), cassava conducted by Chumpawadee *et al.* (2006) and Chanjula *et al.* (2003) and copra meal conducted by Ibrahim *et al.* (1994) gives different results with the results in this study. According to Piao *et al.* (2012) the difference in the degradation parameter values the same feed ingredients caused by harvesting of feed ingredients, methods of measurement and factors specific to the measuring method is *in sacco* digestibility.

Table (3): Feed formulation and nutrient content of dietary treatment

Feedstuffs	P1	P2	P3
		(%)	
Rice straw	37.5	35	20
Native grass	2.5	5	20
Rice bran	10	10	26.5
Cassava flour	25	21.4	16
Coconut meal	12.5	12.5	2.5
Palm kernel cake	12.5	12.5	15
Molasses	0	3.6	0
Nutrient			
DM (%)	92.80	93.05	90.78
OM (%DM)	89.90	91.50	89.50
TDN (%DM)	59.32	64.65	65.29
CP (%DM)	10.52	10.66	11.01
CF (%DM)	21.24	19.98	19.67
EE (% DM)	2.82	2.97	3.34
synchronization index	0.4	0.5	0.6

Value of dry matter and organic matter respectively were 90.78% -93.05% and 89.50% - 89.90%. There was an increase in total digestible nutrient of feed due to increased synchronization index. Content of crude fiber of the diet decreased with the increasing of synchronization index. Improved synchronization index caused a decrease in the use of feed ingredients with high crude fiber content of rice straw. Ether extract content of the diet increased with the improvement in the synchronization index, it is because of the increased use of palm kernel cake and native grasses.

Table (4): Effect of synchronization index against concentration of acetic acid, propionic acid, butyric acid, NH₃ and C₂:C₃ ratio

Variabel	Dietary treatment			SEM	P Value
	P1	P2	P3		
pH	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.063	0.949
Acetic acid (mM)	18.04 ^B	12.77 ^A	11.59 ^A	0.728	0.007
Propionic acid (mM)	2.28 ^A	6.00 ^B	2.49 ^A	0.603	0.020
Butyric acid (mM)	2.00 ^A	4.01 ^B	3.7 ^B	0.347	0.029
C ₂ :C ₃ Ratio	8.38 ^B	2.17 ^A	4.87 ^A	0.796	0.013
CO ₂	12.58 ^A	13.89 ^A	11.97 ^A	0.765	0.300
CH ₄	9.45 ^B	6.89 ^A	7.02 ^A	0.470	0.031
NH ₃ (mg/l)	50.71	50.04	52.27	0.787	0.145
OM degradability	54.60	58.00	55.70	3.15	0.773
FOM (g)	0.22	0.24	0.23	0.013	0.478
MBP (mg)	53.60	57.90	59.60	2.01	0.373
EMPS	15.76	18.32	19.38	1.21	0.133

^{A-B}Different superscript letters indicate significant difference for Synchronization Index; FOM = Fermented organic matter in the rumen; MBP = Microbial biomass production; EMPS = efficiency of microbial protein synthesis

Synchronization index did not affect the pH of the rumen fluid. Synchronization index affected to the concentration of acetic acid (P = 0.007), propionic acid (P = 0.020), butyric acid (P = 0.029), CH₄ (P = 0.031) and ratio of C₂: C₃. Improved synchronization index led to a decrease in crude fiber in the diet (Table 3). This caused a decrease in acetic acid and CH₄ (Van Soest, 1994). Based on this result, it was shown that the feed formulation according to synchronization index can improve feed efficiency and reduce global warming. High concentrations of acetic acid led to a decrease in feed intake *in vivo* conditions. The formation of acetic acid also results in the formation of methane. Acetic acid formation produces hydrogen ions which are precursors for the formation of methane gas. Methane gas production on the use of agricultural waste as

ruminant feed becomes a problem because methane is one of the greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming (Gworgwor *et al.*, 2006)

Synchronization index did not affect the concentrations of NH_3 . Ammonia is a major and important source of nitrogen for microbial protein synthesis, the range of NH_3 in this study was 50.04 mg / l – 52. 27 mg / l. This concentration is sufficient to support microbial growth that is 50 mg N-NH_3 / l (Satter and Slyter, 1974). Concentration of NH_3 in the rumen is influenced by the quantity, the solubility, rate of degradation, endogenous N sources, the use of NH_3 by rumen microbes and recycling of NH_3 (Nuswantara, 2009). Low levels of NH_3 in the rumen can be caused higher microbial protein synthesis (Rotger *et al.*, 2006). The level of use of NH_3 for microbial protein synthesis is affected by the availability of energy. If the energy is limited then NH_3 cannot be used in the synthesis of microbial protein that is indicated by accumulation of high amounts of NH_3 (Henning *et al.*, ; 1993; Mustvangwa, 2011).

Synchronization index did not affect to degradation of organic matter, organic matter fermented in the rumen, microbial biomass production and efficiency of microbial protein synthesis. Production of microbial biomass and efficiency of microbial protein synthesis tends to increase with the improvement of synchronization index. They have shown that the better synchronization index of the feed can increase the original microbial protein contribution to the host. The condition is expected to improve the productivity of livestock. This is consistent with results from Seo *et al.* (2010) who reported that improvement of the index of synchronization can increase the efficiency of protein synthesis and fermentation of microbes in the rumen. The impact of the improvement of the efficiency of microbial protein synthesis is a decreased production of methane (Leng and Preston, 1987)

IV. Conclusion

Improvement of synchronization Index on feed based on rice by products causing

- 1) a decrease in the concentration of acetic acid, CH_4 concentration, the ratio of C_2 : C_3 so it can reduce global warming
- 2) increase on the efficiency of microbial protein synthesis. This can have an impact on improving livestock production.

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