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## ISOLATION OF FUNGI FROM THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT OF INDIGENOUS CHICKEN

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### ABSTRAK

Saluran pencernaan ayam merupakan salah satu tempat yang dapat dijumpai berbagai jenis fungi. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah mengisolasi fungi dari saluran pencernaan ayam kampung. Sampel saluran pencernaan diperoleh dari 5 ekor ayam dengan umur 4 hari, 1 minggu dan 2 bulan yang diperoleh dari satu peternakan ayam kampung di Yogyakarta. Media yang digunakan untuk mengisolasi fungi adalah media Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA). Hasil isolasi dari sampel ayam dengan 3 umur yang berbeda adalah 50 isolat murni fungi dengan rincian masing-masing umur yaitu 4 hari, 1 minggu dan 2 bulan adalah 5, 10, dan 35 isolat. Jumlah isolat terbanyak diperoleh dari bagian ileum, diikuti dengan sekum, jejunum dan duodenum. Kelima puluh isolat yang diperoleh tersebut dapat diidentifikasi dalam 7 spesies yaitu *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Chrysonilia crassa*, *Mucor circinelloides*, *Mucor sp.*, *Rhizopus oligosporus* dan *Rhizopus oryzae*.

**Kata kunci:** ayam kampung, fungi, isolasi, saluran pencernaan

### ABSTRACT

Gastrointestinal tract of chicken is a place in which many kinds of fungi can be found. The aim of the research was to isolate fungi from the gastrointestinal tract of the indigenous chicken (Ayam Kampung). The chicken samples were four days, one week and two months old and were sampled from chicken farm located in Yogyakarta. Potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium was used to grow the fungi. Fifty pure isolates of fungi were found from three different ages, those were four days, one week and two months old chicken were 5, 10 and 35 isolates respectively. The largest number of isolate was found in ileum, then followed by caecum, jejunum and duodenum. The fifty isolate of fungi belonged to seven species, those were *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Chrysonilia crassa*, *Mucor circinelloides*, *Mucor sp.*, *Rhizopus oligosporus* and *Rhizopus oryzae*.

**Keyword:** fungi, gastrointestinal tract, indigenous chicken, isolation

### INTRODUCTION

There are two kinds of microbes which can be found in the gastrointestinal tract of chicken, one of them is fungi. Fungi constitute a group of living organisms devoid of chlorophyll. They resemble simple plant, but they do not have stem, root or leaves, nor vascular system, as plant have. Fungi have a definite cell wall, they are usually nonmotile, although they may have motile reproductive cells and they reproduce spore. They can live in the gastrointestinal tract of chicken (Alexopoulos and Mims, 1979; Kompiang *et al.*, 2006; Lumpkins *et al.*, 2010). Adegunloye (2006)

has found fungi in the gastrointestinal tract, those were *Aspergillus* and *Rhizopus*.

Distribution of microbe in the gastrointestinal tract is different among one part to another. Gabriel *et al.* (2006) found that there were two parts of gastrointestinal tracts (crop and caecum), in which can be found many kinds and large number of microbes. Romach *et al.* (2004) showed that the place where the more existences of microbe were in small intestine and caecum. Bjerrum *et al.* (2006) stated that the chicken ileum was dominated by lactobacilli, whereas in caecum was found more diverse microbial community

According to Lumpkin *et al.* (2010) that the

introduction of microbe into the gastrointestinal tract can occur in a prehatch state before the chick is exposed to the environment outside the shell. There are several factors that can influence the microbe population such as different feed ingredients<sup>1</sup> and subtherapeutic levels of antibiotics in their diets. Interestingly, it has been reported that when hens are fed different diets it appears to affect their genetics and that is passed on to the chick (Rebel *et al.*, 2006 in Lumpkin *et al.*, 2010). The colonization of microbe will be continuously done until the population in the gastrointestinal tract is on balance, it means that the microbes do not injured the host which they are living on. But, Lan *et al.* (2005) stated that the normal intestinal microflora of the small intestine, caecum, and large intestine in chicken develop after hatching. The complexity of chicken gastrointestinal tract microbe gradually increased from day 1 to 19 of life (Magdalena *et al.*, 2011). According to Murwani (2008), the population of the microbe in the gastrointestinal tract will stable when the chicken ages get two to three weeks old. The microbial community is established in the small intestine within approximately two weeks and in caecum needs 6- 7 weeks (Lan *et al.*, 2005).

<sup>2</sup> The objective of this research was to isolate fungi from the gastrointestinal tract of the indigenous chicken. Because the microbial community still develop after hatching until some weeks, the age of the chicken samples were four days, one week and two months old.

## <sup>8</sup> MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research was done in Microbiology Laboratory of Faculty of Animal Agriculture and Faculty of Science and Mathematics, Diponegoro University. Chicken samples were taken from farm which was located in Yogyakarta. The chicken ages were four days, one week and two months old. The isolation used potato dextrose agar medium and in the medium was added with chloramfenikol antibiotic. Fungi were isolated from the gastrointestinal tract using non selective methods modified by Warcup (Dhingra and Sinclair, 1985; Gam *et al.*, 1987) and direct isolation technique. All isolates then were identified.

### Preparation of Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) Medium

Two hundreds grams of peeled and sliced

potatoes were put in 1 L of water then boiled until the potatoes became soft. The solution was strained through cheesecloth and adjusted filtrate to 1 L, then it was added 20 g of sucrose and 17 g of agar powder prior to autoclaved. Two hundreds and fifty milli grams of chloramphenicol antibiotic was added into the solution and shaken thoroughly. The 10 mL of the solution was taken and put into a dish (Dingra and Sinclair, 1985, Yudiarti *et al.*, 2010)

### Isolation of Fungi from The Gastrointestinal Tract of The Indigenous Chicken

Firstly, the liquid from small intestine and caecum was put directly on to PDA on plate then incubated at the temperature 40°C for 48 hours. Purification must always be done for all plates until each plate only contained one fungus (Dhingra and Sinclair, 1985; Gam *et al.*, 1987).

### Identification of All Isolates

Fungi identification was conducted in macroscopic and microscopic. The macroscopic examination was by the presence of fungal growth in a petri dish and those was often be confirmed directly with the naked eye. The microscopic examination was made by slide preparation to see under the microscope of the hypha, sporangia, oogonia and reproduction structures. All isolates were identified using the key of Ganjar *et al.* (1999) and Samson *et al.* (2004).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Isolation of Fungi

The isolation of fungi from the four days old chicken was found 5 isolates, as followed: 2 isolates from small intestine and 3 isolates from caecum (Table 1). The isolation of fungi from the one week old chicken was found 10 isolates, those were small intestine 4 isolates and caecum 6 isolates (Table 2).

Results showed that the isolation of fungi from the two months old chicken was found 35 isolates, those were obtained from duodenum, jejunum, ileum and caecum being 6, 7, 13 and 9 isolates, respectively (Table 3).

The isolation of fungi from the four days, one week and two months old chicken were found 5, 10 and 35 isolates, respectively. The result indicated that the increase the chicken age, the higher the number of fungi in gastrointestinal tract. As mentionwd by Barnes (1972), Yegani and Krover (2008) and Magdalena *et al.* (2011)

Table 1. The Isolate of Fungi from Gastrointestinal Tract of Four Days Old Chicken

Chicken Sample	Small Intestine	Caecum	Total
1	-	1	1
2	1	-	1
3	-	1	1
4	-	1	1
5	1	-	1
Total	2	3	5

Table 2. The Isolate of Fungi from Gastrointestinal Tract of One Week Old Chicken

Chicken Sample	Small Intestine	Caecum	Total
1	-	2	2
2	2	-	2
3	-	2	2
4	-	2	2
5	2	-	2
Total	4	6	10

that the population of microbe in gastrointestinal tract increases and complex if the chicken age increase. Increasing of the chicken age, it also increases in feed consume and feed is one of materials that brings the microbe comes into the body of chicken (Michaela, 2008; Lee and Salminen, 2009; Torok *et al.*, 2011).

The results showed that the number of isolates found in each part was different and greatest number of isolate was found in ileum (Table 3). Torok *et al.* (2008) also found that the community of microbe in each part of the gastrointestinal tract was varied. Wise and Siragusa (2007) reported that the microbial community were the most pronounced in the ileal region. The differences were caused by the different environmental condition, such as pH as explained by Yamanaka (2003). The pH in ileum was neutral to slightly alkaline and those was favorable for fungi growth. The number of isolate of fungi which was found in duodenum was the fewest one (Table 3), this was agreed with the finding of Gabriel *et al.* (2006) and Romach *et al.*

(2004). These were also caused by the environmental condition in the duodenum was quite acid and fungi could not growth in that condition (Yamanaka, 2003).

Fifty isolates of fungi were obtained from this research. The result showed that in gastrointestinal tract of chicken was not only found some bacteria but also fungi.

Isolation of fungi from the five samples of the indigenous chicken found fifty isolates. The results showed that there was a big population of fungi in gastrointestinal tract of indigenous chicken. The finding was in agree to the Kim and Mundt (2011) found that in the digestive tract of chicken contains a very large numbers of microbes with a high diversity. In addition, it was reported by Forder *et al.* (2007) and Michael *et al.* (2010) that in the intestines was found a complex microbe that plays an important role in the growth and health of the chicken.

#### Identification of Isolate of Fungi

Result of the identification of all isolates were 19 genus *Rhizopus*, 24 genus *Aspergillus*, 5 genus *Mucor* and 2 genus *Chrysonilia*. Further identification of the genus were found 7 spesies, those were *Aspergillus fumigatus* (Figure 1), *Aspergillus niger* (Figure 2), *Chrysonilia crassa* (Figure 3), *Mucor circinelloides* (Figure 4), *Mucor sp* (Figure 5), *Rhizopus oligosporus* (Figure 6), and *Rhizopus oryzae* (Figure 7).

The characters of each species were 1) *Aspergillus fumigatus*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 0.8 – 1.0 cm, consisted of a dense of dark green conidiophores, 2) *Aspergillus niger*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 0.2 – 0.5 cm, consisted of a dense of dark brown to black conidiophores, 3) *Chrysonilia crassa*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 4 – 4.5 cm, conidia one celled in chains and the colour was pinkish to orange, 4) *Mucor circinelloides*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 4 – 4.5 cm, the colour was greyish-green, 5) *Mucor sp*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 2.0 – 2.3 cm, the colour was white, 6) *Rhizopus oligosporus*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 2.6 – 3.5 cm, the colour was pale brownish-grey, 7) *Rhizopus oryzae*: colony on PDA at 40°C in 24 hours attained a diameter 0.7 – 1 cm, the colout was whitish become brownish-grey.

There were two kinds of microbes that always apparent and exist in all parts of the

Table 3. The Isolate of Fungi from the Chicken with Two Months Old

Chicken Sample	Duodenum	Jejunum	Ileum	Caecum	Total
1	1	1	2	1	5
2	1	1	3	1	6
3	1	1	2	2	6
4	1	2	3	2	8
5	2	2	3	3	10
Total	6	7	13	9	35

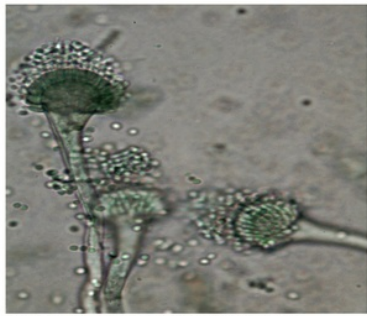


Figure 1. *Aspergillus fumigatus*

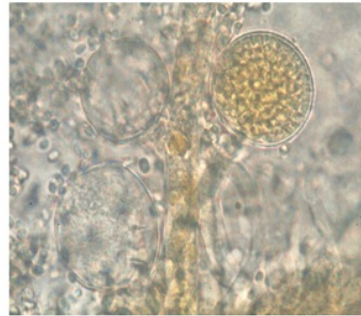


Figure 4. *Mucor circinelloides*



Figure 2. *Aspergillus niger*

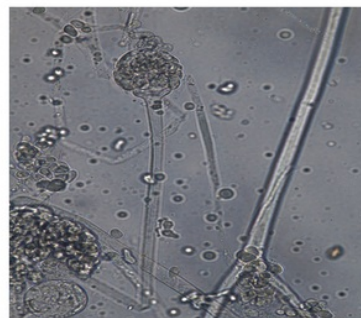


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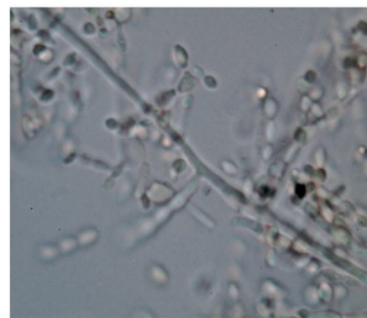


Figure 3. *Chrysonilia crassa*

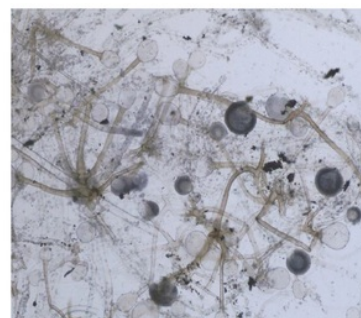


Figure 6. *Rhizopus oligosporus*



Figure 7. *Rhizopus oryzae*

gastrointestinal tract of three different ages of chicken samples, those kinds were *Aspergillus sp* and *Rhizopus sp*. This finding was same as results of the research by Adegunloye (2006). The reason was because the two fungi were belong to ubiquitous fungi. According to Samson *et al.* (2004) that the fungi which was belong to ubiquitous fungi could grow easily in any condition and any media.

#### CONCLUSION

The isolation of fungi from the four days, one week and two months old chicken were found 5, 10 and 35 isolates, respectively. Ileum was the part of the gastrointestinal tract which was found the largest number of isolate of fungi and duodenum was the fewest one. Identification of all isolates belonged to 7 species, those were *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Chrysonilia crassa*, *Mucor circinelloides*, *Mucor sp*, *Rhizopus oryzae* and *Rhizopus oligosporus*

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