

CORN SUBSTITUTION USING FERMENTED SOLID CASSAVA-WASTE ON BROILER CHICKEN

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the research was to examine unfermented solid cassava-waste (USCW) and fermented solid cassava-waste (FSCW) as the substitution of corn in broiler ration. Two hundred and ten birds of one-week-male broiler chicken were divided into seven kinds of one-way treatment of completely randomized design. Five replications were used for each treatment; there were six chickens in each replication. The substitution levels of corn in broiler ration by USCW and FSCW were 0% (control), 10, 20, and 30%. The result showed that corn substitution up to 20% using USCW and FSCW did not affect the digestibility of feed (DF), digestibility of soluble protein (DSP) and crude protein (DCP), and digestibility of starch (DS). Substitution up to 30% using FSCW did not affect the DSP and DCP. However, substitution of USCW at the same level decreased DSP, DCP, DF, and DS. Corn substitution up to 20% using USCW and FSCW did not affect the feed intake (FI), body weight gain (BWG) and feed conversion ratio (FCR). Substitution up to 30% using FSCW did not affect the BWG and FCR. However, substitution of USCW at the same level decreased BWG and increased FCR. FSCW can be used as a substitute for the corn up to 30% without affecting the performance and the values of the nutrient digestibility, meanwhile USCW is only able to substitute corn up to 20%.

Keywords: broiler chicken, corn, fermented solid cassava-waste.

INTRODUCTION

Solid cassava waste (SCW) is a solid waste of the cassava starch extraction process in tapioca industries. It will smell acid and unpleasant odor, and pollute the environment when it is left unprocessed. The cassava production reached 16.9 million tons 2002 with the planting area of 1.27 million hectares. Most of the cassava products are sent to the tapioca industries. As a result, the industries produce 1.2 million tons of SCW every year (BPS, 2003).

The main nutritional content of SCW is carbohydrate. Therefore, in terms of production capacity and carbohydrate content, SCW is very potential of poultry feed (Mulyono, 1999). Its high crude fiber, its low protein content, and its low digestibility are of constraints to its usage as the poultry feed matters (Ali-Mursyid and Zuprizal, 2005). The crude fiber is a special nutrient that arranges the plant cell walls. The nutrient mostly is cellulose. The cellulose is D-

Glucose Polymer with β -1,4 glycoside linkages (Carlile *et al.*, 2001), which cannot be digested by poultry (Santos *et al.*, 2004). The use of such a high cellulose as SCW as a substitute corn at the level of 30% (Mulyono, 1999) and cassava peelings at the level of 50% (Salami and Odunsi, 2003) can decrease broiler performance.

The cellulolytic fermentation is a way to deal with the problems of feedstuff that are rich of cellulose. Microbes secrete cellulase enzymes to degrade and transform cellulosic macromolecule to simple molecules which are easily absorbed by cells (Gianfreda and Rao, 2004). The cellulosic degradation of cell walls due to enzymatic hydrolysis causes the cell contents to be released, so that it is easily digested by poultry endogen enzyme (Hetland *et al.*, 2004). *Trichoderma* AA1 mutant is a microbe which produces cellulases and is resistant to catabolite repression (Ali-Mursyid *et al.*, 2007) which is very potential to be used in the fermentation of such substrate which is rich of cellulose as SCW.

The fermentation of a feedstuff can increase the content of protein, improve digestibility, and form various amino acids, enzymes, and vitamins (Stanbury *et al.*, 1995). The fermentation of SCW by using the *Trichoderma* AA1 mutant can increase the content of protein and amino acids, and decrease the content of crude fiber and cellulose (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008). The increase of amino acids due to the fermentation was also reported by Ali-Mursyid and Zuprizal (2005).

The increase of digestibility of dry matter, protein, and metabolized energy is present in SCW which is fermented by the *Trichoderma* AA1 mutant (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008). Ali-Mursyid and Zuprizal (2005) reported the significant increase in the soluble in-vivo protein digestibility and AME up to nearly 100 kcal/kg from SCW fermented by *A. oryzae*.

This research aimed to examine unfermented SCW (USCW) and fermented SCW (FSCW) as the substitution of corn in broiler ration.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Chicken and Diet

The birds used in the research were male broiler of Hubbard strain, aged 1 week. The diets used in this research was composed of several compositions presented in Table 1.

Experimental Design

Two hundred and ten birds of one-week-old male broiler chicken were divided into seven kinds of one-way treatment of completely randomized design. Five replications were used for each treatment; there were six chickens in each replication. Every repetition placed in a cage with the dimension of 1 x 1 x 0.6 m³ whose floor was made of wire mesh, and which was supported by a 40 watt lamp, feeder, and drinker. The substitution levels of corn by USCW and FSCW were 0% (control), 10, 20, and 30%.

The New Castle Disease vaccination was conducted when the birds were aged 5 days. The feed and drink were given *ad libitum*. The treatment was conducted for four weeks. Every week, the feed intake and the weight of the birds were measured. The feed intake and the weight of the birds were weighed by using a scale which the capacity was 10 kg, and the accuracy was 0.1 g.

Excreta and Digesta Collection

Excreta samples were gathered by using the technique modified by Lee *et al.* (2004). It was

conducted for three days (when the broilers were aged 32-34 days). The daily collected excreta was dried under the sunlight for three days, weighed, and ground into powders until they could pass through the 1 mm sieve. The powders were then mixed evenly, and 20 g of sub-samples were taken, placed in a sealed plastic bag and kept in a refrigerator with the temperature of 4°C.

On the 35 days of age, the birds were killed by cervical dislocation. Their ileum digesta were directly collected by gentle stripping. Immediately after obtaining the digesta, the sample were dried in the oven at 60°C until their weight was constant. The samples were then kept in a sealed plastic bag and saved in a refrigerator with the temperature of 4°C.

Value of Nutrient Digestibility and Broiler Performance

The nutrient contents of the excreta, digesta, and diet were measured in terms of dry matter, crude protein (AOAC, 1990), starch, and soluble protein (Bradford, 1976). The value of nutrient digestibility was calculated in the dry matter base (DM) (Lemme *et al.*, 2004) as follows:

$$DF = \frac{FI - EX}{FI} \times 100$$

$$DSP = \frac{[FI \times SP.f] - [EX \times SP.ile]}{[FI \times SP.f]} \times 100$$

$$DCP = \frac{[FI \times CP.f] - [EX \times CP.ile]}{[FI \times CP.f]} \times 100$$

$$DS = \frac{[FI \times S.f] - [EX \times S.eks]}{[FI \times S.f]} \times 100$$

where, DF = digestibility of feed, DSP = digestibility of soluble protein, DCP = digestibility of crude protein, DS = digestibility of starch, FI = feed intake (g DM), EX = excreta-collected (g DM), SP.f = soluble protein content of feed (% DM), SP.ile = soluble protein content of ileum digesta (% DM), CP.f = crude protein content of feed (% DM), CP.ile = crude protein content of ileum digesta (% DM), S.f = starch

Table 1. Ingredient and Nutrient Composition of the Experimental Diets

Ingredients	Treatments						
	Control	FSCW 10	FSCW 20	FSCW 30	USCW 10	USCW 20	USCW 30
Yellow corn	55	49.5	44	38.5	49.5	44	38.5
FSCW	0	5.5	11	16.5	0	0	0
USCW	0	0	0	0	5.5	11	16.5
Rice bran	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Soybean meal	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Poultry meat meal	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Meat bone meal	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Palm oil	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Vit-min-mix	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
NaCl	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
DL-methionine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Composition of Nutrients ^a							
CP (%)	21.73	21.4	21.08	20.76	21.32	20.9	20.49
ME (kcal/kg)	2982	2933	2885	2836	2914	2846	2777
CF (%)	4.07	4.48	4.89	5.29	4.65	5.22	5.79
Starch (%)	37.93	37.7	37.47	37.24	30.63	37.34	37.04
Ca (%)	0.94	0.96	0.98	0.1	0.95	0.96	0.97
P (%)	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.84

^a Calculation-based,

USCW=Unfermented Solid Cassava Waste, FSCW=Fermented Solid Cassava Waste, Vit-min-mix=Vitamin and mineral premix, CP=Crude Protein, ME=Metabolizable E, CF=Crude Fiber, Ca=Calcium, P=Phosphorus.

content of feed (% DM), S. eks = starch content of excreta (% DM).

The broilers' performance observed included the average of body weight gain (BWG, g/broiler/day), feed intake (FI, g/broiler/day), and feed conversion ratio (FCR).

Statistical Analysis

Data of the research were analyzed by using one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), and it was continued by Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT) (Gill, 1981).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Nutrient Digestibility

The substitution of corn up to 20% with both USCW and FSCW did not significantly influence the nutrient digestibility of the diets. The influence was significant when the substitution was increased up to 30% (Table 2).

The value of nutrient digestibility of the feed

was closely related to its crude fiber content. The content of crude fiber in FSCW and USCW was respectively 3 and 4 times higher than that of crude fiber in corn (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008), so that the substitution treatment, increased the content of crude fiber in the feed. The increase of crude fiber content due to the substitution of the corn up to the level of 20% statistically did not decrease the value of nutrient digestibility (DF, DCP, and DS). The crude fiber in the broiler diet was regarded as a factor that could decrease feed digestibility, but it had a beneficial effect at the moderate level. The existence of insoluble fiber in the gizzard stimulated the secretion of bile acids that was responsible for the emulsification of the feed lipid so that the role of the lipid to inhibit the reaction of nutrient and endogen enzyme of the broiler decreased. The bile acids also took role in the proteases enzyme stabilization process that it could prevent autolysis (Hetland *et al.*, 2004) and its activity did not decrease. Such insoluble matter as *lupin* husk (Brenes *et al.*, 2002) and the

Table 2. The Effect of Substitution of the Corn with FSCW and USCW towards the Nutrient Digestibility

Treatments	DF ^{ns} (% DM)	DSP (% DM)	DCP (% DM)	DS (% DM)
Control	72.74 ^b	90.33 ^{cd}	64.33 ^{bc}	90.25 ^b
FSCW10	71.48 ^b	89.46 ^{cd}	66.62 ^c	88.80 ^{ab}
FSCW20	73.10 ^{ab}	88.95 ^{bc}	67.20 ^c	89.87 ^b
FSCW30	69.78 ^a	87.56 ^b	59.84 ^{bc}	87.59 ^a
USCW10	70.86 ^b	88.70 ^{bc}	59.35 ^{bc}	88.87 ^{ab}
USCW20	74.17 ^b	90.76 ^d	68.24 ^c	90.33 ^b
USCW30	69.25 ^a	83.94 ^a	53.67 ^a	87.99 ^a

^{abcd} The different superscript in the same column indicate the differ significantly (P<0.05)

DF = digestibility of feed, DSP = digestibility of soluble protein,

DCP = digestibility of crude protein, DS = digestibility of starch

addition of sawdust up to 4% in the broiler feed would increase the weight of gizzard and fiber quantity without affecting the starch digestibility (Hetland *et al.*, 2004).

The increase level of corn substitution up to 30% caused the decrease in the nutrient digestibility (P<0.05). In such a level, the use of FSCW and USCW increased the content of crude fiber above 5% (Table 1). The increase of the crude fiber (as indigestible matter) in the broiler feed would reduce the portion of other more easily digested nutrients. This indicated that the quality of feed decreased. The too high decrease in the quality of the feed would affect its digestibility value. The use of insoluble fiber also caused the transit time of digesta in the digestive tract faster (Wang *et al.*, 2004). As a result, the time for digestion process was less. Besides, there was a decrease in the absorption level due to the inhibition of nutritional access towards intestine *epithel*. The inhibition was caused by the digesta viscosity (Santos *et al.*, 2004). The corn substitution with the cassava waste improved the digesta viscosity because the corn starch viscosity was lower than the cassava viscosity (Whistler and Be Miler, 1997).

Eventhough the level of corn substitution with FSCW was increased up to 30%, the value of DCP and DSP did not decrease (P>0.05). The difference of effect between FSCW and USCW to substitute the corn was due to the fact that the protein digestibility of FSCW was higher than of the USCW (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008). Fermented SCW had a higher digestibility because the intracellular protein protected by the protein cell walls was released during the fermentation due to

the microbial cellulase activity (Kocher *et al.*, 2000).

Broiler Performance

The broiler performance showed that the corn substitution with FSCW and USCW had a significant effect (P<0.05) on Body Weight Gain (BWG) and Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR), but did not have a significant effect on the feed intake (FI) (Table 3).

The corn substitution up to the level of 20% with FSCW and USCW did not have an effect (P>0.05) on BWG and FCR, yet the corn substitution up to 30% had a significantly different effect. In such a level, the use of FSCW to substitute the corn statistically still resulted in the equivalent values of BWG and FCR with those of control group, but the use of USCW to substitute the corn statistically resulted in the lower values (P<0.05) of BWG and FCR than those of control group.

The ability of FSCW and USCW to substitute the corn up to the level of 20% could be explained in terms of the content of starch and nitrogen free extract (NFE), its role as the insoluble fiber source, and effect of corn niacin. The content of starch and NFE in FSCW (starch: 62.04%; NFE 82.03%) and in USCW (starch: 62.12%; NFE; 80.80%) was relatively high (Ali-Mursyid *et al.*, 2008), therefore, FSCW and USCW could be potential energy sources to substitute corn. Furthermore, FSCW and USCW had a positive role as the insoluble fiber sources at the moderate level. Their role as an insoluble fiber sources in gizzard could stimulate the secretion of bile acids which emulsified lipid to form micelle

Tabel 3. The Effect of Substitution of the Corn with FSCW and USCW towards Broiler Performance

Treatments	BWG (g/bird/day)	FI (g/bird/day)	FCR
Control	43.16 ^{ab}	90.24	2.10 ^a
FSCW10	46.48 ^b	93.91	2.02 ^a
FSCW20	45.73 ^b	95.83	2.10 ^a
FSCW30	44.26 ^{ab}	95.18	2.16 ^{ab}
USCW10	44.92 ^b	94.14	2.10 ^a
USCW20	45.47 ^b	94.93	2.09 ^a
USCW30	39.84 ^a	90.59	2.28 ^b

^{ab} The different superscript in the same column indicate the differ signific;
^{ns} indicates insignificant difference.

and increase reflux. Micelle was a substance which was soluble in the water so that the nutrient solubility in the intestine lumen increased and its opportunity to react with digestive enzyme also increased (Hetland *et al.*, 2004). The nutrient solubility was the determining factor for the nutrient availability as a substrate in the digestion process. The reflux of gastro-intestinal liquid increased the concentration of digestive enzyme so that it became the determining factor for the nutrient availability.

The constant values of BWG and FCR despite the corn substitution up to 20% with low quality ingredient could be explained by the reduction of corn portion in the diet. The use of corn in a big quantity resulted in a constraint that it would produce niacin, and restricting amino acids as methionine, lysine, and tryptophan (Anonym, 2006). The reduction of corn portion would reduce the effect of the niacin and tryptophan constraint. Niacin was a complex substance which was formed by the reaction of corn niacin with other substances (Lehninger, 1982). It could not be digested and absorbed, so that this could result in niacin deficiency, that is, it inhibited the growth of bird whose diet was dominated by corn (Noor, 1992). Tryptophan deficiency in corn diet would worsen the effect of the niacin deficiency. Since tryptophan was a substance which could be used in the niacin synthesis. The symptom of restricting amino acid deficiency including tryptophan affected broiler growth and the feed efficiency (Lumpkins *et al.*, 1987), which could be found in the broiler feed that was mainly made from corn and soybean meal (Moore *et al.*, 2003).

The increase of corn substitution up to 30%

with FSCW statistically still resulted in equivalent values of BWG and FCR compared to those of control group, whereas the increase of the corn substitution with USCW had lower values ($p < 0.05$) than those of control group. The fermentation of SCW with *Trichoderma* AA1 mutant was able to increase the contents of protein, amino acids, lipid, calcium, and phosphorus, but it was able to decrease the cellulose and crude fiber. Besides, it also increased the digestibility values of dry matter, protein, and metabolized energy availability (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008). The degradation of cell wall cellulose during the fermentation would increase glucose, and at the same time release the nutrient of the cell contents (Li *et al.*, 2004) so that it could be reached by the endogen enzyme of bird (Chesson, 2000). It was estimated to be the main factor why FSCW could substitute up to 30% of the corn without affecting BWG and FCR.

The difference of ability between FSCW and USCW to substitute corn towards the parameter of FCR was related to the characters of FSCW and USCW. The digestibility values of dry matter, protein, metabolized energy availability of FSCW was higher than those of USCW (Mulyono, *et al.*, 2008). FSCW had a lower content crude fiber than USCW (Mulyono *et al.*, 2008). Corn substitution up to 30% of USCW made the crude fiber content too high, and it was presumed to have exceeded the broiler tolerance limit, and had negative effect on broiler. The insoluble fiber in broiler feed caused the transit time of digesta decreased so that the action of the digestive enzyme to digest the nutrient also lower (Choct, 2002).

The factor of viscosity could also be explained the excellence of FSCW ability

compared to that of USCW ability in corn substitution. The action of microbial cellulase during the fermentation was able to lower the viscosity of a matter, so that the viscosity of FSCW was presumably lower than that of USCW. The high viscosity of a matter in the digestive tract lowered the digestibility and absorption level of nutrient (Choct, 2002). The intestine lumen with a high viscosity reduced the opportunity of digestive enzymes action towards the nutrient (Li *et al.*, 2004). Those were the reasons why FSCW could be used in a bigger portion in the broiler feed compared to USCW to substitute corn.

The result of this research was the same as those of several researchers on the use of fermented feedstuff. Corn in the male broiler feed could be substituted up to 15% with fermented feed with *A. oryzae* without affecting the broiler performance (Mulyono, 1999). Salami and Odunsi (2003) reported that half substitution of corn feed with fermented cassava peelings did not decrease bird performance, but that of some corn feed with the unfermented ones did.

The corn substitution with FSCW and USCW at all level did not have a significant effect ($P>0.05$) on the feed intake. This finding was not compatible with the general theory about the feed intake. It was speculated to have relation to the palatability between the corn feed with FSCW and the one with USCW. Corn is a feed matter which is palatable, but FSCW and USCW are feedstuff which are not liked by chicken. SCW is a cassava waste of the cassava starch extraction process. It contains a high crude fiber so that it is not palatable. The feed intake might increase, but it was not significant. This finding was similar to the one by Salami and Odunsi (2003) that the substitution of corn with the unfermented cassava peelings and fermented cassava peelings did not increase feed intake. Furthermore, another factor that could explain the result of this research was the ability of the fiber to absorb water in the digestive tract (Choct, 2002). The absorption of water by the insoluble fiber caused the digesta to be dense and could result in satiety sensation.

CONCLUSION

Fermented SCW can be used as a substitute for corn up to 30% without affecting the performance and the values of the nutrient digestibility, meanwhile USCW is only able to substitute corn up to 20%.

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