The Effect of Giving Maggot Mix Flour (*Hermetia Illuciens Linnaeus*) on Commercial Feed on Growth Weight Mice (*Mus Musculus*)

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**Abstract**

The study aimed to determine the effect of daily body weight gain (PBBH) in mice given feed containing commercial feed mix maggot flour. The material used in the study was 60 mice that were not differentiated by gender. The study used a completely randomized design (CRD) with unidirectional pattern. The provision of maggot flour in commercial feed was divided into four types of treatment. Each treatment level received three replications, with each replication consisting of 5 mice. If there was an influence on the treatment, the Duncan Multiple Range Test was performed. The followings were the treatments used in the study: P0: 100% commercial feed without maggot flour, P1: commercial feed 95% + 5% maggot flour, P2: commercial feed 90% + 10% maggot flour, P3: commercial feed 85% + 15% maggot flour. The research lasted for approximately 30 days, starting from September 4 to October 6, 2020, at the Basic Laboratory of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry, Islamic University of Lamongan. The results showed a significant effect between treatments (P <0.05) and (P <0.01). The best treatment resulted in the increase of daily body weight gain (PBBH) was P1 (0.35 gr / head / day ± 0.10). P0 (0.29 gr / head / day ± 0.05), P3 (0.20 gr / head / day ± 0.08), P2 (0.10 gr / head / day ± 0.05). This study concludes that the application of mixed maggot flour as feed to the growth of mice’s body weight is the addition of 95% of commercial feed and 5% of maggot flour.

1. Introduction

Mice (*Mus musculus*) are small mammals with high beneficial values. The increased benefits of mice, among others, are often used as experimental animals, including trying new feeds such as commercial feed mix maggot flour before a mixed feed is tested on other large livestock in the field of animal husbandry [1].

Maggot flour is the result of maggot siege. One of the feed ingredients that contain chitin is 9% [2]. Apart from chitin maggot, BSF also has higher linoleic fatty acids, approximately 0.70%, based on [3]. [4] revealed that linoleic affects cholesterol concentration in eggs. According to [5] high protein maggots, as antimicrobial, have antibiofilm activity, anti-fungal, anti-inflammatory, and proangiogenic activity, immunomodulatory function, as a procoagulant, neurogenic activity, anti-tumor activity, antiatherosclerosis activity, play a role in fibroblast migration. From the various procedures, maggot flour is predicted to improve mice’s productivity by measuring the weight gain of mice [6].

Bodyweight gain is the change in body weight measurements measured over a certain period. Bodyweight gain (PBB) is one of the criteria used to measure growth [7]. Weight gain is correspondingly able to be used to assess the quality of animal feed ingredients. The weight gain obtained from
experiments in livestock is the result of food substances consumed. From PBB data, the value of a food substance from an animal will be able to be known [8]. According to [9] a mouse's growth speed is 5 grams per day. [10] stated that the growth rate depends on the species, sex, age, and the balance of nutrients in the ration.

The factors influencing body weight gain are 45% internal factors and 55% external/environmental factors [11]. One of the environmental factors is the quality of feed. Environmental factors contribute an essential role in influencing body weight gain, especially the balance of energy and protein and other feed substances contained in the feed. One of the factors that influence mice's growth is the quality of feed for body metabolism [12].

2. Method

The method used in this study was a completely randomized design with four treatments. Each treatment used three replications. Each replications, five mice were used. The medicines used were as follows:
P0: 100% commercial feed without maggot flour.
P1: commercial feed 95% + 5% maggot flour.
P2: commercial feed 90% + 10% maggot flour.
P3: commercial feed 85% + 15% maggot flour.

This study used 60 adult mice aged seven weeks with undifferentiated sex (unsex) maintained for 30 days.

The cage used was a unique iron cage for mice; the mice are kept in a cell measuring 50 cm long x 30 cm wide.

The feed used in this research was a commercial feed produced by PT X Tbk as a control feed. The treatment feed was commercial feed with maggot flour in 5%, 10%, and 15% of the total ration. The need for adult mice was 16 grams/head/day.

Feeding was given twice a day, at 07.00 and 16.00 WIB, and drinking water was provided ad libitum, meaning that it was given continuously without limits.

| No. | Food Substances | Percentage (%) |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1   | Water content   | 13             |
| 2   | Protein         | 20-22          |
| 3   | Fat             | 3              |
| 4   | Fiber           | 5              |
| 5   | Ash             | 7              |
| 6   | Calcium         | 0.90           |
| 7   | Phosphorous     | 0.60           |

Source: PT X, (2018)

| No. | Food Substances | Percentage (%) |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1   | Water content   | 6.66           |
| 2   | Protein         | 30.90          |
| 3   | Fat             | 40.83          |
| 4   | Fiber           | 9.98           |
| 5   | Ash             | 6.85           |
| 6   | TDN             | 50             |

Source: Department of livestock and fisheries (2020)
Table 3. Nutritional Needs of Mice

| No. | Food Substances | Percentage (%) |
|-----|----------------|----------------|
| 1   | TDN            | 55             |
| 2   | Protein        | 21-26          |
| 3   | Fat            | 11-13          |
| 4   | Fiber          | 5              |
| 5   | Ash            | 5-6            |

Source: Noriko, et al. (2015)

Table 4. The nutritional content of treatment feed

| Treatment | Food Substances | Percentage (%) |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| P0        | TDN            | 60             |
|           | Protein        | 21-26          |
|           | Fat            | 3              |
|           | Fiber          | 5              |
|           | Ash            | 7              |
| P1        | TDN            | 59.5           |
|           | Protein        | 21             |
|           | Fat            | 5.00           |
|           | Fiber          | 5.24           |
|           | Ash            | 6              |
| P2        | TDN            | 56             |
|           | Protein        | 20             |
|           | Fat            | 6.8            |
|           | Fiber          | 5.27           |
|           | Ash            | 6.67           |
| P3        | TDN            | 51.85          |
|           | Protein        | 19             |
|           | Fat            | 8.67           |
|           | Fiber          | 5.13           |
|           | Ash            | 6.11           |

Source: Primary data processed

One of the observed changes was the increase in daily body weight (PBBH). The body weight gain (g/head) was obtained by calculating the difference every week between the mice's body weight and the importance of the initial mice.

Making maggot flour began with selecting a maggot ready to harvest or is 20 to 25 days old because the maggot was an adult [13]. Maggot was cleaned. Then the maggot was in the oven with a maximum temperature of 60°C. The range's duration as marked by a color change in the maggot, a brownish color and an odor like shrimp paste. Afterwards, the maggot was grounded using a flour machine. The maggot should be completely dry and not greasy. Furthermore, mix maggot flour with finished feed according to the percentage level of treatment [14].

3. Results and Discussion
Research data of the application of Maggot Mix Flour (Hermetia Illuciens Linnaeus) in Commercial Feed to the Growth of Mice (Mus Musculus) can be seen in table 5.
Table 5. Research Results Application of Maggot Mix Flour (Hermetia Illuciens Linnaeus) in Commercial Feed to the Growth of Mice (Mus Musculus)

| Treatment | PBB (gr / hr) |
|-----------|---------------|
| P0        | 0.29 ± 0.05bc |
| P1        | 0.35 ± 0.10c  |
| P2        | 0.10 ± 0.03a  |
| P3        | 0.20 ± 0.08ab |

Note: Different superscripts (ac) in the same column and form showed exceedingly significant different effects (P <0.01).

The average body weight gain based on Table 5 showed that there was an effect of treatment on body weight growth, where P1 achieved the highest body weight growth with the addition of maggot mix flour commercial feed level of 5% (0.35 gr/head/day ± 0.10), while the lowest was in P2 (0.10 ± 0.03). Statistical analysis was carried out to determine the effect of treatment on the body weight gain of mice [9].

The results of statistical analysis showed that the application of Maggot Mix Flour (Hermetia Illuciens Linnaeus) to Commercial Feed on the Growth of Body Weight of Mice (Mus Musculus) had a exceedingly significant effect on the growth of body weight of mice (P <0.01). It was because maggot flour’s nutritional content was added to feed that had good nutritional content, as shown in table 4. [15]. That digestive enzyme activity, in general, can be influenced by other factors, including genetics, feed composition, and intake.

4. Conclusions

The application of mixed maggot flour as feed to the growth of mice’s body weight is the addition of 95% of commercial feed and 5% of maggot flour.

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