Reduction Spermatozoa Motility and Viability on Various Local Chickens During Storage at 5°C

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Abstract. The research compared the changes motility and viability of sperm from various local chickens during storage at 5°C for 72 hours. Semen was collected every three days using the dorsal-abdominal massage from twelve chickens consisting of Kedu, Sentul and Pelung chicken. semen was diluted in extender contains 90% lactate ringer and 10% egg yolk extender with 0.025% sodium dodecyl sulfate and 2% vitamin E (LREYSE). Sperm motility and viability was observed every 12 hours and the measurements were made up to 72 hours of storage. Complete random design repeated measurement with 4 replications was used in this study. One-way analysis of variance was used to analyze the data and followed by Duncan’s Multiple Range Test. The results showed sperm motility declined and sperm viability reduced during storage for all breeds. The significant declined of motility between breeds were only observed at 60 and 72 hours and the reduced viability between breeds was observed at 72 hours of storage. The declined sperm motility for Kedu chicken (31.59±3.26% and 75.36±1.25%) and Pelung chicken (36.11±4.05% and 75.83±5.34%) were significantly lower (p<0.05) than Sentul Chicken (50.39±2.60% and 95.00±5.00%) at 60 and 72 hours of storage respectively, while the decline sperm viability of Kedu chicken (57.59±3.64%) and Pelung chicken (54.39±5.73%) was significantly lower (p<0.05) than Sentul Chicken (90.30±9.70%) after 72 hours storage. It can be concluded that the reduction sperm motility and viability of Kedu and Pelung chicken is lower than Sentul chicken which are stored at 5°C for 72 hours.

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Introduction

Local chickens are one of the genetic resources in Indonesia that have the potential to be developed as a provider of national animal protein products. Local chickens on the island of Java include Pelung, Sentul and Kedu chickens. Pelung chicken is an endemic chicken in Cianjur, West Java which is classified into the weight type with adult body weight at 52 weeks of 3.51±0.21 kg in males and 2.045±0.18 kg in...
females (Nataamijaya et al., 2003). Sentul chicken is a local chicken variety developed by the community in Ciamis Regency, West Java with an average adult body weight of 2.515 kg with a high daily gain 70.30±1.87 g. Sentul chickens produces 12 to 30 eggs in one laying period or about 150 eggs/year (Sulandari et al., 2007). Kedu chicken is a local chicken develops in Kedu, Temanggung, Central Java with an adult male body weight of 1.7–2.4 kg and females around 1.1–1.6 kg and has an egg production of 200 eggs/year (Nataamijaya, 2000).

The local chickens are very potential for artificial insemination (AI). The quality of spermatozoa affects the success of AI, so the quality must be maintained since the semen collection. The quality of spermatozoa can be maintained by suppressing the metabolic rate of spermatozoa through storage at low temperatures (2-5°C). During the storage spermatozoa will experience a cold shock (cold shock). Cold shock occurs due to changes in the chain arrangement of fatty acids and proteins on the plasma membrane, causing leakage or damage to the plasma membrane selectivity, which causes ions such as calcium ions and other substrates to enter the cell freely (Martinenaite and Tavenier, 2010). Addition milk or egg yolk in a diluent reduces the effects of cold shock (Akhter et al., 2010; Andrabi et al., 2008). Spermatozoa will continue their metabolism during storage and produce free radicals. The free radicals are reactive and dangerous for the survival of spermatozoa, so that they will reduce the quality of semen during storage. Therefore, Research on declining spermatozoa motility and viability of various types of local chickens during storage is very important to know the best quality resistance of semen and determine how long storage should be done before use for artificial insemination.

Materials and Methods

Animals

The Experiments were performed in Teaching and Experimental Farm and the Poultry Production Laboratory, Animal Science Faculty, Jenderal Soedirman University. Three types of local chickens (Kedu, Sentul, and Pelung) 3 each strain age 1.5 years old were used in this study. All chickens were given commercial feed and water ad libitum. Semen from all of the chickens were routinely collected every three days with 4 replications.

Extender preparation

The basic extender (LREYSE) adopted from Hidayat et al. (2016) used in this research (Table 1). The solution homogenized with the stirrer for 5 minutes and then centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes. Supernatants was used as semen extender.

| Materials          | Concentration |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Lactate Ringers    | 90%           |
| Egg Yolk           | 10%           |
| SDS                | 0.025%        |
| Vitamin E          | 2%            |
| Penisinlin (IU mL⁻¹) | 1000          |
| Streptomisin (mg mL⁻¹) | 1            |
| pH*                | 6.8           |

*pH was adjusted with tris hydroxymethyl aminomethane, SDS= sodium dodecyl sulfate.
Semen collection, Chilling, and Evaluation

Semen was collected from 3 chickens of each type (Pelung, Sentul and Kedu) and repeated four times at three-day intervals using the massage method. Semen collection was done by massaging the lower part of the pubic bone until the male responded by producing the papillae. After the papillae appeared, the lower part of the pubic bone was pressed using right and left index fingers so the that semen comes out until the ejaculation reflex disappeared.

Semen from each type of local chicken was diluted with LREYSE with a ratio 1:4, then stored at 5°C in the refrigerator. The quality of the liquid semen was evaluated every 12 hours for 72 hours of storage. Observation of percentage sperm motility was carried out by placing a drop of semen on object glass under 400× magnification (Malik et al., 2017). Observation made subjectively. The sperm viability was evaluated using eosin-nigrosin staining by placing one drop of semen and two drops of eosin-nigrosin solution on object glass observed under 400× magnification. A total of 200 spermatozoa were observed. Live spermatozoa did not uptake the dye and dead spermatozoa uptake the dye (Arifiantini, 2012).

Statistical Analysis

Reduction on motility and viability were showed as means ± standard error (SE). One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to analyze the data and followed by Duncan’s Multiple Range Test to determine differences between the treatment means. Significant differences were statistically based by probability of p<0.05.

Results and Discussion

The results showed motility and viability of spermatozoa were not significantly different (p>0.05) between the three types of local chickens (Table 2). Sperm motility of Kedu, Sentul and Pelung chickens ranged from 80-85%. This result was higher than the spermatozoa motility of native chickens 77 ± 4.22% (Wiyanti et al., 2013) and broilers 74.67 ± 1.45% (Tabatabaei et al., 2010). The spermatozoa viability of the three types of local chickens was 93%, almost the same as the results of research on native chickens of 92.5 ± 2.37% (Wiyanti et al., 2013).

Reduction sperm motility at 48 hours of storage in this study showed not significantly different (p>0.05) between 3 types of local chicken, while the percentage motility reduction of Kedu and Pelung chickens was significantly lower (p<0.05) than Sentul chicken after 60 and 72 hours of storage (Table 3). Table 4 showed not significantly different (p>0.05) on sperm viability reduction between all groups of local chicken until 60 hours of storage. After 72 hours, sperm viability reduction of Kedu and Pelung chickens was significantly lower (p<0.05) than Sentul chicken. Differences spermatozoa quality caused by the type of chicken. This is in accordance with the opinion of Siudzinska and Lukaszewicz (2008) which states that the quality of semen is strongly influenced by the species and family of birds.

| Characteristic | Kedu       | Sentul     | Pelung     |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Motility       | 83.75±1.25  | 81.25±1.25  | 82.50±1.44  |
| Viability      | 93.25±0.78  | 93.00±0.74  | 93.00±0.65  |

Different superscripts of means ± SE in the same row not significantly different (p<0.05).
Table 3. The percentage of decreased sperm motility (%) of various local chickens during storage at 5°C

| Time (hours) | Strain  | Strain  | Strain  |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
|              | Kedu    | Sentul  | Pelung  |
| 12           | 13.42±1.42\textsuperscript{a} | 12.31±0.18\textsuperscript{a} | 10.57±2.81\textsuperscript{a} |
| 24           | 12.02±1.64\textsuperscript{a} | 12.26±1.72\textsuperscript{a} | 11.81±1.60\textsuperscript{a} |
| 36           | 13.78±2.05\textsuperscript{a} | 20.03±2.36\textsuperscript{a} | 20.92±3.05\textsuperscript{a} |
| 48           | 20.34±1.61\textsuperscript{a} | 20.10±0.83\textsuperscript{a} | 19.54±0.45\textsuperscript{a} |
| 60           | 31.59±3.26\textsuperscript{a} | 50.39±2.60\textsuperscript{b} | 36.11±4.05\textsuperscript{a} |
| 72           | 75.36±1.25\textsuperscript{a} | 95.00±5.00\textsuperscript{b} | 75.83±5.34\textsuperscript{a} |

Different superscripts of means ± SE in the same row significantly different (p<0.05).

Table 4. The percentage of sperm viability reduction (%) of various local chickens during storage at 5°C

| Time (hours) | Strain  | Strain  | Strain  |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
|              | Kedu    | Sentul  | Pelung  |
| 12           | 10.58±1.50\textsuperscript{a} | 10.35±0.75\textsuperscript{a} | 9.41±1.86\textsuperscript{a} |
| 24           | 10.61±0.86\textsuperscript{a} | 10.80±1.09\textsuperscript{a} | 11.43±1.24\textsuperscript{a} |
| 36           | 12.40±1.92\textsuperscript{a} | 18.30±2.11\textsuperscript{a} | 16.89±2.98\textsuperscript{a} |
| 48           | 18.17±1.24\textsuperscript{a} | 17.11±1.69\textsuperscript{a} | 15.71±1.02\textsuperscript{a} |
| 60           | 29.76±4.74\textsuperscript{a} | 42.07±1.19\textsuperscript{a} | 32.79±4.59\textsuperscript{a} |
| 72           | 57.59±3.64\textsuperscript{a} | 90.30±9.70\textsuperscript{b} | 54.39±5.73\textsuperscript{a} |

Different superscripts of means ± SE in the same row significantly different (p<0.05).

The percentage of sperm motility reduction of three types of local chicken was found 10% to 20% for 48 hours of storage, 30% to 50% after 60 hours of storage and 75% to 95% after 72 hours of storage, while the percentage of sperm viability reduction of three types of local chicken was found 10% to 40% for 60 hours of storage and 50% to 90% after 72 hours of storage. Percentage of sperm motility and viability reduction of Kedu and Pelung chicken are significantly lower (p<0.05) than Sentul chicken at 72 hours of storage. Variation in percentage of sperm motility and viability reduction among types of local chicken may due to the genetic potential of individual type. There are several factors affecting sperm motility following semen dilution. Avian sperm motility may be affected by the amount of oxygen and Ca++ ions present in semen (Parker and McDaniel, 2006). According to Situmorang (2002), the decreased spermatozoa motility and viability after cooling is due to the decrease in phospholipid content and cholesterol. The function of Phospolipids is to protect spermatozoa from cold shock, while cholesterol plays an important role in maintaining the integrity of spermatozoa during the cooling process and low temperature storage.

The storage of spermatozoa at 5°C can cause cold shock, causing lysis of the spermatozoa membrane. Cold shock reduces spermatozoa motility as a result of the contraction of the cell membrane lipoprotein, which is larger than the semen plasma content, so that it breaks down the cell membrane lipoprotein and causes the release of vital intracellular substances which will damage the integrity of the spermatozoa cell membrane. The spermatozoa plasma membrane contains many macromolecules needed in metabolic processes and as a protection for the organelles in the cell from mechanical damage. The result of metabolism is energy in the form of ATP which is needed for the motility of the spermatozoa. Thus, damage to the cell plasma membrane will result in disruption of the energy supply and ultimately reduce the motility of spermatozoa. This is in line with the storage time which results in...
changes in the integration of the cell membrane in the form of swelling in the acrosome area of the spermatozoa. The function of the acrosome in the fertilization process is very important because it produces the enzyme hyaluronidase or zona lysine which is important for ovum breakthrough (Froman and Kirby, 2008).

**Conclusion**

Reduction sperm motility of Kedu and Pelung chicken is lower than Sentul chicken after 60 and 72 hours of storage at 5°C. Semen storage should not exceed 60 hours as this will result in a drastic reduction.

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