DEPRESSION RELATIONSHIP WITH BLOOD PRESSURE IN THE ELDERLY AT THE TRESNA WERDHA KHSNUL KHOTIMAH SOCIAL HOME PEKANBARU IN 2018

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 ABSTRACT

\textbf{Introduction:} Depression is a common mental disorder, characterized by constant sadness and loss of interest in activities that are usually liked, accompanied by an inability to carry out daily activities. Elderly is a group that experiences depression due to physical changes and environmental social conditions. Some other risk factors that can cause depression in the elderly include biological factors, marital status, and psychosocial factors. Biological and psychosocial factors have a relationship with changes in the levels of hormones and neurotransmitters in the body. Changes in hormone levels and neurotransmitters can cause changes in blood pressure. Blood pressure is categorized as normal if the systolic blood pressure is less than 120 mmHg and the diastolic blood pressure is less than 80 mmHg and high blood pressure if the systolic blood pressure is more than 140 mmHg and the diastolic blood pressure is more than 90 mmHg.

\textbf{Purpose:} To determine the relationship of depression to blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Social Home Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018.

\textbf{Method:} The method used in this study is analytic observation with a cross-sectional design. The sampling technique used the total sampling method, where in this study the population was a sample, but after exclusion the number of samples obtained was 41 respondents. Data collection was carried out by observations made by interviewing respondents using questionnaires and blood pressure measurements using a Sphygmomanometer and stethoscope.

\textbf{Results:} Obtained p values (Sig.) Systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure showed a number of 0.021 and 0.019. This p (Sig.) Value is small of 0.05, this indicates a significant relationship of depression to blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Social Home Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018.

\textbf{Conclusion:} There is a significant relationship between blood pressure depression in the elderly at PSTW Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018.

\textbf{Keywords:} depression, elderly, blood pressure

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INTRODUCTION

According to Law Number 13 of 1998 concerning Elderly Welfare, an elderly person is someone who has reached the age of 60 years and over. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), old age is divided into the following four criteria: middle age is 45-59 years, elderly is 60-74 years old, elderly is 75-90 years, very old age is over 90 years. With increasing age, the elderly will experience a degeneration process which can affect the health status of the elderly. One of the factors that affect the health status of the elderly is the mental health of the elderly (Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia (Kemenkes RI), 2013). Mental health problems of the elderly is still a significant problem in the world, including in Indonesia, one of them is depression (Irawan, 2013).

An observational theory suggests that stress accompanies the first episode of depression, which can result in changes to the functional state of various neurotransmitters. The biological factors that can cause depression are mood disorders, where these mood disorders are caused by dysregulation of norepinephrine, serotonin, dopamine (Kaplan and Sadock, 2014). Biological and psychosocial factors are associated with changes in the levels of hormones and neurotransmitters in the body. Changes in hormone levels and neurotransmitters can cause changes in blood pressure (Gozali, 2016).

Based on the results of an initial interview with one of the officers at UPT PSTW Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru, the elderly at UPT PSTW Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru are elderly who live alone and far from their families, who are also more vulnerable to various diseases. The elderly are also considered difficult to carry out activities as usual, so that they are more likely to experience depression. The depression is one of the factors that can affect changes in blood pressure. From the description above, researchers are interested in conducting research on the relationship of depression with blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Wherda Khusnul Khotimah Social Home Pekanbaru in 2018.

Based on the background, the problem in this study can be formulated as follows: Is there a relationship between depression and blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018?

According to Kaplan and Sadock (2014) the causes of depression are divided into three factors, namely biological, genetic, and psychosocial factors. Biological factors are based on many studies reporting the hypothesis that mood disorders are caused by metabolite abnormalities or heterogeneous dysregulation of biogenic amines (norepinephrine and serotonin). Psychosocial factors are explained by an observational theory, that stress accompanies the first episode of depression, results in lasting changes in the biology of the brain and results in changes to the functional state of various neurotransmitters. Stress that often causes depression is environmental stress, loss of parents/family, loss of partner, and job loss are three times more likely to experience symptoms of a major depressive episode than people that have jobs.

Based on the increasing age of the individual, there will be many physical and mental changes, especially decline in the various functions and abilities that they have had. Changes in physical appearance as part of the normal aging process such as decreased sensory acuity and decreased immunity. In addition, the elderly still have to deal with changing roles, social positions, and separating from their loved ones. These conditions make the elderly more susceptible to mental problems (depression). Some of the psycho-biological aspects caused by
aging, parallel aging processes that occur in depression, including malfunctioning of one or more monoamines, which act as synaptic neurotransmitters in the CNS (norepineprine, dopamine, and serotonin).

Research conducted by Yusup (2010) in Priyoto (2017) explains that the impact caused by depression in the elderly is cardiovascular disorders, namely hypertension. Based on Priyoto's (2017) research on the relationship between depression and hypertension, it was found that 30 elderly who experienced depression mostly also experienced hypertension, namely 24 elderly (80%). Research conducted by Yusup (2010) in Priyoto (2017) explains that the impact caused by depression in the elderly is cardiovascular disorders, namely hypertension. Based on Priyoto's (2017) research on the relationship between depression and hypertension, it was found that 30 elderly who experienced depression mostly also experienced hypertension, namely 24 elderly (80%). As for the 16 elderly who were not depressed, there were 12 elderly (75%) who did not experience hypertension. The physiological mechanism that underlies the relationship between depression and hypertension is an imbalance of neurotransmitters as an introductory compound, resulting in an increase in serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine which affect blood pressure regulation.

The purpose of this study is to find out about the relationship between depression and blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

METHOD

This research is an analytic observational study with a cross sectional approach. The data collection tool used in this study was the GDS-15 (Geriatric Depression Scale) questionnaire, which will be used to measure depression. This questionnaire was taken from Njoto's (2014) research which was sourced from the PB PERGEMI Multicenter research (Indonesian Medical Gerontology Association). In addition, the instruments used in this study were a mercury sphygmomanometer and a stethoscope, which were used to measure blood pressure. The population in this study were all elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in Pekanbaru in 2018. The elderly population in this study was 73 people. The sampling technique in this study using the total sampling method, where in this study the population is a sample, but after exclusion the number of samples obtained is as many as 41 respondents. The data analysis used was univariate analysis and bivariate analysis using the Spearman test.

RESULTS

1. Univariate Analysis

Tabel 1. Univariate Analysis Results of Research on the Relationship of Depression with Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

| Characteristics | f  | %    |
|-----------------|----|------|
| Age 60-74 years old | 28 | 68,3% |
| 75-90 years old | 13 | 31,7% |
| Total | 41 | 100% |

| Sex   |         |      |
|-------|---------|------|
| Male  | 23      | 56,1% |
| Female | 18     | 43,9% |
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#### Table 2. Spearman Test Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Kho-timah Social Home in 2018.

| Variable                  | Depression | Systolic Blood Pressure |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                           | N          |                         |
|                           | 41         | 41                      |
| **Correlation coefficient** | 0.318      |
| **P value**               | 0.021      |

| Variable                  | Depression | Systolic Blood Pressure |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                           | N          |                         |
|                           | 41         | 41                      |
| **Correlation coefficient** | 0.324      |
| **P value**               | 0.019      |

| Total                               | 41 | 100% |
|-------------------------------------|----|------|
| Depression                          |    |      |
| Not depressed                       | 15 | 36.6%|
| **Depressed**                       | 26 | 63.4%|
| **Total**                           | 41 | 100% |
| Systolic Blood Pressure             |    |      |
| <120 mmHg                           | 2  | 4.8% |
| 120-139 mmHg                        | 17 | 41.4%|
| 140-159 mmHg                        | 18 | 43.9%|
| ≥160 mmHg                           | 4  | 9.7% |
| **Total**                           | 41 | 100% |
| Diastolic Blood Pressure            |    |      |
| <80 mmHg                            | 18 | 19.5%|
| 80-89 mmHg                          | 15 | 36.5%|
| 90-99 mmHg                          | 17 | 41.4%|
| ≥100 mmHg                           | 1  | 2.4% |
| **Total**                           | 41 | 100% |
### Table 3. Cross Tabulation of Depression and Gender

Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

| Gender | Depression | Male | Female | Total |
|--------|------------|------|--------|-------|
| Not depressed | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Depressed | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| **Total** | 23 | 18 | 41 |

### Table 4. Cross Tabulation of Systolic Blood Pressure and Gender

Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

| Blood Pressure | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|------|--------|-------|
| < 120 mmHg | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 120-139 mmHg | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| 140-159 mmHg | 12 | 6 | 18 |
| ≥160 mmHg | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| **Total** | 23 | 18 | 41 |
Table 5. Cross Tabulation of Diastolic Blood Pressure and Gender Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

| Diastolic Blood Pressure (mmHg) | < 80 mmHg | 80-89 mmHg | ≥100 mmHg | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Male                          | 6         | 7          | 0         | 13    |
| Female                        | 2         | 8          | 1         | 11    |
| Total                          | 23        | 15         | 1         | 41    |

| Depression | Not depressed | Depressed | Total |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-------|
| <120 mmHg  | 0             | 2         | 2     |
| 120-139 mmHg | 9           | 8         | 17    |
| 140-159 mmHg | 10          | 12        | 18    |
| ≥160 mmHg  | 0             | 4         | 4     |
| Total      | 15            | 26        | 41    |

Table 6. Cross Tabulation of Depression and Systolic Blood Pressure. Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.
Table 7. Cross Tabulation of Depression and Diastolic Blood Pressure Research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home in 2018.

| Diastolic Blood Pressure | Depression  |       |       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
|                          | Not depressed | Depressed | Total |
| <80 mmH                  | 5           | 3     | 8     |
| 80-89 mmH                | 5           | 10    | 15    |
| 90-99 mmH                | 5           | 12    | 17    |
| ≥100 mmH                 | 0           | 1     | 1     |
| Total                    | 15          | 26    | 41    |

DISCUSSION
1. Overview of Depression in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home Pekanbaru in 2018.

According to the cross tabulation of depression and age, most respondents who experience depression were between the ages of 60-74 years old, consisting of 14 respondents (34.1%). This is in accordance with the study conducted by Sari (2012) namely the highest incidence rate of depression occurs in the elderly (at the age of 60-74 years old). Age 60-74 years old is the initial age of the elderly to generally begin to experience physical, psychological, economic, and social deterioration. This period is the initial period for the elderly to adapt to these changes. According to Sorzeri (2012), older age with extensive life experience can overcome stress factors, while in old age, environmental stress often causes depression and decreased adaptability.

Based on the cross tabulation of depression and gender, it was found that the most respondents were male, amounting to 15 respondents (57.69%). This is in accordance with the research conducted by Sari (2012) which discovered that male elderly experienced more depression than female elderly. Research by Nurrahmawati et al. (2003) stated that coping behavior in female elderly is better than in male elderly. Elderly women often use coping behavior in the form of emotional focused (e.g. by telling themselves that the problem that happened is someone else's fault) and seeking support (e.g. looking for someone who is a professional to help solve the problems, praying to surrender to Allah SWT.), so that when elderly women experience depression, it is easier for them to find solutions and help to overcome their depression. In contrast
to what Irawan (2013) stated, in his study, the prevalence of depression in the elderly population was around 1-2%, where the prevalence of women was 1.6%, more than men, which was 0.4%. This difference may be due to several other factors that influence depression, such as the death of a spouse, previous history of depression, and personality type (Canadienne et al, 2006).

2. Overview of Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home Pekanbaru in 2018

Based on research conducted on the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home Pekanbaru in 2018, the results showed that the most respondents were respondents with systolic blood pressure 140-159 mmHg, consisting of 18 respondents (43.9%), and respondents with diastolic blood pressure 90-99 mmHg, consisting of 17 respondents (41.4%). Hypertension in the elderly is influenced by several factors, one of them is age. Increasing in age can result in increased blood pressure, this is due to the thickening of the artery walls in the elderly, caused by the accumulation of collagen in the muscle layer, so that the blood vessels will gradually become narrow and stiff (Novitaningtyiwas, 2014). This is in accordance with Asari’s research (2017) which states that the majority of hypertension occurs in the age group ≥ 60 years old, namely 51.9%. Increasing in age causes a decrease in physiological function and immunity that occurs due to the aging process so that it can cause a person to be susceptible to diseases, one of which is hypertension (Kemenkes RI, 2013).

Based on the cross tabulation between blood pressure and gender, it was found that the majority of elderly people with hypertension were male, namely 15 respondents (36.5%) with systolic blood pressure and 10 respondents (24.3%) with diastolic blood pressure. This is in accordance with Amanda and Martini’s (2018) study which states that the majority of respondents who experience hypertension are male (73.1%). Hypertension in men is caused by problems which they tried to relieve from by smoking and drinking alcohol, and accompanied by eating unhealthy foods, the resulting impact of it is high blood pressure. The results of this study are different from the research conducted by Susiati (2016) which states that women are more likely to have high blood pressure, due to hormonal changes that occur in women. According to Anggraini et al. (2009) in Novitaningtyiwas (2014), said that women who enter old age (menopause) will have reduced levels of estrogen, which causes women to become more susceptible to hypertension, the estrogen hormone plays an important role in increasing levels of High Density Lipoprotein (HDL). High HDL level is a protective factor in preventing the occurrence of atherosclerosis.

3. The Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home Pekanbaru in 2018

Based on the cross tabulation between depression and blood pressure, it shows that the respondents who experienced the most depression were 12 respondents with a systolic blood pressure of 140 to 159 mmHg (29.2%) and respondents who experienced the most depression were respondents with a diastolic blood pressure of 90 up to 99 mmHg by 12 respondents (29.2%). The statistical test results show that the p value (Sig.) shows the numbers 0.021 and 0.019. This p value (Sig.) is smaller than 0.05, this indicates a significant relationship between depression and
blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Khusnul Khotimah Social Home, Pekanbaru in 2018.

The results of this study are in accordance with the results of research by Gozali (2016) on the elderly at Griya Seni Tua Santo Yosef Surabaya, which states that there is a relationship between the level of depression and blood pressure in the elderly with a p value (Sig.) of 0.048. The results of this study are also in accordance with the results of Priyoto's (2017) research on the elderly in the Technical Implementation Unit for Elderly Social Services in Selosari District, Magetan Regency, which states that there is a relationship between depression and the incidence of hypertension in the elderly with a p value (Sig.) of 0.001, where out of the 46 elderly people, there were 30 elderly people who experienced depression, 80% of them experienced an increase in blood pressure / hypertension.

According to Lina et al. (2015) depression can cause regulatory dysfunction of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis of the autonomic nervous system which can increase blood vessel tone and resistance to blood pressure control. According to Hartini et al. (2015) the physiological mechanism underlying the relationship between depression and hypertension is an imbalance of neurotransmitters as an introductory compound, resulting in an increase in serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine which affect blood pressure regulation, as well as disorders of the sympathetic nervous system which result in arteriolar constriction so that the body compensate by increasing blood flow.

In addition, other factors that support the occurrence of hypertension in the elderly are psychological factors. The elderly have a tendency to experience depression or stress. This can be caused by occupational status or not working anymore (unemployed). Also, someone with low income does not really take advantage of the existing health services, so that they rarely obtain good treatment when suffering from hypertension (Hafiz et al, 2016). According to Azkia (2016), the study results by several experts show that depression is associated with arterial vasoconstriction, thereby increasing the risk of cardiovascular disease 2-4 times.

According to Aaron et al (2012), the diagnosis of hypertension is increased in patients with depression and anxiety than in patients with good mental health conditions. The same thing was also stated by Guerra et al. (2013) where patients with depression and hypertension experienced an increase in sympathetic tone and also an increase in the secretion of adrenocorticotropic hormones and cortisol.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of this research on the Relationship between Depression and Blood Pressure in the Elderly at the Tresna Werdha Social Home (PSTW) Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018, the following conclusions can be drawn:
1. There is a relationship between depression and blood pressure, both systolic blood pressure (p = 0.021) and diastolic blood pressure (p = 0.019) in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Social Home (PSTW) Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018.
2. Overview of depression in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Social Home (PSTW) Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018, namely 26 people (63.4%) experienced depression, and 15 people who did not experience depression (36.6%).
3. Overview of systolic blood pressure in the elderly at the Tresna Werdha Social Home (PSTW) Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018, namely 2 people (4.8%) had blood pressure less than 120 mmHg, 17 people (41.4%) had blood
pressure 120 to 139 mmHg, 18 people (43.9%) had a blood pressure level of 140 to 159 mmHg and 4 people (9.7%) had a blood pressure greater than 160 mmHg.

4. Overview of diastolic blood pressure in the elderly at Tresna Werdha Social Home (PSTW) Khusnul Khotimah Pekanbaru in 2018, namely 8 people (19.5%) had blood pressure less than 80 mmHg, 15 people (36.5%) had blood pressure 80 to 89 mmHg, 17 people (41.4%) had a blood pressure of 90 to 99 mmHg and 1 person (2.4%) had a blood pressure greater than 100 mmHg.

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