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The Effect of Stress Level on the Therapeutic Outcomes of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province

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Abstract

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Keywords: diabetes Mellitus; stress level; fasting blood glucose; 2-hours postprandial blood glucose; PSS

Introduction

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a disease in which glucose (simple sugar) levels in the blood are high because body cannot release or use insulin sufficiently. Patients' self-management, education and support are very important to prevent acute complications and to reduce the risk of long-term complications. There is a significant evidence which supports various interventions to improve the outcome of therapy for DM patients [1]. According to the results from Riset Kesehatan Data (Data Health Research) in 2018, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases has increased when compared to the previous year [2]. The prevalence of DM in Indonesia according to the consensus of the Indonesian Endocrinology Association based on doctor's diagnoses in populations aged <15 years had increased from 2013, which was 0.15%, while in 2018 to 0.2% [3]. Moreover, the prevalence of DM based on blood tests in people aged >15 years had increased from 2013, which was 10.9% in 2018 [2].

The psychological impact of DM has been felt by patients since the diagnosis of DM, and the disease had been going on for several months. The patients began to experience psychological disorder including stress related to the treatment they take [4]. According to Glover (2016), stress has been one of the factors arising in diabetics. He stated that stress greatly affects diabetes because it affects the control and level of blood glucose levels [5]. When a person is encountered with a stressful situation, the stress response can be in the form of a raising hormone adrenaline which eventually converts glycogen reserves in the liver into glucose. Continuously, high blood glucose levels may lead to complications of diabetes.

Stress and Diabetes Mellitus have a very close relationship, especially in urban residents. Life pressures and unhealthy lifestyles accompanied by rapid technological advances and various illnesses suffered in the same time have caused a person's condition to deteriorate which triggers stress. Diabetes Mellitus patients who experience stress may cause problems in controlling blood glucose [6][7][8]. Measuring stress levels in DM patients used the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) questionnaire to identify the respondent's stress description comprising of 10 question items. The questionnaire used was an instrument which has been validated by Zaenal Arifin in 2011 with a validity and reliability value of 0.85 [9]. The measurement of diabetes stress has an important role in improving the quality of health and well-being of patients, especially at the Regional

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Material and Method

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The data were analyzed descriptively to describe patients' characteristics. To see the effect of stress levels on FBG and 2hPPG, SPSS 20.0 analysis was performed, input the research data using linear regression and identified the significance value of each data. Linear regression is a statistical method used for forming a model or relationship between one or more independent variables X and a response variable Y. Regression analysis with one independent variable X is called simple linear regression.

Results and Discussion

Subject characteristic

The characteristics of T2DM patients taken during the study included gender, patient age and length of time the patient suffered from DM.

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Gender	Men	21	56.75
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Diabetes	>6 months	36	97.30

Based on table 1, it is identified that more DM patients are male as many as 21 people (56.75%), and female as many as 16 people (43.24%). The results of this study are different from the research result conducted by Levine (2008), meaning that women have a tendency to experience diseases related to endocrine disorders such as diabetes mellitus and gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) [12]. Furthermore, women in productive age have a tendency to experience Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (POS) with a frequency of 5-10%. In Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (POS), it can be identified that there is a disruption in insulin secretion and insulin activity as well as a disturbance in blood pressure regulation whichi is as an early sign of cardiovascular disorders. POS is

associated with insulin resistance which has a risk for impaired glucose tolerance, diabetes and hypertension.

DM is a disease which prevalence continues to increase. T2DM is a disease that generally occurs in the middle of age and elderly. The prevalence and occurrence of T2DM are associated with the increasing age. About 50% of T2DM are over 60 years old [13]. The results showed that for a total of 37 patients, 34 patients aged more than 50 years (91.89%) and 3 people aged less than 50 years old (8.10%), with an average patient age is 62 years old. Hence, the current research is the same as research conducted by Dunning (2009) which explains that the prevalence of DM increases in the elderly, especially in developing countries and in developed countries ranging from 10-20% at the age of 60-70 years [14]. The enhancement in age may cause a decrease in pancreatic beta cell function [15]. Pereira et al (2008) emphasized that age is associated with the occurrence of insulin resistance and obesity in the elderly [16].

Based on table 1, it shows that patients suffering from diabetes more than 6 months are 97.29%, while patients suffering less than 6 months are 2.70%. It was also conducted by Safitri (2016) who discovered that 42.8% of patients suffered from diabetes in the <5 years range [17]. Different things were found in the research conducted by American Diabetes Association (2009) which shows that 32.6% of respondents suffered from diabetes in the 5-10 year range [18].

The Effect of Stress on Blood Glucose Levels

Stress levels are associated with fasting blood glucose levels (FBG), patients must be fasting for at least 10-12 hours first, then, the examination was administered 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) in which the examination was administered 2 hours after having meal. Then, the blood glucose anytime which means that the test can be conducted while fasting or not fasting, but in this study, blood glucose anytime was not performed because the tests could not be completed simultaneously.

Random blood glucose test is a blood glucose check which is performed every time, without any conditions of fasting and eating. This examination was administered four times a day at the time before eating and before bed so that it can be performed independently. The examinations of blood glucose levels at any time did not describe long-term DM control (blood glucose control for approximately 3 months). Thus, it could not be used as a reference to see the relationship of stress with a patient's blood sugar

levels. Normally, the results of the examination of blood glucose levels at any time range from 80-144 mg/dl. This random blood glucose examination was administered only to overcome problems which arose due to sudden changes in glucose levels [19].

Table 2. Linear regression analysis on the effect of stress levels on blood glucose levels

No	Domain	P-*value*	
		FBG	2hPPG
1.	Stress level	0,038	0,001

Note: *P < 0,05 means there is a significant effect.

Table 3. Linear regression correlation effect of stress level on blood glucose levels

No	Domain	Correlation	
		FBG	2hPPG
1.	Stress level		0.508
		0.295	

The relationship between stressful experiences and controlling blood glucose level is very different among individuals with type 2 diabetes. The mechanism of the influence of stress factors on blood glucose levels can be direct, which is stress affects the neuroendocrine system, while the indirect influence is related to the duration of stress.

The effects of stress on the neuroendocrine system consist of stimulation of the nervous system by activating the sympathetic-adrenal-medulla (SAM) system followed by hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) activity. During stress, the sympathetic nervous system stimulates the adrenal glands of the medulla to secrete the epinephrine and nor-epinephrine hormones into the blood circulation. The activity of the epinephrine and nor-epinephrine hormones produces metabolic effects which increase metabolic rate and increase blood glucose levels [20][21].

Stress causes hypothalamus to secrete Corticotrophins Releasing Factor causing adrenocorticotropin release and stimulates the adrenal cortex to secrete glucocorticoid hormones as cortisol causing the increasing production of glucose by the liver and reducing glucose uptake by tissues. Cortisol affects the breakdown of carbohydrates,

proteins and fats through gluconeogenesis process which produces glucose as an energy source and plays a significant role in influencing body functions during the resting period [22][23].

The results show that there was a significant relationship between stress levels and fasting blood glucose levels (FBG) in type 2 DM patients at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province with a value of p = 0.038 (p < 0.05) and (r = 0.295). There was also a significant relationship between stress levels and blood glucose levels 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) in type 2 DM patients at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province with a value of p = 0.001 (p < 0.05) and (r = 0.508). Based on the research conducted, it was found that the higher the stress level is, the higher the fasting blood glucose level (FBG) will be. Conversely, the lower the stress level is, the lower the fasting blood glucose level (FBG) will be obtained with a p value <0.05. Similarly, with 2hPPG, the higher of stress level is, the higher the blood glucose level 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) will be. Conversely, the lower the stress level is, the lower the blood glucose level will be, 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) obtained with a p value <0,05.

The research was conducted in accordance with the research result conducted by Lustman et al (2005), which found a relationship between stress, low self-care and hyperglycemia (p = 0.05) and the relationship between stress and increased hemoglobin glycosylate (HbA1c) after controlling for body weight [24]. Stress in DM patients may cause biochemical changes such as hyperglycemia, the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal pathway activity (HPA-axis) and stress [25].

Meanwhile, Szoke (2008) stated that there is a significant relationship between stress and diabetes, especially in women aged 20-39 years, as well as in men, however, there is also a picture of more stress at a young age [26]. This difference, according to the researcher, is caused by differences in individual responses to stress and an even description of the stress of respondents as measured by the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) instrument.

Furthermore, the correlation value obtained was a positive correlation where the higher the stress level is, the higher the blood glucose levels obtained indicated by the higher the correlation value, and contrary. Based on the data above, it can be seen that the FBG correlation value is lower than 2hPPG. It is because the significant value of FBG is higher than 2hPPG; the lower the significance value, the more significant the relationship

between stress levels and blood glucose levels in T2DM, the higher the correlation value, and contrary.

When the study was conducted, the factor which had a big effect on the stress increasing when measuring blood glucose levels 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) was when the patient was in the hospital while waiting in a queue, the long queue made the patient impatient to have the turn. The examination showed that it caused the patient to feel emotional which resulted in increased patients' stress. Moreover, the limitation of the chairs where the patients were waiting made them tired from standing for a long time which causes emotional, thereby increasing the patient's stress. The unsatisfactory service also causes patient stress to increase like less-friendly staff, and etc.

Conclusion

Based on the research conducted and from the discussion, it can be concluded that stress level has a significant effect on fasting blood glucose levels (FBG) with a value of $p = 0.038$ ($p<0.05$), and the stress levels have a significant effect on 2-hours postprandial glucose levels (2hPPG) with a p-value of 0.001 ($p <0,05$).

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Discussion

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Table 2. Linear Regression Analysis on the Effect of Stress Levels on Blood Glucose Levels

No	Domain	P-*value*

		FBG	2hPPG
1.	Stress level	0,038	0,001

Note:* P < 0,05 means there is a significant effect.

Table 3. Linear Regression Correlation Effect of Stress Level on Blood Glucose Levels

| No | Domain | Correlation | |
		FBG	2hPPG
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Discussion

Based on table 1, it is identified that more DM patients are male as many as 21 people (56.75%), and female as many as 16 people (43.24%). The results of this study are different from the research result conducted by Levine (2008), meaning that women have a tendency to experience diseases related to endocrine disorders such as diabetes mellitus and gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) (Levine, 2008). Furthermore, women in productive age have a tendency to experience Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (POS) with a frequency of 5-10%. In Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (POS), it can be identified that there is a disruption in insulin secretion and insulin activity as well as a disturbance in blood pressure regulation which is as an early sign of cardiovascular disorders. POS is associated with insulin resistance, which has a risk for impaired glucose tolerance, diabetes and hypertension.

DM is a disease which prevalence continues to increase. T2DM is a disease that generally occurs in the middle of age and elderly. The prevalence and occurrence of T2DM are associated with the increasing age. About 50% of T2DM are over 60 years old (Yakaryılmaz & Öztürk, 2017). The results showed that for a total of 37 patients, 34 patients aged more than 50 years (91.89%) and 3 people aged less than 50 years old (8.10%), with an average patient age is 62 years old. Hence, the current research is the same as research conducted by Dunning (2009) which explains that the prevalence of DM increases in the elderly, especially in developing countries and in developed countries ranging from 10-20%

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Conclusion

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The Effect of Stress Level on the Therapeutic Outcomes of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province

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Abstract

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a complex chronic disease which requires ongoing medical care with a multifactorial risk reduction strategy beyond glycemic control. Patients' self-management, education and support are very important to prevent acute complications and to reduce the risk of long-term complications. Stress levels may affect fasting blood glucose (FBG) and 2-hours postprandial blood glucose (2HPPBG). The objective of this study is to determine the effect of stress levels on the therapeutic outcomes of type 2 DM patients at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province. This research method was an analytic observational with a sample of 37 patients using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). Data analysis used linear regression test. The results showed that stress had a significant effect on FBG with a significance value of p (0.038), and it had a significant effect on blood sugar levels of 2HPPBG with a significance value of p (0.001).

Keywords: Diabetes Mellitus; Stress Level; FBG; 2HPPBG; PSS.

Introduction

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a disease in which glucose (simple sugar) level in the blood is high because body cannot release or use insulin sufficiently. Patients' self-management, education and support are very important to prevent acute complications and to reduce the risk of long-term complications. There is a significant evidence which supports various interventions to improve the outcome of therapy for DM patients (American Diabetes Association, 2020). According to the results from Riset Kesehatan Data (Data Health Research) in 2018, the prevalence of non-communicable diseases has increased when compared to the previous year (Data Health Research, 2018). The prevalence of DM in Indonesia according to the consensus of the Indonesian Endocrinology Association based on doctor's diagnoses in populations aged <15 years had increased from 2013, which was 0.15%, while in 2018 to 0.2% (Perkeni, 2015). Moreover, the prevalence of DM based on blood tests in people aged >15 years had increased from 2013, which was 10.9% in 2018 (Data Health Research, 2018).

The psychological impact of DM has been experienced by the patients since the early stage of the disease i.e diagnosis of DM and it may last over years given its chronic progress. The patients began to experience psychological disorder including stress related to the treatment they take (Avci & Kelleci, 2016). According to Glover (2016), stress has been one of the factors arising in diabetics. He stated that stress greatly affects diabetes because it affects the control and level of blood glucose levels (Glover *et al*., 2016). When a person is encountered with a stressful situation, the stress response can be in the form of a raising hormone adrenaline which eventually converts glycogen reserves in the liver into glucose. Continuously, high blood glucose levels may lead to complications of diabetes.

Stress and Diabetes Mellitus have a very close relationship, especially in urban residents. Life pressures and unhealthy lifestyles accompanied by rapid technological

advances and various illnesses suffered in the same time have caused a person's condition to deteriorate, which triggering stress. Diabetes Mellitus patients who experience stress may cause problems in controlling blood glucose (Golden *et al.*, 2008; Knol *et al.*, 2006; Richard *et al.*, 2002). Measuring stress levels in DM patients used the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) questionnaire to identify the respondent's stress description comprising of 10 question items. The questionnaire used was an instrument which has been validated by Zaenal Arifin in 2011 with a validity and reliability value of 0.85 (Arifin, 2011). The measurement of diabetes stress has an important role in improving the quality of health and well-being of patients, especially at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province. The incidence of diabetes mellitus was included in 10 magnitude of the disease contained in the disease department at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province in 2018 with a total of 2,249 outpatients per year. The level of diabetes stress is very essential to be examined at the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province because Diabetes Mellitus is always included in 10 magnitude of the disease.

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This study used an analytical observational method with a cross sectional approach in determining the effect of stress on fasting blood glucose levels (FBG) and 2-hours after meals (2hPPG) in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus at the Internal Medicine Department of the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province. The time of the study was performed for a period of four months from February 2020 to May 2020. The inclusion criteria were T2DM patients with age ≥46 years who had received oral antidiabetics at least 6

months with ICD code X E.11 before the stress measurements and were willing to sign the informed consent form. The exclusion criteria were deaf patient, illiterate and pregnant patient. Subjects who met the inclusion criteria were 37 T2DM patients. This study had been approved by the ethics committee of the Regional Public Hospital of West Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia number 070.2/13/KEP/2020.

Questionnaire Perceived of Stress Scale (PSS) declared valid and usable by conducting direct observational interviews with patients using a questionnaire consisting of 10 question items which validity had been tested by Arifin (2011) with validity and reliability test results of 0.85 with a total item of the similar question which was same as the results (Arifin, 2011). Data collection was administered by an interview with PSS and medical records or patients' status which includes name, age, gender, diagnosis, treatment, and laboratory data. PSS are valid and reliable scale covering both anxiety and depression, which is used to measure the degree of individual's response to stressful situations. It has been mentioned specifically that PSS is an effective scale in measuring the relationship between stress appraisal and the risk for any disease (Vasanth *et al*., 2017; Al Kalaldeh & Abu Shosha; 2012).

The data were analyzed descriptively to describe patients' characteristics. To see the effect of stress levels on FBG and 2hPPG, SPSS 20.0 analysis was performed, input the research data using linear regression and identified the significance value of each data. Linear regression is a statistical method used for forming a model or relationship between one or more independent variables X and a response variable Y. Regression analysis with one independent variable X is called simple linear regression.

Results

Subject characteristic

The characteristics of T2DM patients taken during the study included gender, patient age, and length of time the patient suffered from DM.

The Effect of Stress on Blood Glucose Levels

Stress levels are associated with fasting blood glucose levels (FBG), the patients must be fasting for at least 10-12 hours first, then the examination was administered 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) in which the examination was administered 2 hours after having meal. Then, the blood glucose anytime which means that the test can be conducted while fasting or not fasting, but in this study blood glucose anytime was not performed because the tests could not be completed simultaneously. Random blood glucose test is a blood glucose check which is performed every time, without any conditions of fasting and eating. This examination was administered four times a day at the time before eating and before bed so that it can be performed independently. The examinations of blood glucose levels at any time did not describe long-term DM control (blood glucose control for approximately 3 months). Thus, it could not be used as a reference to see the relationship of stress with a patient's blood sugar levels. Normally, the results of the examination of blood glucose levels at any time, range from 80-144 mg/dl. This random blood glucose examination was administered only to overcome problems which arose due to sudden changes in glucose levels (Rachmawati, 2015).

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The effect of stress level on the therapeutic outcomes of type 2 diabetes mellitus at the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province

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Abstract

Introduction: Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a complex chronic disease that requires ongoing medical care with a multifactorial risk reduction strategy beyond glycemic control. Self-management, education, and support are essential to prevent acute complications and reduce the risk of long-term complications. Stress levels may affect fasting blood glucose (FBG) and 2-hours postprandial blood glucose (2HPPBG). **Objectives:** This study aims to determine the effect of stress levels on the therapeutic outcomes of type 2 DM patients at the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province. **Methods:** This observational, cross-sectional research was carried out on a sample of 37 patients using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). Data analysis used a linear regression test. **Results:** The results showed that stress had a significant effect on FBG (p=0.038) and 2HPPBG (p=0.001) levels.

Introduction

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a disease in which blood glucose (simple sugar) levels are high because the body cannot release or use insulin sufficiently. Self-management, education, and support are essential to prevent acute complications and reduce the risk of long-term complications. A significant body of evidence supports various interventions to improve DM therapy outcomes (American Diabetes Association, 2020). According to Riset Kesehatan Data (Data Health Research), the prevalence of non-communicable diseases in 2018 has increased compared to previous years (Data Health Research, 2018). The prevalence consensus of the Indonesian Endocrinology Association reported that, in Indonesia, DM prevalence based on doctors' diagnoses in patients below 15 years has increased from 0.15% in 2013 to 0.2% in 2018 (Perkeni, 2015). In people above 15 years, and according to blood tests, it also increased between 2013 and 2018 (Data Health Research, 2018).

The psychological impact of DM, including treatment-related stress, is experienced by patients since the early stages of the disease and may last for years, given the chronic nature of the illness (Avci & Kelleci, 2016). Stress seems to highly influence diabetes because it affects the control and level of blood glucose levels (Glover *et al*., 2016). During a stressful situation, the body response can be in the form of increased adrenaline, which eventually converts glycogen reserves in the liver into glucose. Over time, high blood glucose levels may lead to complications of diabetes.

Stress and DM have a very close relationship, especially in urban residents. Life pressures and unhealthy lifestyles accompanied by rapid technological advances and various concomitant illnesses can cause a person's condition to deteriorate. DM patients who experience stress may have problems in controlling blood glucose (Golden *et al.*, 2008; Knol *et al.*, 2006; Richard *et al.*, 2002). Stress levels in DM patients were measured using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), a 10-item questionnaire that identifies the respondent's stress description. This instrument was validated by Zaenal Arifin in 2011, with a validity and reliability value of 0.85 (Arifin, 2011). The measurement of diabetes stress plays an essential role in improving the quality of health and well-being of patients, especially at the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province, where the number of outpatients in 2018 reached 2.249 per year.

The objective of this study is to determine the effect of stress on fasting blood glucose levels (FBG) and 2 hours after meals (2hPPG) in outpatients with type 2 diabetes mellitus at the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province.

Methods

This study used an analytical observational method with a cross-sectional approach in determining the effect of stress on fasting blood glucose levels (FBG) and 2-hours after meals (2hPPG) in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) at the Internal Medicine Department of the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province. It was performed from February 2020 to May 2020. The inclusion criteria were T2DM patients aged ≥46 years who had been taking oral antidiabetics for at least six months (with ICD code X E.11) before the stress measurements and were willing to sign the informed consent form. The exclusion criteria were deaf, illiterate, and pregnant patients. The final sample included 37 T2DM patients who met the inclusion criteria. This study had been approved by the ethics committee of the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province, Indonesia, number 070.2/13/KEP/2020.

The Perceived of Stress Scale (PSS) is a valid 10-item tool, covering both anxiety and depression, used to measure the response of individuals to stressful situations by direct observational interviews with patients (Arifin, 2011); validity and reliability test results were 0.85, similar to Arifin results (Arifin, 2011). It is an efficient scale to measure the relationship between stress appraisal and the risk for any disease (Vasanth *et al.*, 2017; Al Kalaldeh & Abu Shosha; 2012). Data were collected through interviews and medical

records or patients, which include name, age, gender, diagnosis, treatment, and laboratory data.

The data were analysed descriptively on SPSS 20.0 using patients' characteristics. Linear regression was performed to measure the effect of stress levels on FBG and 2hPPG.

Results

Subject characteristic

The characteristics of T2DM patients taken during the study included gender, patient age, and length of time the patient suffered from DM.

The effect of stress on blood glucose levels

Stress levels are associated with fasting blood glucose levels (FBG); the patients must be fasting for at least 10-12 hours, then blood glucose levels are measured 2 hours after eating (2hPPG) a meal. In this study, random blood glucose levels (measured at any time of the day without any conditions of fasting and eating) were not performed because the tests could not be completed simultaneously. This examination was administered four times a day: before eating and before bed to be performed independently. It did not describe long-term DM control (blood glucose control for approximately three months). Thus, it could not be used as a reference to see the relationship of stress with a patient's blood sugar levels. The normal range of random blood glucose levels is 80-144 mg/dl. This random blood glucose examination was administered only to overcome problems that arose due to sudden changes in glucose levels (Rachmawati, 2015).

Discussion

Our sample included more males (21 patients, 56.75%) than females (16 patients, 43.24%), different from the findings of Levine (2008), showing that women are more likely to experience endocrine-related diseases, such as diabetes mellitus and gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) (Levine, 2008). Furthermore, 5-10% of women in productive age are prone to experience Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (POS). This condition is associated with disrupted insulin secretion, insulin activity, and blood pressure regulation, an early sign of cardiovascular disorders.

T2DM generally occurs in middle-aged people and the elderly. Its prevalence and occurrence are associated with older age, with about 50% of T2DM patients being over 60 years old (Yakaryılmaz & Öztürk, 2017). In our

sample, 34 patients were more than 50 (91.89%), and 3 were less than 50 (8.10%), with an average patient age is 62 years old, consistent with the research conducted by Dunning (2009), explaining that the prevalence of DM increases with age, especially in developing and developed countries ranging from 10-20% at the age of 60-70 years (Dunning, 2009). Ageing may cause a decrease in pancreatic beta-cell function (Kalyani *et al.,* 2010). Pereira et al. (2008) emphasized that age is associated with insulin resistance and obesity in the elderly (Pereira *et al*., 2008).

Table I shows that 97.29% of patients had diabetes for more than six months. In a study conducted by Safitri (2016), 42.8% of patients had diabetes from less than five years (Safitri, 2016). The American Diabetes Association (2009) revealed that 32.6% of respondents had diabetes from 5-10 years (American Diabetes Association, 2009).

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The relationship between stressful experiences and controlling blood glucose levels is very different among individuals with T2DM. Stress can affect blood glucose levels directly (by acting on the neuroendocrine system) or indirectly (related to the duration of stress).

The effects of stress on the neuroendocrine system consist of stimulating the nervous system by activating the sympathetic-adrenal-medulla (SAM) followed by hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) activity. During stress, the sympathetic nervous system stimulates the adrenal glands of the medulla to secrete epinephrine and norepinephrine into the blood circulation. The activity of these hormones produces metabolic effects, i.e., increased metabolic rate and blood glucose levels (Lloyd *et al*., 2005; Champaneri *et al*., 2010).

Stress causes the hypothalamus to secrete Corticotrophins Releasing Factor, which releases adrenocorticotropin and stimulates the adrenal cortex to secrete glucocorticoid hormones, such as cortisol, thereby increasing the production of glucose by the liver and reducing its uptake by tissues. Cortisol affects the breakdown of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats through the gluconeogenesis process, which produces

glucose as an energy source and plays a significant role in influencing body functions during the resting period (Hasan *et al*., 2014; Cosgorve *et al*., 2012).

The results of this study showed a significant relationship between stress levels and both FBG (p = 0.038 and r = 0.295) and 2hPPG (p = 0.001 and r = 0.508) in T2DM patients at the regional public hospital of West Nusa Tenggara province (Table II). This showed the higher the stress, the higher the FBG and with 2hPPG.

Table II: Linear regression analysis on the effect of stress levels on blood glucose levels

Domain	r and p-value	
	FBG	2hPPG
Stress level	r = 0.295	r = 0.508
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The results are consistent with those of Lustman and the authors (2005), showing a relationship between stress, low self-care, and hyperglycemia (p=0.05) and between stress and increased haemoglobin glycosylate (HbA1c) after controlling for body weight (Lustman *et al*., 2005). Stress in T2DM patients may cause biochemical changes, such as hyperglycemia and the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal pathway activity (HPA-axis) (Llorente & Malphurs, 2007).

In 2008, Szoke reported a significant relationship between stress and diabetes, especially in women aged 20-39 years and men, showing more stress at a young age (Szoke *et al*., 2008). This difference could be due to differences in individual responses to stress and its description as measured by the PSS.

Furthermore, the correlation between stress and FBG and 2hPPG was positive, where the higher the stress, the higher the values. Also, the FBG correlation value was lower than that of 2hPPG.

When the study was conducted, measuring 2hPPG was a factor that had a considerable effect on stress. Indeed, waiting in a queue, tiredness from standing because of the limited number of chairs, and the unsatisfactory service at the hospital, made patients irritable and emotional and resulted in increased stress.

Conclusion

This study showed that higher stress significantly increases fasting blood glucose (FBG) and 2-hours postprandial glucose (2hPPG) levels.

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Dear committee,

Thank you very much.
Stay safe and healthy.

Best regards,
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