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## Efficacy of Rhinoceros Beetle (*Xylotrupes gideon*) nano chitosan and calcium mouthwash in reducing quantity oral cavity bacteria among elementary school age children

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### Abstract

The level of dental and oral hygiene on elementary school age children is very low, so it can be increasing the incidence of dental and oral diseases which caused by various microorganisms. Mouthwash can keep dental and oral hygiene, but many commercial mouthwash is still used alcohol as their ingredients, which can be giving side effects, therefore, we still needed used alternative mouthwash, which made from nano chitosan and nano calcium, derived from nature *Xylotrupes gideon*. This is a experimental study with pre and post test control group design using total plate count method. Total is 27 subjects, aged 9 years. Processing data is done by statistical test Chi Square, and one way ANOVA with software of SPSS 23. This study aims to determine the effectiveness of nano chitosan and nano calcium-based mouthwash formulations on lowering quantity of oral bacteria colonies among elementary schools children age. Measurement results the quantity of bacteria suggested that decreased of bacteria colonies before and after gargle, on negative control 30%-73%, positive control 33%-100%, the 250ppm concentration is 95% -100%, 500 ppm and 750 ppm concentration is 100%. Nanoparticles of chitosan and calcium-based mouthwash formulation from *X. gideon* has the ability to reduce oral bacterial colonies quantity among elementary school age children. More high concentrations of mouthwash formulations which are used more low quantity of oral bacteria colonies.

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## 1. Introduction

Chitosan is a natural biopolymer, polysaccharide linear-shaped consists of  $\beta$ -(1-4)-linked D glucosamine and N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (Puvvada et al., 2012). Chitosan can be isolated from the shells of crabs, shrimp and from the exoskeletons or insects kutikula (Bansal et al., 2011), such as beetle (Liu et al., 2012). *X. gideon* is a pest for human (Davis, 2001). *X. gideon* insects are found in Southeast Asia, including in Indonesia. One alternative utilization efforts of this pest to be high economical product (Komariah and Luki, 2012). Chitosan can be applied to various purposes, because has several advantages (Yogeshkumar et al., 2013), such as the nature of a biocompatible, biodegradable and non-toxic (Sun and Li, 2013). Chitosan obtained from natural resources with process was slightly longer than chitin (Goy et al., 2009). Results chitosan demineralization process can be produce nanoparticles calcium forms. Chitosan and calcium was very promising biomaterial to use in nanoparticles form. The size of the used biomaterial become very important for an action active ingredients. On the size, the particles can be have properties and functions much differently than the same particles (Yah et al., 2012). Using nanoparticles materials offers big advantages because their unique size and physicochemical properties. Today nanoparticles study were growing rapidly because it can be applied to various field such as electronics, optical and biomedical (Stern and McNeil, 2008). Nanoparticles seen as a highly promising carrier to improve the bioavailability from the biomolecules (Tiyaboonchai, 2003), because it has the better ability to diffuse and penetrate into mucosa layer (Sarmiento et al., 2007). One alternative use nano chitosan is a material base mouthwash formulations, because nano chitosan has a high antimicrobial activity (Mirhashemi et al., 2013).

According to Survei Kesehatan Rumah Tangga (SKRT) by Ministry of Health RI in 2011, suggested that the dental and oral disease is a 6<sup>th</sup> highest disease among Indonesian society. It is evidenced by their 60% population of Indonesia is still experiencing dental and oral disease. The oral cavity was not homogenous environment, because mucosal and tooth surface was different as well as the warm temperature, moisture and rich nutrients environment that can be increase the growth of microorganisms, so it can lead to the infection (Batabyal et al., 2012). Oral cavity has a normal flora that is generally not pathogenic and have stable relationship with the host (Majumdar and Singh, 2014), but on specific conditions such as when decreased immune system occur, normal flora can be transformed into a pathogen. Bacterial species which can be found in children's oral cavity such as, *Streptococcus sanguis* (Yamaguchi et al., 2006), *Staphylococcus spp.* (Law et al., 2007), *Veillonella spp.* (Mashima et al., 2015), *Neisseria spp.* (Liu et al., 2012), *Actinomyces spp.* (Darout, 2014), and *Lactobacilli spp* (Klais et al., 2005).

Among elementary school age children, dental and oral hygiene is very low, because lack of parents and teachers supervision about how to consume sweets foods as well as minimal children knowledge level about how to maintain good oral cavity hygiene. Dental and oral hygiene all this time performed with brush your teeth, but to some cases, such as dental and gums disease mouthwash use is very important. Gargle with mouthwash can eliminates bacteria in the teeth, which are not reached by the toothbrush (Schaeffer et al., 2011). Use antiseptic mouthwash is a one measure to keep oral and dental hygiene, but some mouthwash was used now are currently using alcohol as an antibacterial, alcohol in mouthwash can lead to oral cancer (Farah et al., 2009). By looking at the problems that exist, it is necessary to find alternative mouthwash derived from natural ingredients and does not cause negative effects on the body. One of the latest breakthrough by creating a mouthwash products containing nano chitosan as an antimicrobial and nano calcium as an addition to the tooth mineral. The use of mouthwash nano chitosan and nano calcium is effectively used in children of school age, with the level of knowledge of children about oral hygiene are low, consumption of sweet foods in excess, as well as a desire to brush their teeth is low, then the use of mouthwash that is keeping (mouth care) with a combination of nano chitosan and nano calcium can reduce the quantity of colonies of bacteria in the oral cavity and as an amplifier of teeth in children.

## 2. Materials and methods

This study was a laboratory experimental design with pre and posttest control group design. Calcium and chitosan as raw material medicine formulations derived from demineralization, deproteinization, decolorization, deacetylation of exoskeletons *X. gideon* from Bogor Barat Indonesia, which has undergone physical modifications become nano chitosan and nano calcium. This study is divided into second phases: first stage by formulating mouthwash and second phases is test the quantity of bacteria in the oral cavity of elementary school children by using total plate count method.

## 2.1. Chitosan nano and nano calcium

Preparation *X. gideon* with the destruction of the exoskeleton after drying, do demineralization, deproteinization, decolorization and deacetylation process to obtain the chitosan. Manufacture of nano chitosan by ionic gelation method using a magnetic stirrer. Nano calcium obtained through the precipitation process of demineralization results chitosan.

## 2.2. Total plate count

Total plate count testing done by taking gargle results before and after of a public elementary school students 07 Grogol Jakarta, the number of subjects was calculated using the formula Federer (1963), thus obtained the number of subjects by 27 people at the age of 9 years.

## 2.3. Statistic analysis

Data processing is done by chi-square test and one way ANOVA with SPSS 23 and Microsoft Excel.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Overview population distribution

Distribution of oral conditions on the respondents in this research show the majority of children have high levels of good oral hygiene by 51.85%, moderate 29.62%, and poor of 18.51% (Figure 1).

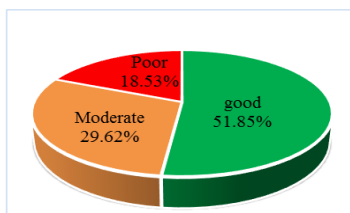


Fig. 1. Distribution of oral cavity respondent condition.

The relationship between the level of oral hygiene by sex shows 15 (55.55%) of children with sex male has a poor level of oral hygiene as much as 3 (11.12%), 5 (18:51%) moderate, and 7 (25.92%) good, Distribution of female of 12 (44.45%) children with good oral hygiene level was 7 (25.92%), 3 (11.12%) moderate, and 2 (7:41%) poor. Based on brushing habits with the level of oral hygiene showed of 19 (70.37%) children have a habit of brushing teeth twice a day with the poor level of oral hygiene is 4 (14.81%), moderate 4 (14.81%) and good was 11 (40.74%). In brushing more than twice a day to the level of oral hygiene as much as 8 (29.63%) of children have high levels of poor oral hygiene is 1 (3.70%), moderate is 4 (14.81%) and good is 3 (11.11%). Based on the level of knowledge to the level of oral hygiene showed 14 (51.85%) children have a good oral hygiene level due to have a good level of knowledge in oral hygiene, including knowledge about the right time to brushing teeth, effect don't maintenance dental hygiene and the importance go to a dentist.

### 3.2. Total plate count test results

Quantity examination oral bacteria using total plate count test from gargle results representing the number of bacteria in the oral cavity present in saliva. Gargle from negative control is done with sterile aquadestilata, herbal mouthwash listerine as a positive control, and chitosan and calcium nanoparticles-based mouthwash formulations at concentration of 250 ppm, 500 ppm and 750 ppm, respectively. The observation result of the effectiveness of mouthwash formulations done by counting the number of colonies on the first day to determine the number of bacterial colonies decrease in saliva on the next day, either in the negative control, positive and nanoparticles-based mouthwash formulations. Observations in the quantity decrease of oral bacteria colonies is done by calculating the difference in the number of bacterial colonies before and after the treatment. The observation result on the negative control can be seen in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Efficacy aquadestilata in reducing quantity of oral bacterial colonies.

No	Negative Control					
	Total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
N1	490	130	360	73	0	0
N2	720	460	260	36	0	0
N3	30	90	0	0	60	200
N4	110	30	80	73	0	0
N5	40	20	20	50	0	0
N6	370	260	110	30	0	0

The observation result of the effectiveness of mouthwash herbs Listerine (positive control) in reducing the quantity of oral bacterial colonies, by doing gargle using aquadestilata before gargle with mouthwash herbs listerine. The observation results are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2**

Efficacy herbs Listerine in reducing quantity of oral bacterial colonies.

No	Positive Control					
	Total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
P1	30	20	10	33	0	0
P2	240	0	240	100	0	0
P3	110	0	110	100	0	0
P4	130	10	120	92	0	0
P5	380	10	370	97	0	0
P6	60	10	50	83	0	0

The observation of the effectiveness of nanoparticle-based mouthwash formulations in reducing the quantity of oral bacterial colonies, by using aquadestilata gargle before rinsing with nanoparticle-based formulation mouthwash concentration of 250 ppm. The observations result in the positive control group are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3**

Efficacy nanoparticle mouthwash formulations at 250 ppm concentration in reducing quantity oral bacterial colonies.

No	Concentration of 250ppm					
	Total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
K1-1	620	30	590	95	0	0
K1-2	360	20	340	94	0	0
K1-3	810	0	810	100	0	0
K1-4	130	0	130	100	0	0
K1-5	117	0	117	100	0	0

Observation of the effectiveness of nanoparticle-based mouthwash formulations at concentrations of 500 ppm in reducing the quantity of oral bacterial colonies, can be seen in Table 4.

**Table 4**

Efficacy nanoparticles mouthwash in reducing quantity oral bacterial colony at concentration of 500 ppm.

No	Concentration of 500 ppm					
	Total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
K2-1	80	0	80	100	0	0
K2-2	160	0	160	100	0	0
K2-3	40	0	40	100	0	0
K2-4	140	0	140	100	0	0
K2-5	20	0	20	100	0	0

The observation result in reducing the quantity of oral bacterial colonies in the treatment group using nanoparticle-based mouthwash formulations at concentration of 750ppm can be seen in Table 5.

**Table 5**

Efficacy nanoparticles mouthwash in reducing quantity oral bacterial colony at concentration of 750 ppm.

No	Concentration of 750ppm					
	Total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
K3-1	120	0	120	100	0	0
K3-2	3000	0	3000	100	0	0
K3-3	20	0	20	100	0	0
K3-4	40	0	40	100	0	0
K3-5	3000	0	3000	100	0	0

The observation result of the effectiveness of chitosan and calcium nanoparticle-based mouthwash formulations to the negative control and positive control, showed considerable differences occur. The use of mouthwash formulations based nanoparticles at concentrations of 250 ppm, 500 ppm and 750 ppm can reduce the quantity of oral bacterial colonies ranges from 98-100% compared to the positive control and a negative control (Table 6).

**Table 6**

Efficacy nanoparticles mouthwash in reducing quantity oral bacterial colony.

Treatment	Mean of total bacterial colonies before gargle (CFU/ml)	Mean of total bacterial colonies after gargle (CFU/ml)	Bacterial colonies total decrease (CFU/ml)	Total decrease of bacterial colonies in percent (%)	Total increase of bacterial colonies (CFU/ml)	Total increase of bacterial colonies in percent (%)
N	293±125.49 <sup>a</sup>	165± 75.40 <sup>a</sup>	128	44	0	0
P	158±58.33 <sup>a</sup>	8.33± 3.37 <sup>b</sup>	145	92	0	0
K1	407±136.16 <sup>a</sup>	10± 6.32 <sup>b</sup>	397	98	0	0
K2	88± 27.27 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>	88	100	0	0
K3	1236± 720.34 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>	1236	100	0	0

The oral health of children play a role in the growth and health of children. Poor oral conditions can lead to infection, pain, and loss of function that can affect communication, nutrition, learning activities, and other activities that are necessary for normal growth and development (Ogata et al., 2003). In addition to factors that exist in the mouth, such as the arrangement of teeth in the jaw, the acidity of saliva, tooth brushing habits, the



amount and frequency of eating foods that cause caries, there are indirect factor called risk factors outside of, including, age, gender and the level of knowledge (Zhu et al., 2005). Distribution of oral conditions on the respondents in this study show the majority of children have high levels of good oral hygiene (52%), moderate (30%), and poor for (18%). The results of this study are supported by study conducted by Sampakang et al. 2015 in SDN 47 Melonguane in North Sulawesi who obtained the prevalence of oral hygiene in children with good conditions by 54%, moderate 43% and poor 3%. Analysis of the results of study on the relationship between sex and the level of oral hygiene resulted in the  $p$ -value  $> 0.05$  which showed no significant relationship between the level of oral hygiene by gender. The results of this study are supported by Joshi, suggested there was no association between caries with sex (Joshi et al., 2005), but according to the results of research conducted by Khan showed a significant relationship between sex with caries. The difference lies in the number of samples to be representative (Khan et al., 2001). Joshi conducting study on 60 men and 55 women who did not show significant correlation (Joshi et al., 2005), while Khan using a 251 men and 206 women as a sample, while Suwargiani, using 357 female and 224 male, both shows significant relationships (Khan et al., 2001).

The relationship between tooth brushing habits with the level of oral hygiene resulted in the  $p$ -value  $> 0.05$  which showed no significant relationship between the level of oral hygiene by brushing teeth habits. The results of this study are supported by study conducted by Notohartoyo and Andayasari, 2013, in Jakarta which claimed no correlation between the level of oral hygiene tooth and brushing habits. Relationships level of knowledge that includes time for brushing your teeth, lack dental visits to the level of oral hygiene shows the value of  $p > 0.05$ , which showed no statistically significant association between oral hygiene with the level of knowledge. The results of the analysis of the respondents showed no relationship between the level of oral hygiene and sex, habits of brushing teeth, and the level of knowledge, it is because respondents who includes in this study less representative. In general, elementary school age children have high levels of poor oral hygiene, because of the lack of supervision of parents and teachers about how to consume sweet foods as well as the minimal level of knowledge the kids about how to maintain good oral hygiene. Dental and oral hygiene has been done by brushing teeth, but all that was not enough because the mouth has a complex environment and microflora, so the use of mouthwash is indispensable. Gargle with mouthwash can eliminate bacteria between teeth that are not reached by the toothbrush.

The observation result of the bacterial colonies quantity result from gargle in negative control, positive control, and nanoparticle-based mouthwash formulations with a concentration of 250 ppm, 500 ppm and 750 ppm respectively, overall showed a decline in the quantity of bacterial colonies. On the negative control showed a decrease in the number of bacterial colonies presentation ranges from 30% -73%, with the lowest value of colony after gargling is 20 CFU/ml and the highest score is 460 CFU/ml. On the positive control showed a decrease ranging presentation 33% -100% with the lowest colony after rinsing by 10 CFU/ml and the highest 20 CFU/ml. In nanoparticles-based mouthwash exhibit at a concentration of 250 ppm range 95% -100% with the lowest colony after a rinse of 20 CFU/ml and the highest 30 CFU/ml. Mouthwash with a concentration of 500ppm and 750ppm had a decrease in the number of colonies of 100%, with the lowest and highest value of the colony after the rinse was 0 CFU / ml. from the calculation of the colonies number on nanoparticle-based mouthwash showed a decrease in the number of bacterial colony is close to 100%. However, a decrease in bacteria up to 100% (value 0) can also be caused due to an error or the amount of bacteria is less depleted (in saliva). However, the bacteria will grow again reach normal amount within a few hours to days, it was because the saliva affects the nutrients and growth factors needed by bacteria (Scannapieco, 1997).

Comparison of the results of decrease in the number of saliva bacteria colonies in the negative control, positive control and nanoparticles-based mouthwash formulations at concentrations of 250 ppm, 500 ppm and 750 ppm, respectively are presented in Table 6 shows the use of nanoparticles-based mouthwash have the high ability enough in reducing the quantity of oral bacterial colonies than with a negative control and a positive control, where the higher the concentration of mouthwash, higher the ability to reducing the quantity of salivary bacterial colonies. This proves that the modified-physical chitosan into nano chitosan has good efficacy in inhibiting the growth of bacteria. The particle size of nano chitosan has a greater adsorption capacity compared to micron chitosan because of its more small, so the touch pad with a substance to be absorbed was larger (Brigger et al., 2002).

Chitosan can bind to lipids that exist on the surface of the bacterial cell wall. Gram-positive bacteria have a higher peptidoglycan content than gram-negative bacteria. High content of peptidoglycan which will lead to high

lipid content. Chitosan can bind lipid polycationic, the destruction of the lipids in the bacterial cell wall will cause damage to the cell's defense (Cheung et al., 2015).

#### 4. Conclusion

Based on the results and discussion of this study, chitosan and calcium nanoparticles-based mouthwash formulations have the ability to decrease the quantity of bacterial colonies in the oral cavity elementary school children. The higher concentration formulation of a mouthwash, the more it can decrease the quantity of oral bacterial colonies.

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