

Oligosaccharide Content and *in vitro* Protein Digestibility of Twenty Commercial Soy-Based Powder Drinks in Indonesia

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This study aims to analyze the oligosaccharide content and *in vitro* protein digestibility in twenty commercial soy-based powder drinks. Twenty commercial products were sampled and grouped by consumer ages; 0-1 year, 1-3 years and older than 3 years old (ordinary and special consumers). The oligosaccharides were analyzed by means of HPLC. The result showed stachyose and raffinose were found in the soy-based powder drink of grouped age of older than 3 years old, but were not detected in those for 1-3 years old and 0-1 year old consumers. The lowest *in vitro* protein digestibility were found in the samples for grouped age of more than 3 years old consumer. Samples which are enriched with dairy protein had lower protein content, but their protein digestibility and protein solubility were higher than those of samples which were added with soybean as protein source.

Keywords: Soy-based powder drinks, Oligosaccharides, Protein digestibility, Raffinose, Stachyose.

INTRODUCTION

Soybean has high protein content (around 40-50 %) with amino acid pattern recommended by FAO^{1,2}. The protein quality is determined not only by the amount, but also by its availability. In developing country, soybean become a low cost protein source to substitute animal protein that is relatively expensive, especially in developing countries where most people have low purchasing power soybean contains no lactose, to which many people are intolerant³. Therefore, soy milk can be consumed by people who are intolerant and have allergy to cow's milk.

Soybean also contains about 5 % oligosaccharides mostly in the form of stachyose (3.10-5.70 %) and raffinose (0.50-0.74 %). Some recent study revealed the beneficial effect of oligosaccharides, such as promoting probiotics growth in human intestine, preventing cancer and lowering blood pressure⁴, maintaining liver function, lowering blood pressure and may acts as an anticancer substance⁵. Nzeussea *et al.*⁶ and Tenorio *et al.*⁷ found that oligosaccharides play important role in controlling body immune response and improving mineral absorption.

In industrial scale, Indonesian manufacturers commonly process soybean into powder drinks. Its consumers can be grouped by age; 0-1 year, 1-3 years and older than 3 years old consumers (ordinary and special consumers). There is no data about oligosaccharide content and *in vitro* protein digestibility of soy-based powder drink. Oligosaccharide content and

protein digestibility are crucial factors in food, especially for infant. Oligosaccharides must not be available in infant food, since it may cause flatulence and the digestion system of infant is not well developed yet. On the other hand, infant food needs to have good digestibility as well as high content of protein. Low protein digestibility can result in protein malnutrition for infant consumers. This is why oligosaccharides and protein digestibility become important to analyze.

EXPERIMENTAL

This study was divided into two different parts of analysis, the first analysis was done for glucose, sucrose and oligosaccharides and the second one was done for protein digestibility. Commercial ingredients (soybean, soy protein isolate and mixture of soy protein isolate-dextrin) were obtained from PT Sari Husada and twenty commercial soy-based powder drinks were used as samples, purchased from various supermarkets and pharmacies in 3 big cities which represent the urban areas in Indonesia. For each sample, analysis was done in duplicate towards two items from different batches.

Samples obtained were grouped according to consumer's ages: for consumers 0-1 year old, 1-3 years old and above 3 years old. Samples intended for age above 3 years old were further divided into samples for special group consumers and ordinary consumers.

Extraction of oligosaccharides: Oligosaccharides content was determined essentially according to the method described by Wang *et al.*⁸. Two grams of sample was defatted using hexane, then filtered through Whatman #41 and the residue was quantitatively transferred into beaker glass. The oligosaccharides were extracted by adding 20 mL of 70 % ethanol, then heated at 70 °C for 1 h in a shaker waterbath followed by 0.5 h centrifugation at 2400 rpm. Ten milliliters of supernatant was taken and dried with vacuum rotary evaporator with temperature not exceed 50 °C, then flushed with N₂ to remove ethanol. One milliliter of acetonitrile: water (1:1) was added. The sample was filtered with 0.45 mm membrane filter before being injected into HPLC.

Analysis of oligosaccharide using HPLC: Linearity of sucrose, fructose, glucose, raffinose and stachyose were determined by performing three injections at five standard series with $r^2 = 0.999$. The chemicals used in the analysis were standard of raffinose, sucrose, fructose, glucose, stachyose (Sigma, Germany), hexane, ethanol and acetonitrile. The HPLC was equipped with degasser (G12322, Agilent) and solvent pump (G1310A, Agilent). Oligosaccharides were analyzed using ZORBAX Carbohydrate Analysis Columns (5 m × 4.6 mm × 150 mm) filled with 3-aminopropylsilane bonded amorphous silica (Agilent). The mobile phase was a mixture of acetonitrile and water (75:25) with flow rate of 1.5 mL/min.

Qualitative assay of dextrin: Analysis was conducted to examine a few samples which were suspected to contain dextrin in the product without mentioning in its composition label. The suspect samples which contain dextrin results a large peak of raffinose; therefore further calculation was needed to determine the real amount of raffinose. Qualitative assay of dextrin was conducted using lugol test. Dextrin produces reddish-brown color in lugol's solution.

Calculation to determine the amount of raffinose in the samples containing or suspected to contain dextrin. The sample containing or suspected to contain dextrin produces high level of raffinose peak in HPLC because of the same retention time with raffinose, thus further calculation is needed to determine the actual amount of raffinose. Calculation was conducted using ratio of raffinose and stachyose in the raw material (soy or soy protein isolate) of the product.

Protein digestibility analysis: Samples were analyzed proximate⁹ and protein digestibility¹⁰ carried out by *in vitro* method using multi-enzyme trypsin, chymotrypsin and peptidase in duplicate.

Statistical analysis: Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS 17 by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Duncan's new multiple range test was used to determine significant differences.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Saccharide content of soybean, soy isolate protein and other sources: Prior to analysis of twenty soy-based powder drinks, the analysis of saccharides were conducted in the main ingredients of commercial products, such as raw soybean, soy protein isolate and mixture of soybean + dextrin.

Compared to other sources of oligosaccharides, oligosaccharides in commercial ingredients of soy protein isolate

(raffinose 0.77 mg/g, stachyose 0.83 mg/g) and soy protein isolate + dextrin (raffinose 1.40 mg/g, stachyose 3.64 mg/g) were relatively low. Meanwhile raw soybean (raffinose 8.27 mg/g; stachyose 24.29 mg/g) presented higher content of oligosaccharides than two other commercial products. Raw soybean also contained higher amount of simple sugars than soy protein isolate, fructose (1.91 ± 0.10 mg/g), glucose (3.11 ± 0.11 mg/g) and sucrose (42.77 ± 1.24 mg/g). Soy protein isolate lost most of its sugars during processing. Saccharide content of legumes were shown in Table-1.

Table-2 shows a comparison of saccharide content in soybean as sample with other legumes from other research. Cooking process is clearly reduce the saccharides content in legumes, such as processing soybean into concentrate or soy protein isolate. Even raffinose and stachyose of soy protein isolate became very low, less than 2 mg/g. Apata¹¹ stated that boiling in some kinds of legumes even can reduce saccharide content more than autoclaving does.

Qualitative assay of dextrin of twenty soy-based powder drinks: Dextrin-added soy products showed high level of raffinose peak in HPLC as if they contained high raffinose (Fig. 1) due to the same retention time with raffinose.

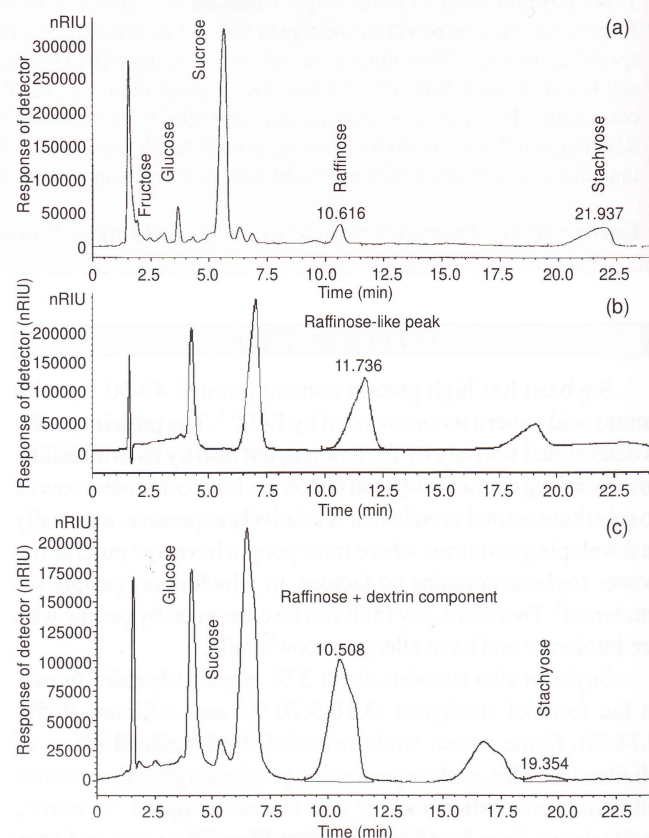


Fig. 1. Chromatogram profiles of soybean (a), commercial dextrin (b) and soybean + commercial dextrin (c) using HPLC

Not all samples mention dextrin on the composition label, therefore a qualitative assay of dextrin was needed to determine which sample contained dextrin and also to calculate the actual amount of raffinose in the dextrin-added soy product. If the sample contains dextrin, different colors will appear when lugol is added, depend on the content of the raw material.

TABLE-1
SACCHARIDE CONTENT OF SOME SOY PRODUCTS (BASED ON DRY MATTER)

Sample	Fructose (mg/g)	Glucose (mg/g)	Sucrose (mg/g)	Raffinose (mg/g)	Stachyose (mg/g)	Raffinose : stachyose	Total oligosaccharides (mg/g)
Soybean	1.91 ± 0.10	3.11 ± 0.11	42.77 ± 1.24	8.27 ± 0.21	24.29 ± 0.37	1 : 2.94	32.56 ± 0.58
Soy protein isolate	0.38 ± 0.05	0.40 ± 0.05	6.63 ± 0.14	0.77 ± 0.21	0.83 ± 0.07	1 : 1.08	1.60 ± 0.28
Soybean+dextrin I ^a	nd	28.81	11.64	1.40	3.64	1 : 2.60	5.04

^aComparison of soybean : dextrin = 1 : 4

TABLE-2
SACCHARIDES CONTENT OF THE SAMPLES AND OTHER LEGUMES

Samples	Fructose (mg/g)	Glucose (mg/g)	Sucrose (mg/g)	Raffinose (mg/g)	Stachyose (mg/g)
Soybean (research sample)	1.91	3.11	42.77	8.27	24.29
Soybean ^a	-	0.14*	43.10	7.52	31.3
Soybean ^b	-	-	-	8-10	24-30
Soybean ^c	2.90	2.95	63.00	9.50	27.00
Soybean ^d	-	-	-	60.10	35.0
Soaked soybean ^d	-	-	-	40.10	18.70
Soybean soaked under ultrasound ^d	-	-	-	26.60	25.00
Cooked soybean ^d	-	-	-	36.20	29.70
Yellow soybean ^c	-	7.20*	60.90	8.90	10.60
Green soybean ^c	-	8.40*	8.50	nd	14.30
Soy curd ^a	-	2.38*	11.30	4.05	22.60
Soy milk ^a	-	0.85*	36.10	6.87	37.90
Soy protein concentrate ^b	-	-	-	< 2	10-13
Soy protein isolate (research sample)	0.38	0.40	6.63	0.77	0.83
Soy protein isolate ^b	-	-	-	<1	<2
Lentils (<i>Lens culinaris</i>) ^d	-	-	-	-	-
-Pardina	-	-	-	28.60	24.60
-Crimson	-	-	-	37.00	28.80
Chickpea (<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.) ^d	-	-	-	50.20	27.00
Yellow pea (<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.) ^d	-	-	-	34.00	31.70
Green pea (<i>P. sativum</i> L.) ^d	-	-	-	30.10	35.40
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Pondo-6) raw ^f	4.70	0.80	16.60	6.20	31.00
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Pondo-6) cooked ^f	3.60	0.50	14.20	5.30	29.70
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Pondo-6) autoclaved ^f	3.90	0.70	17.80	5.90	30.00
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 88) raw ^f	7.50	0.70	15.80	7.50	29.50
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 88) cooked ^f	5.30	0.50	11.90	6.80	29.40
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 88) autoclaved ^f	6.80	0.60	15.30	7.10	25.70
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin I) raw ^f	3.10	1.40	26.00	7.30	33.00
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin I) cooked ^f	2.30	1.00	18.40	6.40	28.60
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin I) autoclaved ^f	3.00	1.20	19.80	7.10	32.00
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.)) (var. KAB-3) raw ^f	9.00	1.30	30.20	2.70	10.00
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.)) (var. KAB-3) cooked ^f	7.20	1.00	25.20	2.60	9.00
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.)) (var. KAB-3) autoclaved ^f	7.40	1.10	27.10	2.40	8.50
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.)) (var. Ex-Ibadan) raw ^f	4.00	1.40	20.10	5.00	29.00
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.)) (var. Ex-Ibadan) cooked ^f	2.80	0.90	17.50	4.50	28.10
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.)) (var. Ex-Ibadan) autoclaved ^f	3.00	1.20	19.60	4.90	28.30
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin II) raw ^f	3.80	2.20	19.70	8.10	29.00
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin II) cooked ^f	2.90	1.90	13.00	7.90	21.00
African yam bean (<i>Sphenostylis stenocarpa</i>) (var. Sumunu-Iseyin II) autoclaved ^f	3.40	2.30	14.90	7.80	29.00
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.) Thouars) (var. Oturkpo local) raw ^f	8.40	0.90	37.60	2.20	7.50
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.) Thouars) (var. Oturkpo local) cooked ^f	6.50	0.70	28.90	2.30	8.00
Bambara groundnut (<i>Voandzeia subterranea</i> (L.) Thouars) (var. Oturkpo local) autoclaved ^f	7.40	0.80	31.00	3.00	6.70
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Yara-1) raw ^f	6.40	0.50	20.70	6.00	24.80
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Yara-1) cooked ^f	4.90	0.40	17.40	6.10	26.00
Kidney bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) (var. Yara-1) autoclaved ^f	5.50	0.50	20.00	5.90	25.00
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 249) raw ^f	5.60	0.90	14.90	6.10	34.00
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 249) cooked ^f	3.70	0.60	12.10	5.60	33.00
Lima bean (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> L.) (var. TPL 249) autoclaved ^f	4.50	0.80	13.70	6.00	32.90
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Millsp) (var. TUC 5537-1) raw ^f	2.90	0.90	22.50	4.60	20.70
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Millsp) (var. TUC 5537-1) cooked ^f	1.80	0.50	18.20	4.00	19.70
Pigeon pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Millsp) (var. TUC 5537-1) autoclaved ^f	2.00	0.70	18.30	4.40	18.90
Jack bean (<i>Canavalia ensiformis</i> (L.) raw ^f	2.40	1.00	22.00	6.00	22.60
Jack bean (<i>Canavalia ensiformis</i> (L.) cooked ^f	1.30	0.80	18.70	5.10	19.50
Jack bean (<i>Canavalia ensiformis</i> (L.) autoclaved ^f	1.90	0.90	21.40	5.80	22.30
Black gram (<i>Vigna mungo</i>) raw ^g	-	-	14.60	nd	8.90
Black gram (<i>Vigna mungo</i>) fermented ^g	-	-	5.10	nd	2.40
Cowpea (<i>Vigna unguiculata</i>) ^h	-	-	-	-	-
-IT93K-596	-	-	-	0.33	1.09
-IT94K-410-2	-	-	-	2.41	5.70

^aRef. 8; ^bRef. 12; ^cRef. 13; ^dRef. 14; ^eRef. 15; ^fRef. 11; ^gRef. 16; ^hRef. 17

^aMonosaccharides (fructose + glucose)

Samples gave positif result in lugol test, meaning that they contain dextrin. It was clearly mentioned on the label and the others did not. The additional component in the samples was maltodextrin, while in the others are hydrolyzed corn flour and solid corn syrup. Hydrolyzed corn starch and corn syrup solids act as a sweetener in the product. Both materials are obtained from corn starch hydrolysis¹⁸ and thus they have similar properties to dextrin derived from starch hydrolysis. Starch produces dark blue color when is added with iodine solution. The spiral structure of starch molecule is able to bind iodine molecule and then produce blue color. Heating and activity of α -amylase during dextrinization will break α -(1,4) linkage of starch molecule, opening the spiral and makes it lose the iodine and the blue color.

Saccharide content of twenty soy-based powder drinks:

The saccharide content of twenty soy-based powder drinks was shown in Table-3. The content of saccharides in processed soy products was not only affected by the type of soy used and other ingredients added, but also the treatment during processing. Table-3 showed a wide variance of raffinose and stachyose among the products. It can be seen that samples targeted for consumers older than 3 years contain high oligosaccharides especially in products for ordinary consumers. Oligosaccharides were not detected in products for consumers 1-3 years old and 0-1 year old. This was because of the different product composition and raw material used. Products for consumers less than 3 years old were composed from soy protein isolate which contain less oligosaccharides added with other components which may further reduce oligosaccharides concentration. Soy protein isolate was used to improve protein supply to support children's growth due to its better digestibility

than soybean flour. Soybean contains some antinutritional compounds like protease inhibitor, hemagglutinin, tannin and phytate acid which are already absent in soy protein isolate.

In products targeted for consumers older than 3 years old, the difference in composition affects the oligosaccharide content. Based on the ingredients inscribed on the label, product J, M, N, O and P are soy products which were powdered without addition of any other compounds. Hence, their oligosaccharide content were not much different from the real soy flour, ranged between 20.99-27.44 mg/g.

The making of soy powder includes several steps, starting from sorting, soaking, boiling and drying to grinding. These steps affect the oligosaccharide content of the products produced. Soaking for 12 h may reduce the total oligosaccharides for 25 % in tempe making⁸, the use of high pressure during soaking even can reduce the total oligosaccharides¹⁴ up to 50 %. Boiling for 1 h is able to reduce raffinose and stachyose¹⁹ up to 18 %.

Product S and T use soybean as raw material, with addition of coarse rice flour to product T, while product I use soy protein isolate. Coarse rice flour is made from grinded rice hull, so it contains much fiber. This coarse rice flour yields 5-6 % of oligosaccharides from the rice hull²⁰. Although they didn't mention dextrin on their label, they gave positive results in lugol test. It was assumed that those samples also contain hydrolyzed starch such as dextrin. Their raffinose and stachyose content can be concluded from the ratio between raffinose and stachyose on the soy sample with assumption that this ratio is constant.

TABLE-3
SAMPLES BASED ON CONSUMER AGES AS WELL AS PROTEIN SOURCE,
CARBOHYDRATE SOURCE, PROTEIN CONTENT, SOLUBILITY AND PROTEIN DIGESTIBILITY

Consumer age	Sample code	Protein source	Carbohydrate source	Protein content (% wb)	Solubility (%)	Protein digestibility (%)	Raffinose (mg/g)	Stachyose (mg/g)	Total oligosaccharides (mg/g)
0-1 years old	A	soy protein isolate	Solid glucose syrup	13.31±0.17 ^{bc}	96.47±0.38 ^{cd}	85.92±0.26 ^a	na	na	na
	B ⁱ	soy protein isolate	Solid glucose syrup	13.55±0.20 ^{cd}	95.21±0.87 ^a	85.64±0.13 ^a	na	na	na
	C	soy protein isolate	Sucrose, hydrolyzed corn flour	12.79±0.17 ^a	96.00±0.15 ^{bc}	87.73±0.21 ^b	na	na	na
	D	soy protein isolate	Solid glucose syrup, sucrose	13.15±0.31 ^b	95.80±0.30 ^{ab}	86.68±0.37 ^c	na	na	na
	E	soy protein isolate	Solid glucose syrup, sucrose	13.72±0.09 ^d	96.64±0.20 ^d	85.92±0.39 ^a	na	na	na
1-3 years old	F	soy protein isolate	Solid glucose syrup, sucrose	13.70±0.14 ^c	96.18±0.30 ^c	85.55±0.26 ^d	na	na	na
	G	soy protein isolate	Sucrose, hydrolyzed corn flour	13.30±0.14 ^f	95.79±0.17 ^f	87.54±0.26 ^c	na	na	na
>3 years old (Ordinary consumer)	H	Soy, skim milk	Sucrose, maltodextrin	15.55±0.28 ^e	95.94±0.41 ^g	81.07±0.97 ^f	6.32±0.32	18.58±0.89	24.90±1.11 ^b
	J	Soy	-	40.89±0.23 ^h	33.09±0.15 ^h	84.29±0.47 ^g	5.85±0.10	21.59±0.22	27.44±0.32 ^a
	M	Soy	-	32.09±0.13 ⁱ	52.37±0.28 ⁱ	75.82±0.23 ⁱ	4.44±0.26	16.55±0.26	20.99±0.52 ^c
	N	Soy	-	35.68±0.19 ^j	36.72±0.29 ^j	85.33±0.48 ^h	4.50±0.55	16.86±0.42	21.36±0.97 ^c
	O	Soy	-	34.31±0.23 ^k	32.57±0.32 ^k	84.24±0.37 ^g	5.16±0.08	19.42±0.97	24.58±1.05 ^b
	P	Soy	-	36.62±0.26 ^l	33.26±0.22 ^h	84.92±0.23 ^{gh}	6.80±0.68	18.86±0.24	25.66±0.92 ^b
	S	Soy	Honey	6.12±0.26 ^m	95.94±0.35 ^l	84.20±0.38 ^g	0.50±0.08	1.48±0.36	1.98±0.44 ^c
	T	Soy	Sugar, coarse rice flour	14.61±0.16 ⁿ	97.28±0.27 ^m	85.19±0.26 ^h	2.96±0.29	8.70±0.83	11.66±1.02 ^d
>3 years old (special group consumer)	I ⁿ	Soy protein isolate, skim milk	-	21.87±0.11 ^o	97.28±0.31 ⁿ	85.73±0.30 ⁱ	na	na	na
	K ⁿ	Soy	Sucrose, maltose	20.36±0.15 ^p	96.98±0.65 ⁿ	88.50±0.65 ^k	0.23±0.08	0.68±0.22	0.91±0.3 ^{ef}
	L ⁿ	Soy protein isolate	Fructose	31.72±0.60 ^q	86.73±0.49 ^o	89.04±0.27 ^k	1.39±0.33	na	1.39±0.33 ^{ef}
	Q ⁿ	Soy protein isolate, whey protein	-	78.16±1.26 ^r	87.02±0.20 ^o	87.23±0.27 ^l	0.66±0.06	na	0.66±0.06 ^{ef}
	R ^v	Soy protein isolate	Solid corn syrup, sucrose, maltodextrin	11.07±0.12 ^s	96.74±0.27 ⁿ	85.78±0.52 ^j	na	na	Na

^{a-s}Samples with same letter indicate that they were not significantly different at $\alpha = 0.05$; ⁿSample has not been sold lately, so analysis for batch II can not be conducted; ^vSample intended for consumer in diet; ^oSample was advanced formulas for children >3 years old

Product L and Q use soy protein isolate as their raw material with other additional ingredients. This makes them contain low oligosaccharide, raffinose for 1.39 ± 0.33 mg/g in product L and 0.66 ± 0.06 mg/g in product Q. The stachyose was even undetected by HPLC detector. Soy protein isolate contains high protein up to 90 % which greatly eliminate other components including carbohydrate²¹. Therefore, its carbohydrate content is very low, around 3-4 % of its dry weight. Product L and Q are intended for on diet consumers.

Product R is a formula milk for children older than 3 years old, using soy protein isolate added with maltodextrin as their raw materials. Oligosaccharides were not detected in this product. This product is intended for children with lactose intolerance. This group needs formula milk from soy protein isolate to fulfill their protein needs and maltodextrin that is easier to digest and tolerable by wounded digestion track during diarrhea.

The main factor affecting oligosaccharides content in soy based product is the raw material used. Product samples for children, age 1-3 years old and 0-1 year old, use soy protein isolate as main ingredient with the addition of maltodextrin, hydrolyzed corn flour or solid glucose syrup as the source of carbohydrate.

Based on HPLC analysis, the oligosaccharides in these products were not detected, neither in raffinose form nor in stachyose form. Soy protein isolate as its main ingredient has good digestibility and is lack of oligosaccharides which explains this circumstance. Furthermore, the addition of other ingredients can possibly reduce the content of oligosaccharides in this sample.

Simple sugar content is also affected by the ingredients used. Fructose cannot be detected in samples using soy protein isolate, except added with fructose as sweetener like in product L (69.16 ± 1.64 mg/g) and Q (0.53 ± 0.08 mg/g). In products which use soybean, their fructose range 1.87-2.21 mg/g, except in product S (15.32 ± 0.21 mg/g) because of additional honey.

Products added with maltodextrin contain more glucose than those without maltodextrin. The glucose content increased along with the sweetener added like solid glucose syrup, solid corn syrup and hydrolyzed corn flour.

Sucrose is a common ingredient added to enhance the sweetness of the product, so it affects the sucrose content of the final product. Products made from soybean without additional sucrose contained 37.49-41.78 mg/g of sucrose, while products made from soy protein isolate contained 5.86-6.27 mg/g of sucrose. Products with additional sucrose contained higher amount of sucrose, around 77.86-131.10 mg/g.

Protein digestibility of soybean, soy isolate protein and other protein sources: Based on the analysis (Table-4), soy protein isolate had protein digestibility of 85.11 %, soy + dextrin 80.61 % and soybean 78.62 %. The digestibility of soy protein isolate was the highest among the three samples because soy protein isolate had higher protein purity than the other two samples. The digestibility of soybean was still higher than that of other beans.

***in vitro* protein digestibility and solubility:** The results showed that samples for 0-1 year old and 1-3 years old consumers had higher protein digestibility (85.55-87.73 %)

TABLE-4
PROTEIN DIGESTIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL
INGREDIENTS COMPARED WITH OTHER PRODUCTS

Sample	<i>in vitro</i> Protein digestibility (%)
Egg ^a	99.00
Beef ^a	99.00
Casein ^a	96.00
Casein ^b	89.20
Soy Protein Isolate (commercial ingredient)*	85.11
Soy Protein Isolate ^b	88.10
Soy flour + dextrin (commercial ingredient)*	80.61
Soybean, raw (commercial ingredient)*	78.62
Soybean, raw ^c	85.50
Soybean, raw ^d	79.00
Soybean, raw ^d	70.10
Soybean meal, raw ^c	39.70
Soybean, cooked ^a	90.00
Soybean, cooked ^d	85.40
Kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>), raw ^d	56.00
Kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>), cooked ^d	79.50
Kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>), raw ^a	52.00
Kidney beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>), cooked ^a	80.00
Lima beans (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>), raw ^d	34.00
Lima beans (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>), cooked ^d	51.30
Lima beans (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>), raw ^a	56.00
Lima beans (<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>), cooked ^a	78.00
Pig pea, raw ^d	59.10
Pig pea, cooked ^d	59.90
Cow pea (<i>Vigna sinensis</i>), raw ^d	79.00
Cow pea (<i>Vigna sinensis</i>), cooked ^d	82.60
Cow pea (<i>Vigna sinensis</i>), raw ^a	78.00
Cow pea (<i>Vigna sinensis</i>), cooked ^a	79.00
Navy beans, raw ^a	56.00
Navy beans, cooked ^a	83.00
Navy beans, raw ^f	71.06
Pinto beans, raw ^f	72.63

^aRef. 22; ^b Ref. 10; ^c Ref. 23; ^d Ref. 24; ^e Ref. 25; ^f Ref. 26

*Commercial ingredients from PT Sari Husada, Indonesia

than samples for consumers older than 3 years (regular consumer groups (75.82-85.33 %). Protein digestibility of samples for special group consumers were also higher (85.73-89.04 %) than those of samples for ordinary consumer (Table-4). The protein digestibility of samples for consumers 0-1 and 1-3 years old were consistent with those found by Gonzales *et al.*²⁷.

Correlation of protein content, protein digestibility and solubility based on sample's ingredients: Soy formulas have different ingredients from usual soy powder drinks. Soy formula generally do not contain lactose, so they may be fortified with other sources of sugar such as sucrose, maltodextrin, corn syrup and others. Those twenty commercial soy-based powder drinks also use various protein source, such as soy and soy protein isolates or fortified with dairy protein like skim milk and whey protein. Ingredients could affect protein content, protein digestibility, as well as the solubility of the sample. This study analyzed the influence of sample ingredients (protein source) towards protein content, protein digestibility and sample's solubility (Table-4).

Fig. 2. showed that the samples which use soybean as protein source have higher average protein content (27.59 %) than those made from soy protein isolates or fortified with dairy protein (15.79 %). The result showed that the samples from soy protein isolates have lower protein levels because these products are generally aimed for consumers aged 0-3 years old who require lower protein intake than consumers older than 3 years²⁸, the protein content of the samples have been adjusted to the nutrient intake of consumers 0-3 years old. Consequently, soy protein isolate is probably added in small amounts.

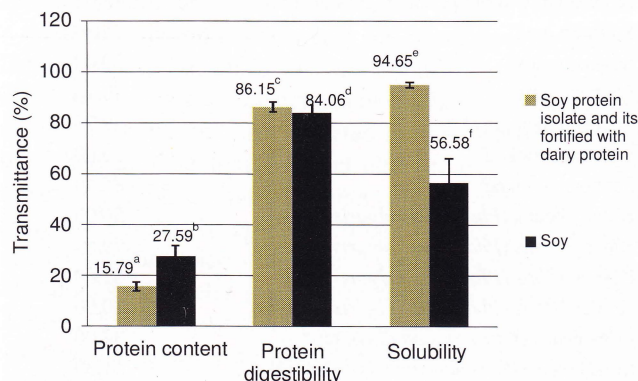


Fig. 2. Correlation between protein content, protein digestibility, protein availability and solubility of commercial products with different ingredient as protein source (protein availability was calculated from protein content times its digestibility)

Fig. 2 also showed that the samples from soy protein isolate or fortified with dairy protein have higher protein digestibility (86.15 %) compared to samples from soy (84.05 %). It is because protein digestibility of soy protein isolates and dairy protein are generally higher than the digestibility of soy protein. According to Fennema²⁹, protein digestibility is influenced by protein conformation, the bond between protein with metals, lipids, nucleic acids, celluloses or others polysaccharides, anti-nutrition factors, size and surface area of protein and heat or alkali treatment.

The solubility of the samples derived from soy protein isolate or fortified with dairy protein sources was higher (94.65 %) than that of the samples from soy (56.58 %). This is because these samples contain filler, such as dextrin and sugar, which can increase the solubility³⁰, whereas the sample derived from soy does not have filler. Other factors affecting solubility are processing, such as temperature, pH, type of dryer, and others.

Conclusion

The research showed that the ingredients and protein sources affected the saccharide and protein content, the digestibility of protein and the solubility of the samples. Oligosaccharides (stachyose and raffinose) were found in the products for consumers that were older than 3 years, but were not detected in those for 1-3 year old and 0-1 year old consumers. Samples which used soy protein isolate as protein source or fortified with dairy protein had lower protein content but higher protein digestibility and solubility than the samples derived from soy

protein alone. In general, good digestibility was required for products aimed for specific groups such as infants, sick/unhealthy people, pregnant and lactating mothers and people who were on diet.

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