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## Protein Profiles of Beef (*Bos indicus*), Pork (*Sus domesticus*), and Sausages By Using SDS-PAGE (Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis) Method

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## ABSTRACT

A research has been done to analyze the protein profile in fresh beef, fresh pork, and 10 beef sausage by using SDS PAGE (Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis) with 2 plate gel electrophoresis. From this research, we found several protein bands that become distinctive protein bands. On raw beef protein we found three bands that are not found in pork. They are protein band with molecular weight (MW) of 144,54 kDa, 81,28 kDa and 58,88 kDa respectively. On the raw pork, we found 5 protein bands that are not found in raw beef, namely protein bands with MW 154,88 kDa; 146,55 kDa; 83,18 kDa; 69,18 kDa and 61,66 kDa. There is a band on pork protein found on the second plate on MW gel is 69,18 kDa. Whereas in 10 samples of beef sausages we did not find any specific protein bands. This is presumably due to the difference in manufacturing process performed by the manufacturer.

**Keywords :** pork, beef, protein, electrophoresis.

### 1. Introduction

Consumption of ranch products including meat was raising fast in east asia and south east asia for the last ten years, mainly since 1980 (FAO, 2009). In Indonesia, meat consumption raised from 20.07 kkal per day to 44.71 kkal per day since 2002 until 2011 (BPS, 2011). The type of ranch products that were consumed by Indonesian were varied from beef, lamb, sheep, chicken, horse and pork (BPS, 2011). According to data from Central Agency of Statistics (2011), the most consumable product in Indonesia is beef if compared to lamb, sheep, chicken, horse and pork.

Beef and its refined products have opportunity to be contaminated with other ranch such as pork. For instance, a case that happened in 2009. In this case, it was found that 5 dried beef brands were contaminated by pork and one of the brand was already had halal certification. (Tribune, 2009).

Protein was the major component in meat besides water. Meat consists of 19% of protein. The protein component of meat could be one of parameters that used to identify the characteristic been of the meat. One of the choice method which is easy, cheap and prevail to determine the protein in meat was electrophoresis SDS PAGE (Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate Poliacrilamide Gel Elektroforesis). By using this method, we could provide protein profile of the sample according to the molecular weight (MW). This method could be used for refined product of meat (Franks, 1993). Hermanto et al (2009) had conducted the research using electrophoresis method to describe the protein profile of beef sausages, pork and beef. This research had provided the result that there were 3 protein bands that could be the different proteins in fresh beef compared to fresh pork. There were proteins at  $R_f$  of 0,29; 0,71 and 0,88 with MW respectively 89,2 kDa, 36,4 kDa and 25,3 kDa respectively. The specific band for beef, pork and their refined products could be at protein with MW 45,1 kDa

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for beef sausages and 69 kDa for pork sausages (Hermanto, 2009).

The similar research also has been conducted by Roswiem *et al* (2010) with different samples. The aim of the research was to find spesific proteins in refined pork products. Roswiem *et al* 2010, found that refined products showed protein with MW of 85 kDa at Rf of 0.21 (Roswiem *et al*, 2010). In order to develop this study, we conducted the reaserch to identify protein profile of 10 brand sausages compared to beef and pork.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Sampling

Samples were collected from 10 different brand sausages from traditional market at Ciputat. Fresh pork and beef were taken from lokal supermarket.

### 2.2. Protein Quantitative Analysis

Protein quantitative analysis were done by Lowry method (Lowry, 1959).

### 2.3. Analysis of Protein Profile Using Electrophoreris (SDS PAGE)

#### 2.3.1. Sampel Preparation.

All of sausages, fresh beef and fresh pork were separated manually from unnecessary tissues, such as fat. Ten grams of mince samples and fifty mL of 0,01 M PBS with 0,5M NaCl pH 7,2 were mixed for 5 minutes with blender. The mixtures was homogenated with vortex for 2 minutes, and incubated at 4°C for 2 hours. After 2 hours, it was sentrifugedat 5000 rpm,at 4°C for 30 minutes. The supernatant was separated and kept at -20°C.

Sampel sausages were prepared in 2 different ways. First preparation was stated in firts paragrph. Second preparation, all of sausages were grinded until being soft and then heated at 100°C for 30 minutes, cooled down into room temperature. Furthermore 2 times quantity of PBS-NaCl was added to the samples. The mixture was homogenized by vortex for 2 minutes, then incubated at 4°C for 2 hours. After being incubated, the mixture was sentrifugedat 5000 rpm,at 4°C for 30 minutes. Supernatant was kept in -20°C (Hsieh *et al*, 2003)

#### 2.3.2. Gel Electrophoresis Preparation

Stacking gel and separating gel were prepared in concentration of 5% and 12%. Running gel was prepared by mixing 3.4 mL of aquabidest, 4 mL of,acrylamide solution 30%, 2.5 mL of tris buffer HCl pH 8.8, 0.1 mL of 10% SDS, 0.1 mL of ammonium persulfat 10% and 0.01 mL of TEMED. The mixture was shaken gently to homogenize it. Liquid running gel was poured into gel until mark. Then, aquadest was added to end of the gel print.

After gel was ready, aquadest was replaced by stacking gel. Stacking gel was prepared by mixing 2.85 mL of aquabidest, 0.85 mL 30%acrylamide solution, 1.25 mL tris buffer HCl pH 6.8, 0.05 mL 10%SDS, 0,05 mL

10%ammonium persulphate and 0.005 mL TEMED. The mixture was shake gently to homogenize. The comd was inserted into the liquid stacking gel.

The running gel buffer was trisbuffer (hydroxymethylaminomethane), SDS (sodium dodesilsulfat) and glisin. (Hames, 1998). Before the samples were running, they were mixed (1:1) for fresh pork and beef, (1:2.5) for sausages, with sample buffer by vortex. The sample buffer was consisted of SDS, gliserol 50% , Bromphenol blue 0.1%, and tris-HCl 1 M, in aquadest. The mixtures were heatedat 100°C for 10 minutes, and were directly cooled down with ice. Marker was mixed with sample buffer (1:20). Five microliters of sample were used for electrophoresis, except sausages sample 12 µL. Electrophoresis was run at 120 volts, 40 mA for about 2 hours.(Hames, 1998).

The gel was stained with the mixture of 100 mL of Coomassie blueR-250, acetic acid, methanol, and aquadest. Then, it was let overnight and destained with the mixture of methanol, acetic acid, aquadest (1:3:6) for 2 hours. Furthermore it was destained once again until the blue bands appeared clearly.(Hames, 1998)

Molecular weight of protein was counted from calibration curve plotting electrophoretic mobility (Rf) against logarithm of molecular weight. Rf was determined from distance of band (cm) divided with distance of sample migration (cm).

## 3. Result and Discussion

### 3.1. Protein Quantification.

The result of protein quantification by lowry method can be seen in Table 1.

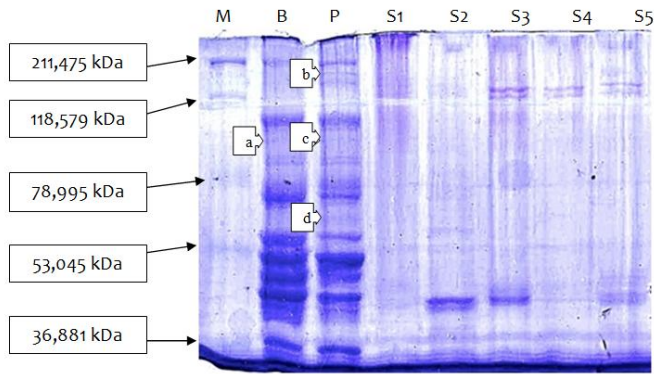
**Table 1. Quantification of protein concentration of fresh pork, beef and 10 brand of sausages.**

Sample	Protein Concentration (µg/ml).		
	1	2	Average value
Fresh beef	2353	2353	2353
Fresh pork	933	1173	1053
Sausage brand 1	893	883	888
Sausage brand 2	1313	1323	1318
Sausage brand 3	783	753	768
Sausage brand 4	1303	1223	1263
Sausage brand 5	413	393	403
Sausage brand 6	1253	1123	1188
Sausage brand 7	703	773	738
Sausage brand 8	413	613	513
Sausage brand 9	1503	1663	1583
Sausage brand 10	1053	943	998

From the data, we could read that the concentration of protein from each of sausage was varied. This variability may be caused by the process of sausage making, such as crushing, kyuring, cooling, cooking and drying or smoking (Sutaryo, 2004).

### 3.2. Protein Profiles of Samples.

Electrophoresis analysis of the samples provided result as seen Figure 1.



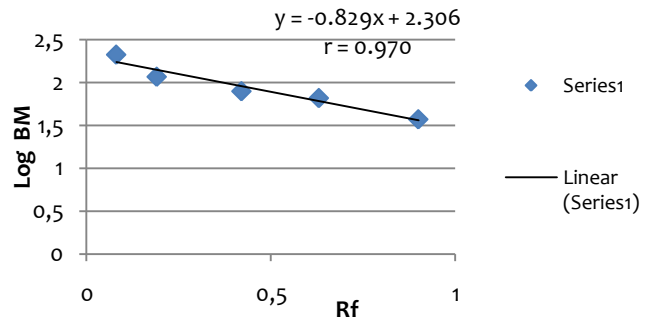
**Figure 1. Protein profile of marker and sample 1-5.**  
**M = Marker, B = fresh beef, P = fresh pork, S1= Sausage Brand 1, S2=Sausage Brand 2, S3=Sausage Brand 3, S4=Sausage Brand 4, S5=Sausage Brand 5.**  
**Different protein bands : a=81,28 kDa, b=154,88 kDa, c=83,18 kDa, d=69,18 kDa.**

From gel 1, it can be determined that the values of Rf and molecular weight (MW). We got 5 protein bands with MW 211,475 kDa, 118,579 kDa, 78,995 kDa, 53,054 kDa and 36,881 kDa. From the logarithm, we can get the Rf value (Table 2).

**Tabel 2. Values of Log MW and Rf of the marker**

No	MW	Log MW	Distance of running (cm)	Band distance (cm)	Rf
1	211.475 kDa	2.33	5	0.4	0.08
2	118.579 kDa	2.07	5	1.0	0.20
3	78.995 kDa	1.90	5	2.2	0.44
4	53.045 kDa	1.82	5	3.3	0.66
5	36.881 kDa	1.57	5	4.7	0.94

From table 2, we can plot the calibration curve (Figure 2).



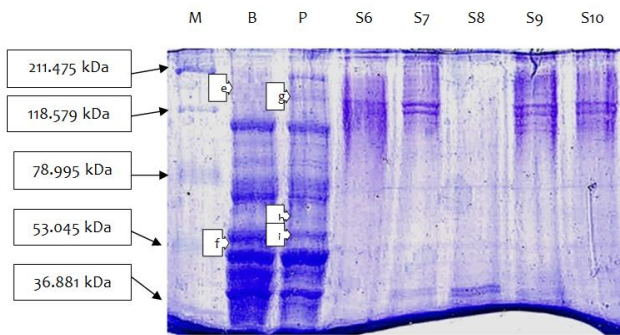
**Figure 2. Calibration curve gel 1.**

From the data of gel 1 (Figure 1) it could be seen that Rf and MW of samples were almost the same. We also could notice that there was one band that could not be found in pork, namely at Rf 0.48 with MW 81.28 kDa. In pork, we could recognize 3 bands that could not be found in beef, i.e. at Rf 0.14; 0.46; and 0.56 with MW respectively 154.88 kDa; 83.18 kDa; and 69.18 kDa respectively. The molecular weight of whole samples could be seen in Tables 3.

**Table 3. Molecular weight of samples from gel 1**

No	Band No.	MW (kDa)						
		Beef	Pork	Sausage 1	Sausage 2	Sausage 3	Sausage 4	Sausage 5
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Band	173.78	173.78	87.10	151.36	144.54	144.54	151.36
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band	154.88	154.88	60.26	144.54	141.25	141.25	144.54
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band	125.89	<b>154.88</b>	43.65	87.10	87.10	87.10	87.10
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Band	120.23	131.83	36.31	67.61	60.26	57.54	60.26
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Band	112.20	120.23	32.36	60.26	47.86	44.67	52.48
6	6 <sup>th</sup> Band	104.71	112.20	30.90	44.67	46.77	36.31	50.12
7	7 <sup>th</sup> Band	100.00	104.71		43.65	44.67	33.11	47.86
8	8 <sup>th</sup> Band	87.10	100.00		38.90	43.65	32.36	46.77
9	9 <sup>th</sup> Band	<b>81.28</b>	87.10		36.31	38.90		44.67
10	10 <sup>th</sup> Band	64.57	<b>83.18</b>		33.11	36.31		36.31
11	11 <sup>th</sup> Band	56.23	<b>69.18</b>		32.36	33.11		33.11
12	12 <sup>th</sup> Band	50.12	64.57			32.36		32.36
13	13 <sup>th</sup> Band	46.77	56.23					
14	14 <sup>th</sup> Band	43.65	50.12					
15	15 <sup>th</sup> Band	39.81	46.77					
16	16 <sup>th</sup> Band	34.67	43.65					
17	17 <sup>th</sup> Band	33.11	39.81					
18	18 <sup>th</sup> Band		34.67					
19	19 <sup>th</sup> Band		33.11					

Furthermore, the protein profile of branded sausages (S6, S7, S8 and S10) could be seen in gel 2 below (Figure 3).



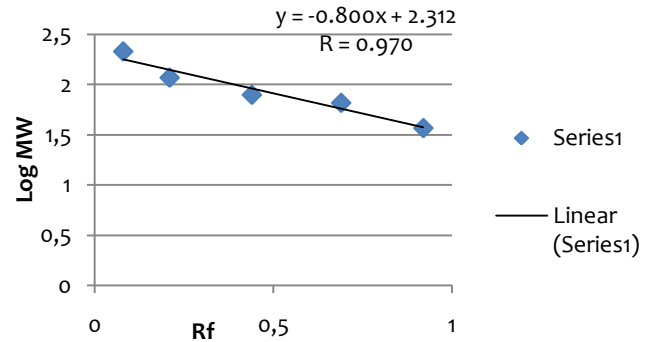
**Figure 3. Protein profile of marker and samples**  
 M = Marker, B = Beef, P = Pork, S6 = Sausage Brand 6, S7 = Sausage Brand 7, S8 = Sausage Brand 8, S9 = Sausage Brand 9, S10 = Sausage Brand 10. Different protein bands e = 144.54 kDa, f = 58.88 kDa, g = 146.55 kDa, h = 69.18 kDa, i = 61.66 kDa.

From Gel 2, we have determined values of Rf and their MW. The result could be seen in Table 4.

**Tabel 4. Values of Log MW and Rf of marker in gel 2**

No	MW	Log MW	Distance of running (cm)	Band distance (cm)	Rf
1	211.475 kDa	2.33	5.2	0.4	0.08
2	118.579 kDa	2.07	5.2	1.1	0.21
3	78.995 kDa	1.9	5.2	2.3	0.44
4	53.045 kDa	1.82	5.2	3.6	0.69
5	36.881 kDa	1.57	5.2	4.8	0.92

From the table 4 we could plot calibration curve as seen below (Figure 4).



**Figure 4. Calibration curve gel 2 describing the correlation between Rf and molecular weight**

From the calibration curve, we could determine the values of Rf, Log MW, and MW of the sample from gel 2. From gel 2, it could be assumed that majority protein bands from beef and pork had Rf and MW which are relative similar. We could also determine that there were 2 different protein bands between beef and pork. In bands of beef, there were 2 protein bands that could not be found in pork. They were at Rf 0.19 and 0.67 with MW of 144.54 kDa and 58.88 kDa respectively. In bands of pork, there were 3 protein bands that could not be found in beef. They were at Rf 0.18; 0.60; and 0.65 with MW 146.55 kDa; 69.18 kDa; and 61.66 kDa respectively. The MW of every protein band could be seen in table 5.

**Tabel 5. Molecular weight of samples from gel 2**

No	Band no.	MW (kDa)						
		Beef	Pork	Sausage 6	Sausage 7	Sausage 8	Sausage 9	Sausage 10
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Band	173.78	173,78	144.54	144.54	54.95	144.54	144.54
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band	154.88	154,88	138.04	13.,04	43.65	138.04	138.04
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band	147.91	147,91	54.95	85.11	39.81	134.90	134.90
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Band	<b>144.54</b>	<b>146.55</b>		54.95		128.82	128.82
5	5 <sup>th</sup> Band	120.23	120.23		43.65		85.11	85.11
6	6 <sup>th</sup> Band	109.65	109.5		39.81		54.95	54.95
7	7 <sup>th</sup> Band	100,00	100.00				43.65	43.65
8	8 <sup>th</sup> Band	97.72	97.72				39.81	
9	9 <sup>th</sup> Band	85.11	85.11					
10	10 <sup>th</sup> Band	79.43	79.43					
11	11 <sup>th</sup> Band	<b>58.88</b>	<b>69.18</b>					
12	12 <sup>th</sup> Band	53.70	<b>61.66</b>					
13	13 <sup>th</sup> Band	47.86	53.70					
14	14 <sup>th</sup> Band	44.67	47.86					
15	15 <sup>th</sup> Band	41.68	44.67					
16	16 <sup>th</sup> Band	38.9	41.68					
17	17 <sup>th</sup> Band		38.90					

From Gel 1 and Gel 2, we could assume that there was one band, that only could be found in pork band (gel 1 and 2), and it was not found in beef. It was protein with MW 69.18 kDa. This protein band (MW 69.18) was not seen in all of the 10 branded sausages. There were a significant protein profile between beef and pork. This differences showed that there was a genetic variety. This could be determined as spesific band for each of the spesies although they showed variatively ( Nazar, 2007).

## CONCLUSION

From protein profile of beef, there were 3 protein bands that could be assumed as different protein bands, because they were not found in pork. They were proteins that had MW 144.54 kDa, 81.28 kDa and 58.88 kDa respectively.

Furthermore from protein profile of pork, there were 5 protein bands that could be assumed as different protein band because they were could not be found in beef. They were protein with MW respectively 154.88 kDa; 146.55 kDa; 83.18 kDa; 69.18 kDa and 61.66 kDa.

We could not found spesific band in protein profile of 10 branded sausages either beef or pork.

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