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Talbina is a beverage made by cooking 2 table spoons of barley wholegrain flour and a cup of water for 30 minutes then adding a cup of milk and 1 tablespoon of bee's honey as a sweetener. Even the Talbina had been recommended by the Prophet Mohamed (peace be upon him) to be drunk for the sick and grieving people, it has not have been studied nor defined by the scientific community. Therefore, this study was aimed to initially define the Talbina by measuring its nutritional composition values with its components (whole grain barley flour, honey and milk) in terms of their proximate composition analyses followed by investigating the biological characteristic of Talbina and its components by determining their antioxidant vitamins content, antioxidant and toxicity effects of Talbina against human colon cancer cell line.

Using the AOAC methods, the proximate nutritional composition values of Talbina and its components were analyzed such as total carbohydrate, crude fat, total dietary fiber, crude protein, total ash and antioxidant vitamins. Talbina contained the basic nutritional components. Moisture content exceed 85%, total carbohydrate content was $8.17 \pm 0.31\text{g}/100\text{g}$ of sample, crude fat was $3.91 \pm 0.06\text{g}$, total dietary fiber was $1.83 \pm 0.1\text{g}$, crude protein reached $1.82 \pm 0.01\text{g}$ and total ash was $0.5 \pm 0.01\text{g}$. However, Talbina was not rich in antioxidant vitamins (vitamin A, C and E) which might be correlated with the possible antioxidant activity. Results showed significant differences in the content of certain macronutrients compared with its components. HPLC analysis showed Talbina has no vitamin A, low content of vitamins C (ascorbic acid equivalent = $7.60 \pm 0.26\text{mg}/100\text{g}$) and E (α tocopherol equivalent = $66 \pm 2.58\text{ }\mu\text{g}/100\text{g}$). According to the β -carotene bleaching method and DPPH free radical scavenging method, antioxidant activity of Talbina was negligible, only the total phenolic content of the Talbina has gave a significant difference comparing with barley in a value of $38.58 \pm 3.86\text{mg gallic acid equivalent}/100\text{g}$ of sample using Folin- Ciocalteu method. In MTT assay, Talbina methanolic extract showed toxicity activity against HT-29 colon cancer cell line, since IC_{50} exceeded $76\text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ after 96 hours of exposing incubation.

Generally, Talbina produce a whole nutritionally serving beverage with all basic macronutrients but boiling Talbina could reduce significantly the antioxidant vitamins and activity.

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Talbina merupakan minuman yang dihasilkan dengan memasak 2 sudu besar tepung barli berbijirin penuh dengan secawan air selama 30 minit dan seterusnya dicampurkan dengan secawan susu dan 1 sudu besar madu lebah sebagai pemanis. Walaupun Talbina telah dicadangkan oleh nabi Muhammad (S.A.W.) sebagai minuman bagi orang sakit, bahan ini masih belum dikaji secara terperinci secara saintifik. Oleh itu, kajian ini dijalankan bertujuan untuk mengenalpasti Talbina dengan menentukan nilai komposisi nutrien berbanding dengan bahan-bahan kandungannya (tepung barli berbijirin penuh, madu dan susu) dari segi analisa komposisi proksimat, seterusnya mengenalpasti kesan antioksidan dan anti-proliferatif Talbina ke atas sel kolon kanser manusia. Dengan menggunakan kaedah dari AOAC, kandungan nutrien proksimat telah dianalisa seperti jumlah karbohidrat, lemak kasar, jumlah gentian serat keseluruhan, jumlah protein kasar, jumlah abu dan vitamin antioksidan. Talbina

mengandung komposisi asas nutrien. Kandungan air Talbina melebihi 85%, jumlah keseluruhan karbohidrat $8.17 \pm 0.31\text{g}/100\text{g}$ sampel, jumlah lemak kasar $3.91 \pm 0.06\text{g}$, jumlah gentian serat keseluruhan $1.83 \pm 0.1\text{g}$, jumlah protein kasar $1.82 \pm 0.01\text{g}$ dan jumlah abu keseluruhan $0.5 \pm 0.01\text{g}$. Walaubagaimanapun, kandungan vitamin-vitamin antioksidan dalam Talbina (vitamin A, C dan E) adalah kurang dan mempengaruhi kadar aktiviti antioksidan. Keputusan kajian secara keseluruhan menunjukkan perbezaan yang signifikan dalam kandungan makronutrien tertentu berbanding dengan komponen yang lain. Analisis HPLC menunjukkan Talbina tidak mengandungi vitamin A, rendah kandungan vitamin C (askorbik asid ekuivalen = $7.60 \pm 0.26\text{mg}/100\text{g}$) dan vitamin E (α -tokoferol ekuivalen = $66.0 \pm 2.58 \mu\text{g}/100\text{g}$). Berdasarkan keputusan dari kaedah penurunan β -karotin dan kaedah aktiviti pemerangkapan radikal DPPH, aktiviti antioksidan Talbina adalah hampir tidak dapat ditentukan. Hanya kandungan jumlah keseluruhan fenolik menunjukkan perbezaan yang signifikan apabila dibandingkan dengan barli ($38.58 \pm 3.86\text{mg}/\text{g}$ ferulik asid ekuivalen) menerusi kaedah Folin-Ciocalteu. Keputusan dari kajian antiproliferatif pula menunjukkan ekstrak methanol Talbina memberikan aktiviti toksisiti ke atas sel kolon kanser (HT-29), yang mana melebihi nilai IC_{50} iaitu $76\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ selepas 96 jam.

Oleh itu, secara keseluruhannya, Talbina menghasilkan minuman yang berkhasiat menerusi nilai komposisi nutriennya tetapi pemanasan talbina menurunkan secara signifikan aktiviti dan vitamin antioksidan.

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