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Abnormal lipid metabolism is strongly related to the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease (AD). Apolipoprotein E (APO E) is the major apolipoprotein in the CNS that has a role in cholesterol transport. Oxidative stress brain has reduced capacity for neuronal delivery of cholesterol suggesting a defect in cholesterol delivery for neuronal repair mechanism contribute to AD progression. Glutamate is the main excitatory neurotransmitter in the CNS, which can be excitotoxic at high concentration. Vitamin E has been shown to possess potent antioxidant and neuroprotection activities. It has two potent antioxidant isomers which are tocopherol and tocotrienol. In this present study, the effects of Tocotrienol Rich Fraction (TRF) from palm oil and alpha-Tocopherol ( $\alpha$ -TCP) in modulating lipidomic markers in oxidative stress neural-derived embryonic stem (ES) cell cultures were elucidated. Transgenic mouse ES cell line (46C) was differentiated into neural lineage by induction with retinoic acid *in vitro*. The cells were then exposed to oxidative stress by a significantly high concentration of glutamate. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) measurement was done upon glutamate excitotoxicity and recovery processes by vitamin E were determined. Gene expression of glutamate receptors (NMDA and Kainate receptors), neuron-specific enolase (NSE), lipidomic markers including APO E, low density related protein (LRP) and 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A reductase (HMGCR) were elucidated using real-time PCR. The result reveals downregulation of NMDA, Kainate receptor, NSE and HMGCR upon posttreatment with different concentration of TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP in oxidative stress neural-derived 46C cells, a sign of neurorecovery process. Treatment of vitamin E also reduced the concentration of ROS to 33.05% and 57.2% upon 300ng/mL of TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP treatment respectively, in glutamate-induced oxidative stress neural cells which indicated that vitamin E is one of the potent antioxidants. In conclusion, TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP have protective and antioxidant properties against glutamate toxicity in neural-

derived ES cell and have the possibility to develop into potential treatment agents for AD.



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Metabolisma lipid yang tidak normal adalah sangat berkaitan dengan patogenesis penyakit Alzheimer (AD). APO E adalah apolipoprotein utama dalam CNS yang berperanan dalam pengangkutan kolesterol. Tekanan oksidatif di dalam otak telah mengurangkan kapasiti penghantaran kolesterol kepada neuron dimana kerosakan dalam mekanisme penghantaran kolesterol untuk pembaikan neuron menyumbang kepada perkembangan AD. Glutamat adalah neurotransmitter yang merupakan perangsang utama dalam CNS dan boleh menjadi toksik pada kepekatan yang tinggi. Vitamin E telah terbukti mempunyai aktiviti antioksidan dan pelindung neuron yang berkesan. Ia mempunyai dua isomer antioksidan iaitu tokoferol dan tokotrienol. Dalam kajian ini, kesan fraksi kaya tokotrienol (TRF) di ekstrak daripada kelapa sawit dan  $\alpha$ -Tokoferol ( $\alpha$ -TCP) dikaji dalam modulasi penanda lipidomik pada tekanan oksidatif neural yang telah diferensiasi daripada sel ES. Tikus transgenik embrionik sel stem (46C) telah diferensiasi kepada sel neural dengan pengaruh asid retinoik *in-vitro*. Sel-sel ini kemudiannya didedahkan kepada tekanan oksidatif dengan kepekatan glutamate yang agak tinggi. Pengukuran spesies reaktif oksigen (ROS) telah dilakukan sebaik proses eksitotoksiti glutamat dan pemulihan dengan vitamin E telah ditentukan. Ekspresi gen reseptor glutamat (reseptor NMDA and Kainate), "neuron-specific enolase" (NSE) dan penanda lipidomik termasuk APO E, "low density related protein" (LRP) dan "3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A reductase" (HMGCR) telah dijelaskan menggunakan *Real time-PCR*. Hasil ujikaji mendedahkan penurunan ekspresi NMDA, Kainate reseptor, NSE dan HMGCR dengan pasca-rawatan TRF dan  $\alpha$ -TCP dengan kepekatan yang berbeza dalam tekanan oksidatif sel neural, yang menandakan proses neuroperlindungan sedang berlaku. Rawatan vitamin E juga mengurangkan kepekatan ROS kepada 33.05% dan 57.2% setiap satu setelah dirawat dengan 300ng/ml TRF dan  $\alpha$ -TCP, dalam sel neural dibawah tekanan oksidatif glutamat yang menunjukkan vitamin E adalah salah satu antioksidan yang kuat.

Kesimpulannya, TRF dan  $\alpha$ -TCP mempunyai sifat pelindung dan antioksidan terhadap ketoksikan glutamat dalam sel-sel neural yang diperolehi daripada ES sel. Ini menunjukkan vitamin E berpotensi menjadi ejen rawatan untuk AD.



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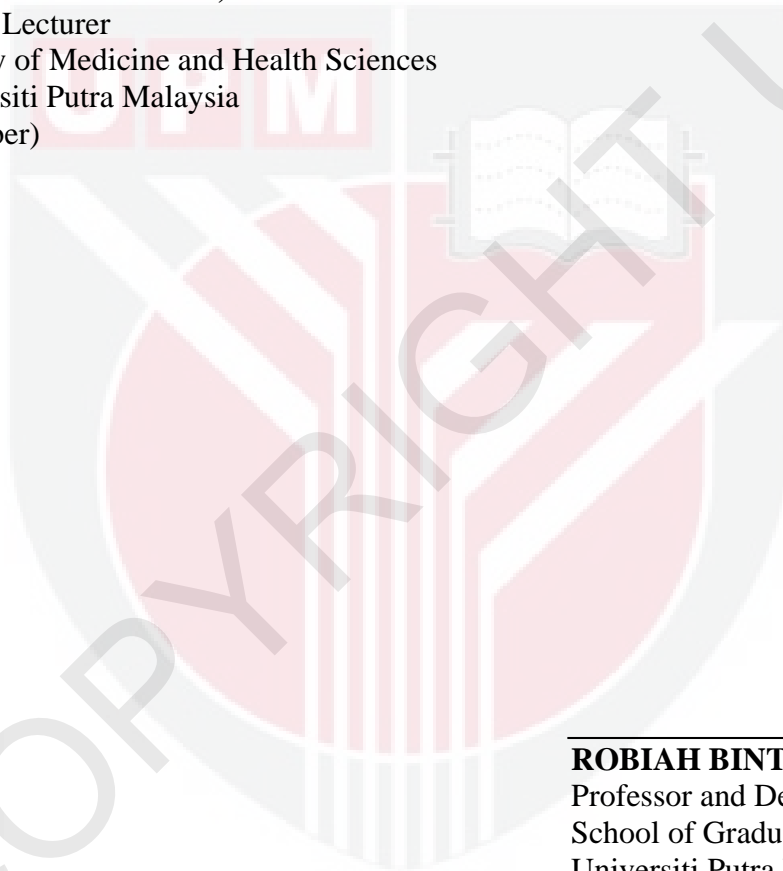
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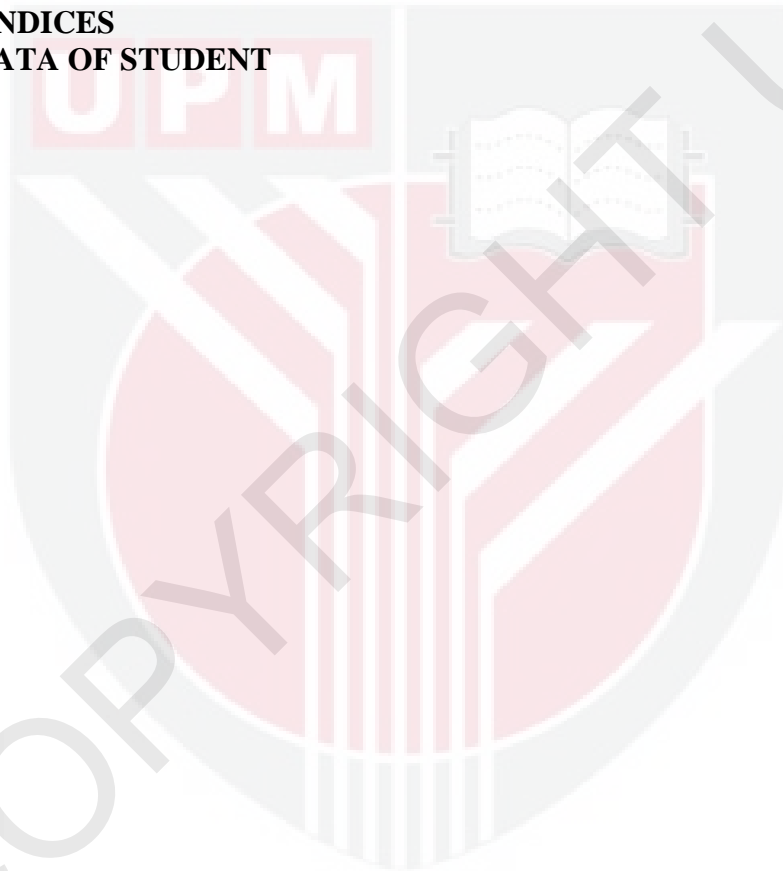
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

4-HNE	4-Hydroxynonenal
ABC A1	ATP-binding cassette transporter subtype A1
ACAT	Acetyl coenzyme A-cholesterol
AD	Alzheimer's disease
AGEs	Glycoxidation end products
AMPA	$\alpha$ -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid
ANNOVA	Analysis of variance
APO B	Apolipoprotein <i>B</i>
APO C1	Apolipoprotein C subtype 1
APO E	Apolipoprotein E. Gene: Apo-E
APO E2	Apolipoprotein E allele 2
APO E3	Apolipoprotein E allele 3
APO E4	Apolipoprotein E allele 4
APO ER2	Apolipoprotein E receptor 2
APO J	Apolipoprotein J
APP	Amyloid precursor protein
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
ATRA	<i>All-trans</i> retinoic acid
A $\beta$	Beta-amyloid
BAC	Bacterial artificial chromosome
BMP	Bone morphogenetic protein
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	Calcium ion
Caspase	Cysteine-aspartic proteases

cDNA	complementary DNA
CE	Cholesterol ester
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
Cq	Quantitation cycle
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
DAPI	4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole
DCF	2', 7' –dichlorofluorescein
DCFH-DA	2',7' –dichlorofluorescein diacetate
DEPC	Diethyl pyrocarbonate
DMEM	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
E	Efficiency
EAA	Excitatory amino acid
EAAC1	Excitatory amino acid carrier 1
EAAT	Excitatory amino acid transporter
EAAT1	Excitatory amino acid transporter 1
EAAT2	Excitatory amino acid transporter 2
EAAT3	Excitatory amino acid transporter 3
EAAT5	Excitatory amino acid transporter 5
EB	Embryoid body
EBM	Embryoid body medium
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
eGFP	Enhanced green fluorescent protein
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ER	Endoplasmic reticulum

ES cell	Embryonic stem cell
ESM	Embryonic stem cell medium
FACS	Fluorescence-activated cell sorting
FBS	Fetal bovine serum
FC	Free cholesterol
FITC	Fluorescein isothiocyanate
g	Gram
GABA	Gamma-aminobutyric acid
GAD	Glutamic acid decarboxylase
GAPDH	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Gene: <i>GAPDH</i>
gDNA	Genomic deoxyribonucleic acid
GFAP	Glial fibrillary acidic protein
GFP	Green fluorescent protein
GLAST	Glutamate-aspartate transporter
GLT	Glutamate transporter
GLT-1	Glutamate transporter 1
<i>GluK1</i>	Glutamate receptor, kainate 1 (gene )
<i>GluN1</i>	Glutamate receptor,NMDA-1 (gene)
GLUT	Glucose transporter
GLUT 1	Glucose transporter 1
GLUT 2	Glucose transporter 2
GLUT 3	Glucose transporter 3
GLUT 4	Glucose transporter 4
GMEM	Glasgow modified essential medium
gp-130	Glycoprotein-130
GSK-3 $\beta$	Glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta

H <sub>2</sub> O	Water
HDL	High-density lipoprotein
HMGCR	3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl-coenzyme A reductase. Gene: <i>HMGCR</i>
HNF-3 $\alpha$	Hepatocyte nuclear factor 3 $\alpha$
HT-22	Hippocampal neuronal cell line
IC	Inhibitory concentration
ICC	Immunocytochemistry
ICM	Inner cell mass
IGF	Insulin-like growth factors
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IgG2b	Immunoglobulin G subtype 2b
iGluR	Ionotropic glutamate receptor
JAK	Janus kinase
K <sup>+</sup>	Potassium ion
kD	Kilodalton
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein
LIF	Leukemic inhibitory factor
LPL	Lipoprotein lipase
LRP	Low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein
LRP-1	Low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 1. Gene: <i>Lrp-1</i>
MEF	Mouse embryonic fibroblasts
MEM	Minimum Essential Medium
mg	Milligram
mGluR	Metabotropic glutamate receptor
mL	Millilitre



mM	Millimolar
MTP	Mitochondrial permeability transition pore
MTT	3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-Diphenyltetrazolium Bromide
mV	miliVolt
Na <sup>+</sup>	Sodium ion
NADPH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form)
NaOH	Sodium hydroxide
NFT	Neurofibrillary tangles
ng	Nanogram
NLC	Neural –like cell
nm	nanometer
nM	Nanomolar
NMDA	N-methyl-D-aspartate
NO	Nitric oxide
NPC	Neural precursor cell
NSE	Neuron-specific enolase. Gene: <i>NSE</i>
NTC	Non-template control
ORF	Open reading frame
PA 6	Stromal cell lines
pA/pF	picoamperes per picofarad
Pac	Puromycin <i>N</i> -acetyl-transferase
pax 3	Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase
PBS	Phosphate buffered saline
PC 12	Pheochromocytoma cell line
PD	Parkinson's diseases
PDL	Poly-D-Lysine

PET	Positron emission tomography
pH	Potential of hydrogen
PL	Phospholipids
PS-1	Presenilin-1
PS-2	Presenilin-2
PUFA	Polyunsaturated fatty acid
qPCR	Quantitative polymerase chain reaction
R <sup>2</sup>	Correlation coefficient
RA	Retinoic acid
RAR	Retinoic acid receptor
RFU	Relative fluorescence unit
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNS	Reactive nitrogen species
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
Rpm	Revolutions per minute
rRNA	Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
RT	Room temperature
RT-PCR	Real-time PCR
RxR	Retinoid X receptor
SDIA	Stromal-derived inducing activity
SEM	Standard error mean
SGG	Salt glucose glycine
SK-N-S-H	Neuroblastoma
SOD-1	superoxide dismutase 1
STAT	Signal transducer and activator of transcription
TAE	Tris-acetate-EDTA

TBARS	Thiobarbituric acid reactive substances
TBE	Tris-borate-EDTA
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TRF	Tocotrienol-rich fraction
TUNEL	Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase dUTP nick end labeling
UK	United kingdom
USA	Unites states of America
UV	Ultraviolet
$\alpha$ -TCP	Alpha-tocopherol



# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the study

Vitamin E is a fat-soluble compound with antioxidant properties that exist in eight forms in nature (alpha-, beta-, gamma- and delta-tocopherol and alpha-, beta-, gamma- and delta- tocotrienol) each with its own biological properties (Sen *et al.*, 2006). The difference between tocopherol and tocotrienol is that they have different number and position of methyl groups attached to the aromatic ring (Osakada *et al.*, 2004). In short, tocopherols are saturated forms of vitamin E, whereas tocotrienol is unsaturated and possess an isoprenoid side chain. This variant of vitamin E only occurs at very low levels in nature, with the highest concentration found in palm oil. Currently, there is an increase in interest on Tocotrienol Rich Fraction (TRF) from palm oil. TRF consist of 25% of alpha-tocopherol ( $\alpha$ -TCP) and 75% of tocotrienol. TRF of palm oil has been shown to possess potent antioxidant, anticancer, and cholesterol-lowering activities (Khor *et al.*, 2016; Osakada *et al.*, 2004;).

At normal concentrations, glutamate plays a role as a major neurotransmitter in the brain, important for cognition, memory, and learning. However, elevated levels of glutamate can cause overstimulation of glutamate receptor including NMDA, AMPA and kainate receptors that cause an influx of calcium ions in the postsynaptic membrane. High energy in the form of ATP is needed to rectify back to the normal concentrations influx of intracellular calcium ion. The high requirement of energy will cause the mitochondrion to generate more reactive oxygen species (ROS) as a natural byproduct. ROS is a chemically reactive species containing oxygen including peroxides, superoxide, hydroxyl radical and singlet oxygen (Dayem *et al.*, 2010). Generally, it is a byproduct of DNA, amino acid, and lipid oxidation which can cause significant damage to cells. Oxidative stress is term for a condition where the production of ROS is greater than the capacity of the body to reduce oxidation.

Apolipoprotein E (APO E) is the major apolipoprotein in the CNS that has a role in cholesterol transport. Cholesterol is needed by neurons to build up their cellular membranes such as cell membrane of the axons, dendrites, and synapses (Poirier *et al.*, 1993). This current study postulates that in an oxidative stressed brain, cholesterol recycling is unable to be performed accurately due to the deterioration of cholesterol delivery mechanism in injured neuronal cells. The understanding of the cholesterol metabolism and it's delivery in the brain and its role in neurodegenerative diseases therefore warrant further investigation. Thus, factors such as APO E, LRP receptor, HMGCR are the lipidomic markers involved in cholesterol homeostasis which became the main interest in this study.

This study aims to elucidate the protective role of vitamin E against glutamate toxicity and to understand how vitamin E is involved in modulating lipidomic markers, antioxidant activity and neurons-specific enolase expression in accomplishing the neurorecovery. It is expected that both forms of vitamin E (TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP) would have a neuroprotective effect against oxidative stress in the brain.

## **1.2 Problem statement**

Neurodegenerative diseases are considered one of the major problems in our aging society as it can be serious and life-threatening. Prevalence of these diseases is increasing yearly; however, there is a lack of effective therapies or specific drug to treat this disease. Current medication only alleviates symptoms, relieves pain and helps to improve patients' quality of life. A high concentration of glutamate that contributes to oxidative stress in CNS is believed to reduce the capacity of cholesterol delivery to neuronal cells. Failure of the repair mechanism may be one of the factors contributing to the progression of neurodegenerative diseases such as AD. Thus, free radical scavenger compounds such as vitamin E in the form of TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP are the great interest knowing its protective properties is well documented against oxidative stress. Therefore, this study was designed to evaluate the potency of both isomers of vitamin E in protecting neural-derived embryonic stem (ES) cells from glutamate induced oxidative stress and modulating lipidomic markers for repair mechanism of the cells.

## **1.3 Research objective**

### **1.3.1 General objective**

To elucidate modulation of lipidomic markers in oxidative stress neural- derived ES cell upon supplementation of vitamin E.

### **1.3.2 Specific objective**

- To differentiate transgenic mouse embryonic stem (ES) cell line (46C) into neural commitment and confirmation with immunocytochemistry.
- To determine the dose response and time course of glutamate toxicity in neural-derived 46C cells by using MTT assay.
- To develop *in-vitro* oxidative stress model by using glutamate in neural- derived 46C cells.
- To determine the ROS activity as a neural oxidative stress marker upon glutamate toxicity and the role of TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP as an antioxidant.
- To assess the gene expression of glutamate receptors (NMDA and kainate receptor), NSE and lipidomic markers (APO E, HMGCR, and LRP-1) upon glutamate toxicity and the recovery process after supplementation with TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP.

#### 1.4 Hypothesis

TRF and  $\alpha$ -TCP are able to overcome oxidative stress hence, modulating lipidomic markers in *in-vitro* oxidative stress model.



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