

The Relationship Between Body Mass Index with Body Fat Percentage of Participants EXPO 2021 Universitas Teuku Umar

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ABSTRACT

Body mass index (BMI) is to monitor nutritional status adults, especially those related to deficiency and overweight. Body fat percentage can describe the risk of degenerative diseases. This study was conducted to measure the relationship between BMI and body fat percentage. Methods an analytical study was conducted to 41 male and 51 female participant from Universitas Teuku Umar. The body weight was measured using scales, whereas the body height was measured using microtoise. The body fat percentage was measured using Karada Scan. The BMI was calculated by dividing the body weight in kilogram divided by body height in meter square. Data was collected from 16-18 February 2021 and analyzed by Pearson's correlation test. The results showed BMI underweight, normal, and overweight were 10.9, 57.6, and 31.5. High body fat percentage in men were 75.6% and in women were 35.5%. There is a relationship between the nutritional status of the women group and the body fat percentage with p-value is obtained = 0.021. Furthermore, for men, there is no relationship between nutritional status in the men group and the body fat percentage. There is a relationship between nutritional status and body fat percentage in women. Among this population, BMI can still be used to determine body fat percentage.

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Introduction

Obesity occurs due to an increase in fat in the body that can affect health (Robeiro, 2014). Level of fat mass in male 13–21% and female 23–31% (Gibson, 2005).

Nutritional status is often related to the intake of food consumed. If the nutritional intake over the requirement per day, it can affect nutritional status. Over or insufficient food intake will cause changes in body composition, namely increase / decrease in body weight, body fat percent and muscle mass. According to Wiknjosastro (2005) and Handayani et al (2013), there is a significant relationship between nutritional status based on Body Mass Index (BMI) with body fat percent where fat nutritional status has a close relationship with high body fat percent (Handayani, 2013; Wiknjosastro, 2005). Excess body

fat percent can affect the endurance of the cardiovascular system, body composition, muscle endurance, muscle strength, and flexibility (Truter L, 2010). Besides that according to research, body fat percent is a predictor variable for bone density (Nafilah Nafilah & Fitrianti).

The body fat percentage variable was chosen because this variable is an indicator of anthropometric measurements of nutrition and can describe the ratio of fat mass to fat-free mass in a person's body (Gibson, 2005). Body Fat percentage is a better predictor of diabetes and cardiovascular events than BMI (Naval K. Vikram et al., 2016). This study aims to know the relationship between BMI and Body Fat in different genders.

Method

Population and subjects of this study are all participants EXPO 2021 of the Universitas Teuku Umar, selected using stratified random sampling method. This study was conducted from 16-18 February 2021 at Universitas Teuku Umar. This study used a cross-sectional design because the measurement of the dependent variable and the independent variable of the study was carried out at the same time. This research is descriptive analytic, which is looking for the relationship between body mass index and body fat percentage.

The dependent variable in this study is body fat percentage and variable independent is body mass index. Body height measurement in this study used stature meter tool, while body weight measurement and body composition determination used Karada scan.

The data obtained were then analyzed using SPSS software. Univariate analysis was performed to identify age, sex, body mass index and percent body fat. Bivariate analysis Pearson Chi square test, the relationship between body mass index and body fat percentage.

Results

Respondent characteristics discussed in this study were age, sex, and nutritional status of respondents.

Table 1. Characteristic of Respondens

Characteristic	n
Age	
15-20	25
21-26	20
27-32	10
33-38	14
39-44	12
45-49	4
50-55	4
56-61	3
Sex	
Male	41
Female	51
Nutritional Status	
Underweight (Below 18,5)	10
Normal (18,5-25,0)	53
Overweight (25,1 and above)	29
Total	92

The sample characteristics observed were age, sex, and nutritional status. Based on Table 1. highest age category of respondents is in the 15-20year age group as much as 27.2%. The lowest age group is found in 56-61 years as much as 3,3%. Female are higher than

men, namely as much as 55,4%. The nutritional status of respondents is known to be the highest, namely normal as much as 57,6% and the lowest with a thin nutritional status of 10.9%.

Table 2. Frequency Distribution Category of Body Fat Percentage

Body Fat Percentage	Total	%
Men		
High ($\geq 20\%$)	31	75.6
Normal and low ($< 20\%$)	10	24.4
Female		
High ($\geq 30\%$)	18	35.3
Normal and low ($< 30\%$)	33	64.7

In males, it was found that the percentage of body fat was very high with the category $\geq 20\%$, namely 31 people (75.6%) and the normal and low percentage categories were 10 people (24.4%). In female, the highest percentage of body fat was in the normal and low categories ($< 30\%$), namely as much as 64.7%, while the high was 35.3%.

Table 3. Pearson Test Result for Relation Between Nutritional Status and Body Fat Percentage

Nutritional Status	Body Fat Percentage				Total	p value
	High		Normal and Low			
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Male						
Underweight (Below 18.5)	1	2.4	2	4.9	3	7.3
Normal (18.5-25.0)	14	34.1	6	14.6	20	48.7
Overweight (25.1 and above)	16	39.1	2	4.9	18	44.0
						0.083
Female						
Underweight (Below 18.5)	0	0	7	13.7	7.0	13.7
Normal (18.5-25.0)	11	21.6	22	43.2	33	64.8
Overweight (25.1 and above)	7	13.7	4	7.8	11.0	21.5
						0.021

In Table 3, in women, the p-value is obtained 0.021, which means that there is a relationship between the nutritional status of the female group and the body fat percentage. Furthermore, for male, the p value = 0.083, which means that there is no relationship between nutritional status in the male group and the body fat percentage.

Discussion

In this study, there was a relationship between nutritional status and percent body fat in women, but in men there was no relationship between nutritional status and percent body fat. This is the same as Chaturanga Ranasinghe's research (2013), there is a significant relationship between BMI-body fat percentage, especially when compared by gender. The relationship between BMI in women is more significant than that of men. In both sexes, with increasing age, BF% increases linearly. BMI has a strong correlation with BF% in this sub population of South Asian adults (Ranasinghe, Gamage, Katulanda, Andraweera, & Tharanga, 2013). The importance of taking age and gender in to consideration when using BMI to predict body fat percentage/obesity, in a population. According to Misra, et al., there is a strong correlation between BMI and BF% especially at higher BMI and in younger women (P Misra, A K Singh, S Archana, A Lohiya, & Kant., 2019). Research conducted by Akindele, et al. (2016), show that there is a strong positive association between BMI and BF%, and age and sex are predictors of this association (Akindele, Phillips, & Igumbo, 2016). Where Asian women are predicted to have the highest body fat (Mills, 2007).

There was a strong and positive statistical relationship between BF% and BMI when both were paired without controlling for gender and age ($r=0,81$, $P<0.01$). A positive and strong correlation between BF% and BMI in males ($r=0.83$, $P<0.01$) and females ($r=0.89$, $P<0.01$) was found using Spearman rho rank since the variables were not normally distributed (Akindele et al., 2016).

The relationship was significant across all the BMI categories except among individuals whose weight were below normal. Also, the strength of correlation increased with the increase in BMI category with a no significant r of 0.32 in underweight category to r of 0.60 and 0.77 in overweight and obese category, respectively (Meeuwssen S, 2010).

Conclusion

This study concluded that there is a relationship between nutritional status and body fat percent in women. This is in linear with the number of women who are overweight with high body fat percent, which is 13.7%. In addition, it can be seen that 35.3% of women have high body fat percent. However, there was no relationship between nutritional status and body fat percent in men. Normalizing nutritional status and body fat percentage, one of which is by maintaining consumption patterns and increasing physical activity.

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