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completely data. Adverse reaction of Oral Anti Diabetic (OAD) such as Gastro Intestinal Tract (GIT) disorder, body weight gain and hypoglycemic are seldom in using of DPP-4 inhibitor or incretin like drugs<sup>2</sup>. The less side effect of drugs is affected by GLP-1 activity that could suppress appetite and it does not have insulin secretory effect<sup>3,4</sup>. However, incretin like drug have also side effect such as flu like symptoms, skin reaction, gastrointestinal problem and this effect are able increase in long term use of drugs<sup>5,6</sup>. This phenomenon attract people attention to find medicinal plant as alternative to treat T2DM by DPP-4 inhibition. One of traditional plants which have anti-diabetic effect is *Urena lobata*. Root and leaf extract of *U. lobata* have been used empirically by Nigeria people to treat DM. Preclinical test of *U. lobata* root extract show anti hyperglycemic effect on streptozotocin-induced rat<sup>7</sup>. Bioactivity of *U. lobata* is regulated by its active substances such as sterol, alkaloid and flavonoid. In Indonesia, *U. lobata* is known by Pulutan, the plant showed anti-bacterial effect based on preliminary study<sup>8</sup>. Some study have showed anti diabetic potency of *U. lobata* however the mechanism of herbs on GLP-1 activity through inhibition of DPP-4 activity not yet investigated<sup>9,10</sup>. Therefore, we examine anti-diabetic effect of *U. lobata* leaf extract on diabetic rats with DPP-4 inhibition.

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approved by the Commission of Ethical Research Brawijaya University Malang Indonesia with certificate number 245-KEP-UB. SD rats were separately housed in automatically controlled animal room at 25 ± 1°C on a 12:12-h light-dark cycle. They were fed by standard food, water *ad libitum* and fasted overnight before the experiments. Normal diet (ND) and a high-fructose diet (HFD) food were freshly mixed in every two days. Diabetic rats were induced by HFD (65% fructose and 35% ND food) and single dose of streptozotocin 25 mg/kg BB intra peritoneal. Rats were stated diabetic if fasting blood glucose more than 125 mg/dL<sup>24</sup>. The experimented rats were assigned into eight groups for four rats each. For eight weeks, the control group received ND and the diabetic and treatment groups received HFD. The treatment groups divided into two, the first was given water extract of *U. lobata* and the second was given ethanolic extract, at a dose of 250 mg/kg, 500 mg/kg, and 1000 mg/kg for four weeks. Body weight and food intake were monitored weekly. Blood samples were obtained 15 minutes after stimulation of glucose and taken from tail vein after overnight fasted. Blood sample were immediately centrifuge 4500 rpm. The serum was separated and saved under -20°C.

*DPP-4 assay*  
DPP-4 serum level was analyzed by rat DPP-4 ELISA kit (Elabscience E-EL-R0337). 100 µl samples were incubated for 90 minutes at 37 °C, added 100 µl Biotinylated detection Ab and then incubated for 60 minutes at 37 °C. After aspirating and washing then sample was added 100 µl HRP conjugate and incubated for 30 minutes at 37 °C. Added 90 µl substrate reagent then was added 50 µl stop solution. Smples were read with microplate reader at λ = 450 nm.

*GLP-1 assay*  
GLP-1 serum level was analyzed by rat GLP-1

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