

# PERFORMANCE, CARCASS AND INTERNAL ORGANS CHARACTERIZES OF BROILER CHICKENS WITH PHYTASE SUPPLEMENTATION FROM *Burkholderia* sp. Strain HF.7

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**ABSTRACT:** Feed formulation with phytase supplementation is an innovation in the feed industry to improve monogastric feed quality without increasing production costs. This study aims to determine the carcass weight of broilers and the percentage of internal organs by providing various feeds, including those supplemented with phytase in phytase units (FTU) from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7. A completely randomized experimental design was used in this study, using 108 broilers for five weeks of maintenance in three treatments with six replicas, each replica consisting of six broilers. The experimental feed given to broilers was basal feed without phytase supplementation (P1), basal feed + 750 FTU phytase (P2) and commercial feed (P3), each with the category of starter phase and finisher phase. Carcass weight and percentage of organs in broilers (liver, heart, gizzard, and lymph) were measured in each treatment unit. The results showed that broilers that consumed phytase supplemented feed had a higher carcass weight with a lower feed conversion value than broilers fed basal feed without phytase. These findings also indicate that the addition of phytase from *Burkholderia* sp. HF.7 strain at 750 FTU/kg feeds does not interfere with the organs of broilers' physiological function because of no increase in the percentage of the liver, heart, gizzard, and lymph.

**Keywords:** Broiler, *Burkholderia*, Internal organs, Performance, Phytase.

## INTRODUCTION

Broiler farming is a prospective productive farming and the increase of nutrient conscious and public consumption of food animal-based (Walker et al., 2005; Manning et al., 2006; Bonham et al., 2006). This opportunity encourages (Benton and Bailey, 2019). One of the essential and economic aspects of broiler maintenance is feed (Tallentire et al., 2016). The content and availability of nutrients determine feed quality to meet broilers' needs during the maintenance period (Wenk, 2000; Abdollahi et al., 2013). Various feed formulations have been arranged in such a way to achieve maximum productivity (Daghir, 2009; Santoso, 2012; Krishnasamy et al., 2015). This effort, feed cost is one of the main obstacles of broiler production. Recently, various efforts have made in order to find ways to reduce feed costs.

One effort that can accomplish in order to improve the feed quality while reducing the production cost is adding feed additive which is a material or combination of ingredients (Tallentire et al., 2016). The supplementation of phytase is efforts that can be an option in innovative feed formulation to improve the nutritional value of broiler feed through improving nutrient utilization; increase utilization of phosphorus and calcium in the feed (Augspurger et al., 2003; Aureli et al., 2011; Hafsan et al., 2017), amino acid absorption (Cowieson et al., 2004) and the ability to digest feed ingredients (Rutherford et al., 2012). Increase utilization of nutrients by phytase in performing the phosphate group release function of the Mio-inositol ring on phytate compounds which the main form of phosphorus storage in broiler is feed ingredients. The phosphate group's release implies the release of other essential proteins and minerals bound to the phytate complex, hence its availability in the feed has a unique effect (Hirvonen et al., 2019).

The usage of phytase with high stability to temperature and pH at specific dosage has reported significantly improved broiler performance as it improved nutrient digestibility in the feed (Shirley and Edwards, 2003; Hafsan et al., 2018; Cowieson et al., 2006). Extra-phosphorus effects as well as the release of amino acids, and cations bound such as calcium, magnesium and iron lead to absorbed nutrients increased in metabolic and biosynthetic processes, affected of higher energy retention leading to increased broiler performance (Cowieson et al., 2006; Selle et al., 2000). Indicators of broiler metabolic processes reflected in a good performance as well as lead to excellent carcass properties and a balanced percentage of internal organs (Angel et al., 2006; Çimrin and Demirel, 2008) as a result of increased availability of phosphate, higher nitrogen retention and increased solubility of phytate complexes in the digestive tract of broilers

(Shirley and Edwards, 2003). The maximum utilization of nutrients such as protein, phosphorus, and calcium by broilers is the increased performance indicated by weight gain at harvest. Besides, feed conversion value will decrease due to the maximum absorption of nutrients (Humer et al., 2015; Savita et al., 2017; Maas et al., 2021). Anti-nutritional substances, including phytic acid, will cause the digestive organs to work longer to cause physiological disorders, including the digestive organs' weight. Therefore, this study reveals the effect of phytase giving by *Burkholderia* sp. Strain HF.7 (Hafsan et al., 2018) on the profile of broilers' internal organs.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was an experimental study using complete randomized design, namely three treatments with six replications. The variables observed in this study were the appearance of broiler production, which included carcass weight and percentage of internal organs (liver, heart, gizzard, and lymph). Day Old Chick (DOC) broiler Cobb strain used without separating males and females (unsexed). Maintenance performed for five weeks. The cage used roofed with a litter system with dimensions is 250 × 250 × 80 cm, which is equipped with lighting and functions to warm the cage. Ten broilers occupied each plot. The cage equipment used was two feedings vessel of 500 g and drinking water containers of 500 mL capacity. Measurement of the temperature and humidity of the cage environment using a thermometer and thermo hygrometer. The average temperature of the cage was 27.69 °C, and the average humidity was 75.88%. Feed and drinking water were given in ad libitum every morning, afternoon and evening based on treatment. Phytase powder from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 was added to every 5 kg of feed a homogenized before fed the broiler. Treatment feed was given based on the maintenance period, namely starter and finisher.

Feed experiments using three types of feed. The basal feed used in this study was obtained from conventional feed mills. The ingredients of the basal feed composition are yellow corn, rice bran, soybean meal, Meat and Bone Meal, coconut oil, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, dicalcium phosphate, DL-methionine, L-Lysine, premix. A basal feed with the composition is used as P1 feed and basal feed supplemented with 750 FTU of *Burkholderia* strain HF.7 as P2. A comparison feed (P3) shows that commercial feed is obtained from one Poultry shop in Makassar, without knowing its ingredients. The chemical composition of the fodder with its nutritional content is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Composition and nutrient of broiler feed ingredients.**

Feed Composition	Starter (%)			Finisher (%)		
	P1	P2	P3	P1	P2	P3
Corn	53	53	-	60	60	-
Rice bran	6	6	-	5	7	-
Soybean meal	28	28	-	21.2	19.2	-
Meat and bone meal	8	8	-	8.3	8.3	-
Coco oil	3	3	-	3.3	3.3	-
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	0.8	0.8	-	1	1	-
Dicalcium phosphate	0.1	0.1	-	0	0	-
DL-methionine	0	0	-	0.2	0.2	-
L-lysine	0.3	0.3	-	0.5	0.5	-
Premix	0.5	0.5	-	0.3	0.3	-
Total (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Chemical composition</b>						
Phytase (FTU/kg)	0	750	0	0	750	0
Crude Protein	22.75	22.75	22.80	20.11	0.80	22.40
Raw fat	3.60	3.60	3.85	3.30	0.30	3.45
Phosphorus	0.79	0.79	0.37	0.71	0.45	0.60
Calcium	1.43	1.43	1.03	1.43	1.03	1.20
Phytate	0.33	0.33	0.20	0.29	0.29	0.26
Metabolic energy (KJ/kg)	3.03	3.03	3.05	3.14	3.14	3.16

P1 = basal feed without phytase; P2 = basal feed + 750 FTU phytase; P3 = commercial feed; FTU=phytase units.

### Ethical approval

This research was conducted in accordance with the recommendations of research ethics approval using animal subject by Health Research Ethics Committee of Universitas Islam Negeri Alauddin Makassar, referred to Legislation of the Republic of Indonesia No. 18, 2009.

### Statistical analysis

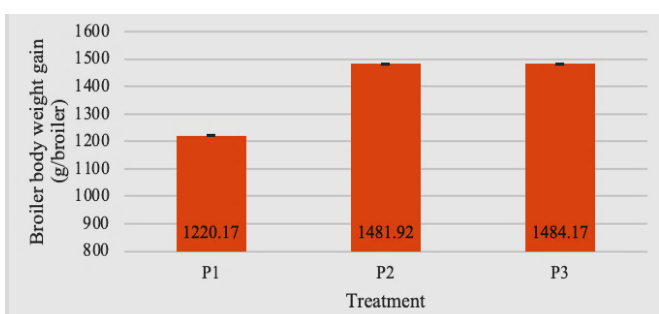
The gathered data is analyzed with analyzed with ANOVA of Complete Randomized Design. Estimated conversion of feed consumed by broilers is determined by calculating the ratio between the amount of feed consumed and the resulting weight gain. Bodyweight gain was calculated from the chicken's weight last week minus the initial bodyweight of the chicken. Percentage determination of internal organ was obtained from dividing internal organ weight by broiler's live weight in 100% after fat dismissing.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

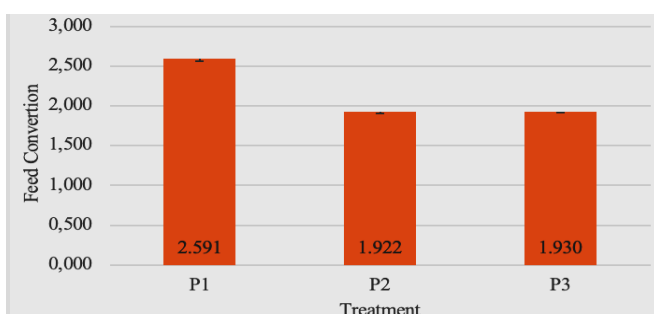
As a parameter to determine feed quality, the feed conversion value of each type of feed treated was determined beforehand by compared between the amount of feed consumed with broiler body weight gain during maintenance has ended. Feed conversion value indicates the level of feed efficiency, meaning the lower the value of feed conversion, the higher the feed efficiency and more economical. Figure 1 shows that the average value of feed conversion produced in this study was 1.922 - 2.591.

Variance analysis has shown very significant differences between treatments ( $P < 0.01$ ). The basal feed which was not added phytase (P1) was indicated to produce a significantly high feed conversion compared to other treatments. P2 feed given to broiler shows the lowest feed conversion value and relatively similar (not significantly different) to P3. This disparity indicates that the best feed conversion obtained in P2 with the addition of 750 FTU of *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7. However, statistically, there is no significant difference from the commercial feed, which has been used extensively by farmers. The lowest feed conversion rate among these treatments (1.922) has provided an optimal description of this broiler's digestive system in converting 1.922 kg of feed into 1 kg of the carcass. According to (Dos Santos et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2014), the lower feed conversion rates indicate that broilers are better at converting feed into meat and feed can be said to be of good quality. This study has proven to indicate that the lowest feed conversion rate by giving 750 FTU/kg phytase from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 has improved broiler metabolism. Feed nutrition is increased in availability can metabolism. The feed can optimally be converting to meat.

The percentage determination of carcass and organ in broilers with a basal diet without phytase additives, feed with phytase supplementation from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 as a feed additive, and commercial feed for five weeks of maintenance is present in Table 2.



**Figure 1** - Broiler body weight gain (g/broiler) with broiler maintenance for 35 days: P1 (basal feed without phytase); P2 (basal feed + 750 FTU phytase); and P3 (commercial feed).



**Figure 2** - Value of feed conversion with broiler maintenance for 35 days: P1 (basal feed without phytase); P2 (basal feed + 750 FTU phytase); and P3 (commercial feed).

**Table 2** - Average and standard percentage of broiler's carcass and weight of internal organs.

Percentage	P1	P2	P3	Standard Percentage	P-Values
Carcass weight	61.2 ± 0.934 <sup>a</sup>	69.6 ± 0.842 <sup>b</sup>	69.2 ± 1.011 <sup>b</sup>	67-72	$P < 0.05$
Liver (%)	2.116 ± 0.926	2.021 ± 0.450	1.995 ± 0.264	1.7-2.8	$P > 0.05$
Heart (%)	0.803 ± 0.086	0.792 ± 0.065	0.798 ± 0.035	0.5-1.4	$P > 0.05$
Gizzard (%)	2.016 ± 0.752	1.902 ± 0.784	1.899 ± 0.881	1.6-2.3	$P > 0.05$
Lymph (%)	1.503 ± 0.284	1.533 ± 0.857	1.592 ± 0.721	1.4-1.9	$P > 0.05$

Different superscript in the same line shows a significant effect ( $P < 0.05$ ); P1 = basal feed without phytase; P2 = basal feed + 750 FTU phytase; P3 = commercial feed.

The difference in broiler growth between treatments P1 and P2 is caused by the occurrence of protein and mineral metabolic disorders which one of the causes is the presence of phytate as in table 1. Addition of 750 FTU / kg phytase *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 in feed, significantly increased the growth of broiler experiments ( $P < 0.01$ ) and this fact strengthens the results of some study, that increased growth of broilers that received feed with the addition of phytase showed significant weight gain (Augspurger et al., 2003; Cowieson et al., 2006; Rutherford et al., 2012; Fernandes et al., 2019). A different trend occurred between P2 and P3 treatments, in which different broiler body weight gain is not accurate. Bodyweight gain is almost the same as those treatments as in Figure 1 thought to be caused by broilers' ability to be about equal in metabolizing feed the body. Feed nutrition is converted into available nutrients. Digestion and absorption can occur, and the rest that is not absorbed is excreted in the faeces. If digestible energy is converted into metabolic energy that can produce heat and energy for basic life and production activities, the expected growth of broilers will always be average and as expected (Moss et al., 2019).

The carcass is part of broiler's body after slaughtered and separated from feathers, abdominal fat, internal organs except for lungs, kidneys, legs, head, neck, and blood (Çimrin and Demirel, 2008). Carcass weight percentage was obtained by dividing carcass weight with broiler live weight. The statistical analysis result in table 2 showed that phytase supplementation from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 gave a significant effect ( $P < 0.05$ ) on carcass weight percentage. Overall, 750 FTU phytase from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 in each kilogram of feed, increased the carcass weight compared with a basal diet without phytase supplementation. These findings are in agreement with Nourmohammadi et al. (2010) that there is an increase in carcass weight by the addition of Natuphos phytase to roosters and hens fed with low phosphorus levels. Some researchers also that phytase in *Aspergillus oryzae* has a positive effect on carcass weight for poultry fed with low phosphorus levels reported (Angel et al., 2006; Ghosh et al., 2016; Akter et al., 2016; Barzegar et al., 2020). Similarly, other studies with feed containing low levels of phytate phosphate and various commercial phytase levels have a positive effect on carcass weight (Cufadar et al., 2010).

The positive effect on carcass weight by phytase supplementation is due to the absorption of the maximum nutrients in the diet due to the phytase ability to release essential minerals, amino acids, and energy bound from the phytate complex of feed (Dersjant-Li et al., 2015). Nutrients in the feed are released and absorbed, so they can be used for metabolism and help broilers' growth (te Pas et al., 2020). Hence the role of protein has a very substantial in the growth of chicken tissue. Protein absorption ultimately provides faster growth and improves broiler carcass (Kamran et al., 2008; Rezaei et al., 2018). The trend of increasing carcass weights shows in the treatment of feeding using the commercial feed as in table 2. The improvement shows that the quality of basal feed with phytase supplements equals the quality of commercial feed, even without the addition of dicalcium phosphate (DCP), increasing the cost of feed production. The study focus also showed that the percentage of carcasses with P2 and P3 feeds meet the usual broiler carcass percentage standard of about 65-75% of the weight of live broiler (Aletor et al., 2000).

Analyses of variance indicate that phytase supplementation from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 as feed additive does not affect ( $P > 0.05$ ) the weight percentage of organs in the broiler on liver, heart, gizzard or lymph. The average weight percentage of organs in the broiler on each treatment P1, P2, and P3 are list in Table 2. Percentage of liver weight in each treatment ranging from 1.9 to 2.2% was in the standard range of the liver's healthy weight percentage (1.7-2.8). The percentage of heart weight in each treatment by 0.8% was in the standard range of healthy heart weight percentage of 0.5 to 1.4. Likewise, the percentage of gizzard and lymph were in the normal range that means the three feed treatments did not disturb the equilibrium percentage of liver, heart, stomach, and lymph of broiler. This data also shows that the addition of phytase from *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 will not interfere with the broiler organs' physiological function. Thus, it is relatively safe to utilize as a feed additive in the future (Sari and Ginting, 2012; Kokoszyński et al., 2017).

Overall, after the three types of feed in broiler chickens reared for 35 days, feed supplemented with 750 FTU phytase/kg to produce the best feed conversion value and directly proportional to the weight of carcass produced. Supplementation of phytase has proven that the lower feed conversion rate means better feed quality. The high value of feed conversion indicates the need for the amount of feed needed to increase body weight higher and lower feed efficiency. The value of feed conversion is closely related to production costs, primarily feed costs, because the higher the conversion of feed, the cost of feed will increase because the amount of feed consumed to produce body weight in a certain period is higher (McNitt, 1983; Kokoszyński et al., 2017).

## CONCLUSION

The supplementation of *Burkholderia* sp. strain HF.7 to 750 FTU/kg of feed may stimulate maximum absorption of nutrients, so that carcass weight is greater and decreases feed conversion ratio. Increased carcass weight and do not affect the percentage of liver, heart, gizzard, and lymph in the broiler.

## DECLARATIONS

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The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests in this work.

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