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# NOVEL SNP OF CALPAIN-1 (CAPN1) GENE AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH CARCASS AND MEAT CHARACTERISTICS TRAITS IN BALI CATTLE

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#### ABSTRAK

Gen kalpain-1 (CAPN1) adalah salah satu gen yang menghasilkan enzim kalpain yang mengontrol struktur protein daging dan keempukan. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengidentifikasi Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) pada gen CAPN1 ekson 5-6 dan asosiasinya terhadap karakteristik karkas dan daging pada sapi bali. Sapi bali yang digunakan sebanyak 48 ekor yang dipelihara di BPTU-HMT Sapi Bali, Provinsi Bali. Keragaman SNP gen CAPN1 ekson 5-6 diidentifikasi dengan metode direct sequencing dengan menggunakan program MEGA 5. Frekuensi alel dan genotipe, juga keseimbangan Hardy-Weinberg dianalisis menggunakan program PopGen 1.32. Asosiasi keragaman genotipe (SNP) gen CAPN1 dengan karakteristik karkas dan daging dianalisis menggunakana metode Generalized Linear Model (GLM) dengan program SAS. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa ditemukan sebanyak 8 SNP yaitu c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3881T>C, c.3899C>T, c.3908C>G, c.4002C>A, c.4021G>T dan c.4037A>C di fragmen gen CAPN1 ekson 5-6 bersifat polimorfik pada sapi bali. Asosiasi keragaman SNP c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A dan c.3899C>T nyata (P<0.05) pengaruhnya terhadap rump thickness (RT), rump fat thickness (RFT) dan marbling score (MS), sedangkan SNP c.4037A>C tidak nyata pengaruhnya terhadap karakteristik karkas dan daging. SNP yang asosiasinya nyata terhadap karakteristik karkas dan daging yaitu SNP c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A dan c.3899C>T dapat dijadikan sebagai kandidat Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) pada sapi bali.

Kata kunci: sapi bali, gen CAPNI, SNP

#### ABSTRACT

Calpain-1 gene (CAPN1) produces an calpain enzyme controlling structure of meat protein and tenderness. The aims of this study were to identify Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) in exon 5 and 6 of CAPN1 gene and its associate with carcass and meat characteristic traits in bali cattle. A total of 48 bali cattles from BPTU-HMT Bali Cattle, Bali Province were used in the research. SNP in exon 5 and 6 of CAPN1 gene were identify with direct sequencing using MEGA 5 program. Analysis of polymorphism was conducted by PopGen 1.32 software to identify frequencies of genotype, allele and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. The association of CAPN1 gene genotype with carcass and meat characteristic traits was analyzed using Generalized Linear Model (GLM) procedure of SAS. Sequencing analysis at exon 5-6 of CAPN1 gene in Bali cattle resulted in eight polymorphic SNPs. They are c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3881T>C, c.3899C>T, c.3908C>G, c.4002C>A, c.4021G>T and

c.4037A>C. The SNPs c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A and c.3899C>T were significantly (P<0.05) associated with rump thickness (RT), rump fat thickness (RFT) and marbling score (MS), while SNP c.4037A>C was not significantly associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits. The SNPs were significantly associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits. The SNPs were significantly associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits namely c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A and c.3899C>T. Those SNPs may be used as candidate marker for Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) in bali cattle.

Keywords: Bali cattle, CAPNI gene, SNP

## **INTRODUCTION**

Bali cattle population in Indonesia contributes approximately 32.31% of 14.8 million heads national cattle population (PSPK, 2011). Meat production in Indonesia has risen about 2.5 % (435 086 - 446 180 tons), followed by meat consumption increasing about 7.8 % (593 516 -639 857 tons) (BPS, 2014). Bali cattle is Indonesian origin cattle that has been domesticated from banteng (Martojo, 2003) and has admited by FAO as a breed in the world. Bali cattle has contribution to fulfill meat demand in Indonesia about 27% (Purwantara et al., 2012). Bali cattle has abilty to survive in marjinal feed condition (Purwantara et al., 2012) and environment (Talib, 2002), has high abilty in reproduction, has high carcass percentage (Melendez dan Marchelo, 2014) and also has good meat quality (Bugiwati, 2007).

The good quality of bali cattle's meat has not been optimized. Selection can be used to improve bali cattle's meat quality (Bourdon, 2000) using Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) (Soller, 1994; Schwerin *et al.*, 1995). MAS method has been widely applied in animals (Li *et al.*, 2010). One of many genes used in MAS method is CAPN1 gene that control carcass and meat characteristic traits (Xu and Mellgren, 2002; Hou *et al.*, 2011). In other case CAPN1 also controls tenderness (Goll *et al.*, 1992; Killerfer *et al.*, 1994; Azari *et al.*, 2012).

CAPN1 gene is located in cromosome 29 (Casas *et al.*, 2005; Pinto *et al.*, 2010) and consists of 21 exon and 20 intron (Dear *et al.*, 2000). There are some studies related CAPN1 in chicken (Zhang *et al.*, 2007; Felicio *et al.*, 2012), some cattles such as brahman (Casas *et al.*, 2005), nellore (Pinto *et al.*, 2010), angus, charolais, hereford, limuosin, simmental (Li *et al.*, 2013), luxi, jinnan, qinchuan, simmental x menggu (Hou *et al.*, 2011), sheep (Azari *et al.*, 2012), swine (Gandolfi *et al.*, 2011). It provides that CAPN1 has been studied in many animals but not for bali cattle. The objective of the study were to identify Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNPs) in exon

5 and 6 of CAPN1 gene and associate with carcass and meat characteristic traits in bali cattle. This is the first study that provides CAPN1 gene analysis in bali cattle.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Animals

A total 48 heads sample of bali cattle consist of 24 heifers and 24 streers that were raised in same paddock from BPTU-HMT Bali Cattle Denpasar, Bali Province. Data were collected at 12-15 months of age. The bali cattle was breed an extensive cattle-raising system and was fed grasses in the amount of 10% (*Pennisetum purpureum* and *Phaspalum notatum*) and feed concentrate as much as 1% of body weight, also ad libitum drinking method.

# **DNA Extraction**

DNA was extracted using DNA kit GeneAid method that consisted of sample preparation, lysis sel, DNA binding, wash and DNA elution. The quality of total genome extractions was performed by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis and was checked by spectrophotometry.

# Amplification

Amplification fragment of CAPN1 gene in exon 5-6 was analyzed using thermo cycler Eppendorf machine with primer forward 5' CCG AGG GAT CTC AAA GCA G 3' and reverse 5' TGG GCT GAG TAG AGA GAA GG 3' (Hou et al., 2011) with length of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) product was 498 bp. PCR reaction was carried out in 50µl consisted DNA template (1 µl), PROMEGA Green Master Mix (25 µl), Nuclease Free Water (23.6 µl), primer forward (0.2  $\mu$ l) and reverse (0.2) μl). condition Amplification consisted of predenaturasi at 95°C (5 min), 35 cycles (denaturation at 95°C (10 sec), annealing 61°C (20 sec) and extension 72°C (30 sec). PCR products were electrophoresed using 1.5% agarose gel.

### **Sequences Analysis**

PCR products of CAPN1 gene in bali cattle were sequenced using the 1<sup>st</sup> Base sequencing company, Selangor, Malaysia. Forward and reverse primer fragments were sequenced using ABI Prims 3100-Avant Genetic Analyzer sequencer machine.

#### **Data Analysis**

The carcass characteristic traits analyzed in bali cattle were *longissimus dorsi* thickness (LDT), back fat thickness (BFT), rump thickness (URT), rump fat thickness (RFT). The measurement of LTD and BFT were performed on the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (Ulum *et al.* 2014) that is presented in Figure 1. The measurement of RT and RFT were measured between ileum and ischium (Silva *et al.*, 2012). The meat characteristic traits analyzed in bali cattle were marbling score (MS) and intra muscular fat percentage (PIMF). The carcass and meat characteristic traits measurement have been done using Veterinary Ultrasound Scanner WED-3000V having frequency 6.5 Hz and scaning we conducted at 130 mm in deep. The ultrasound image scaning were analyzed using Image-J NIH software (Image J ®, NIH, USA) (Figure 2). The marbling score carried out according to AUSTRALIAN MEAT and MSA marbling reference standard (http://www. wagyu.org.au/marbling/) and intra muscular fat percentage (PIMF) based on Deaton and Rause (2000). The sequencing results were aligned using Bio Edit (Hall, 1999) and SNPs were identified using MEGA software with alignment clustalW method (Tamura et al., 2011). Frequenceies of genotype and allele, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium were calculated using PopGene 1.32 program (Raymond and Rousset., 2001). The associations between CAPN1 gene with carcass and meat characteristic traits were analyzed using ANCOVA PROC GLM procedure of SAS (2008). The statistical model used was:

$$T_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \gamma X_k + \varepsilon_{ii}$$

Where  $Y_{ijk}$  is the mean value of the trait;  $\mu$  is the general mean;  $\alpha_i$  is the fixed effect of CAPN1

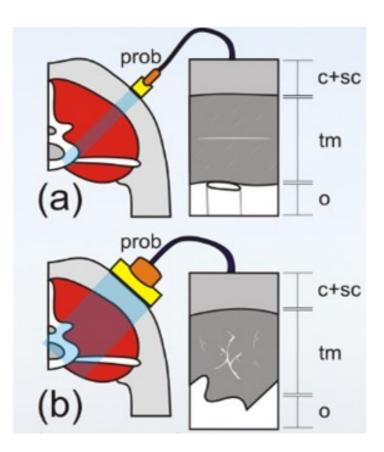


Figure 1. Illustration ultrasound longissimus dorsi in cattle, (a) horizontally (b) vertically, c = cutan, sc = subcutan, tm = thick muscle, o = bone. Source; Ulum *et al.* (2014).

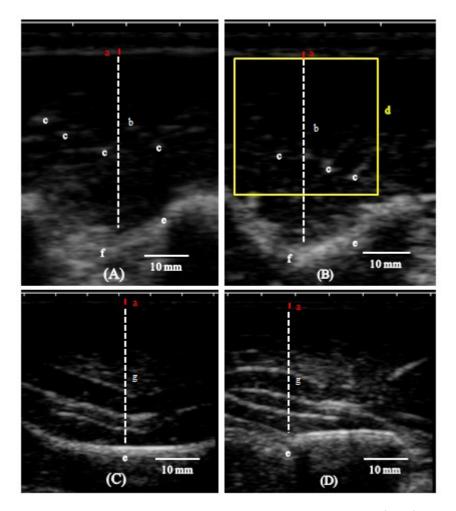


Figure 2. Ultrasound of Muscling Traits; (A) and (B) longissimus dorsi at 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> rib horizontally and vertically measurement; (C) and (D) rump thickness horizontally and vertically measurement; (a) BFT, (b) LDT, (c) intramusclar fat, (d) region of interest of PIMF, (d) bone, (f) rib (g) rump thickness

genotype (i = 1, 2, 3);  $\beta_j$  is the fixed effect of sex (j = 1, 2);  $\gamma_k$  is fix effect of ages; X is the regression c.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# Genetic Variablity and SNP Detection in CAPN1 Gene

Alignment of DNA sequence for CAPN1 gene in exon 5-6 in bali cattle was amplified using PCR method with length of PCR product 498 bp (Figure 3). Sequencing analysis in exon 5-6 of CAPN1 gene in Bali cattle resulted eight polymorphic SNPS. They are c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3881T>C, c.3899C>T, c.3908C>G, c.4002C>A, c.4021G>T and c.4037A>C (Table 1). The SNPs in this research was polymorphic that were represented by allele frequency  $\geq 0.01$ (Nei and Kumar, 2000). The highest allele frequency found in SNP c.3908 C>G (0.99). CAPN1 gene polymorphism A/C in Nellore cattle also performed by Pinto et al., (2010) having genotype frequency A (0.66) and C (0.34). The eight polymorphic SNPs of CAPN1 gene were caused by transition mutation at c.3908C>G, c.4021G>T and transversion mutation at c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3881T>C c.3899C>T, c.4002C>A, c.4037A>C. Allendrof et al., 2013 explained that transition is nucleotide mutation purine to purine (A>T or T>A) or pyrimidine to pyrimidine (C>G or G>C), however transversion is nucleotide mutation purine to pyrimidine (A>C or C>A, T>G or G>T) or pyrimidine to purine (C>A or A>C). Li et al. (2013) in c.947 point found mutation C/G in Angus, Charolais,

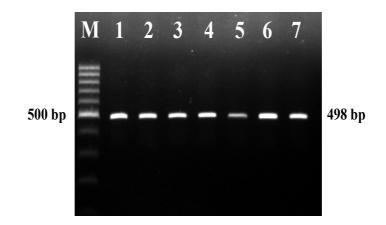


Figure 3. Amplification CAPN1 Gene in Bali Cattle (line 1-7; 489 bp); M: 100bp ladder

SNP	Frequency of Genotype			Frequenc	Frequency of Allele	
- 2((0 T> C	TT	СТ	СС	С	Т	ns
c.3669 T>C	0.71	0.27	0.02	0.16	0.84	
c.3854 G>A	GG	GA	AA	G	А	ns
	-	0.15	0.85	0.07	0.93	
c.3881 T>C	TT	TC	CC	Т	С	ns
	-	0.06	0.94	0.03	0.97	
c.3899 C>T	CC	СТ	TT	С	Т	ns
	0.85	015	-	0.93	0.07	
c.3908 C>G	CC	CG	GG	С	G	ns
	-	0.02	0.98	0.01	0.99	
c.4002 C>A	CC	CA	AA	С	А	*
	0.96	-	0.04	0.96	0.04	
c.4021 G>T	GG	GT	TT	G	Т	*
	0.98	-	0.02	0.98	0.02	
c.4037 A>C	AA	AC	CC	А	С	*
	0.71	-	0.29	0.71	0.29	
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Table 1. Genetic Variability of CAPN1 Gene in Bali Cattle

 $\chi^2$ = Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, ns = not significant, (\*) significant at  $\alpha$  5 % ( $\chi^2$  obs  $\geq$  3.84), n = 48 heads.

hereford, limousin, simmental. Among those cattle GG genotype was found higher than CC genotype.

Based on chi-square analysis ( $\chi^2$ ), five SNPs (c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3881T>C, c.3899C>T,

and c.3908C>G) were in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium of CAPN1 gene in bali cattle and 3 SNPs (c.4002C>A, c.4021G>T, c.4037A>C) was not in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. Noor (2010) explained that genetic equilibrium in population

was influenced by several factors such as nonrandom mating, selection, mutation, migration and genetic drift. We assumed that disequilibrium in bali cattle afffected by selection and nonrandom mating because production of bali cattle in BPTU-HMT, Bali Province aming to produce superior cattle.

## Association CAPN1 Gene with Carcass and Meat Characteristic Traits

Correlation between SNPs and carcass and meat characteristic traits was analyzed in four points of eight polymorhic SNPs. These points are c.3669T>C. c.3854G>A, c.3899C>T. and c.3908C>G. Three polymorphic **SNPs** (c.3669T>C, c.3854G>A, c.3899C>T) were significantly (P<0.05) associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits (Table 2). A SNP c.3669T>C associated with rump thickness (RT) and marbling score (MS), c.3854G>A to rump fat thickness (RFT) and c.3899C>T to marbling score (MS). Hou et al., (2011) explained that CAPN1 gene associated with marbling score (MS) in angus, simmental, jinnan, qinchuan, simmental x menggu cattle. Pinto et al. 2010 showed that CAPN1 gene (CAPN4753) having association with tenderness of longissimus dorsi muscle in Bos Indicus and Bos Taurus cattle. CAPN1 influences in meat tenderness by degrade

myofibrillar protein in muscle afected muscle tenderness. Moreover association CAPN1 gene with carcass quality (cold carcass weight (CW) and marbling score (MS)) in hanwoo cattle (Cheong *et al.*,2008). Furthermore the higher of CAPN1 gene expression, the higher it's tenderness (te Pas *et al.*, 2004). These associations may be used as candidate marker for MAS, so that the improvement of genetic quality can be more accurate, effective and efficient in bali cattle.

### CONCLUSION

CAPN1 gene exon 5-6 in Bali cattle resulted in eight polymorphic SNPs. Three SNPs associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits. A SNP c.3669T>C associated with *rump thickness* (RT) and *marbling score* (MS), c.3854G>A associated with *rump fat thickness* (RFT) and c.3899C>T associated with *marbling score* (MS). The SNPs significantly associated with carcass and meat characteristic traits may be used as candidate marker for MAS in bali cattle.

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	Genotype	N	Carcass Characteristic				Meat Characteristics	
SNPs			TLD (mm)	BFT (mm)	RT (mm)	RFT (mm)	MS (score)	PIMF (%)
c.3669T>C	СТ	8	32.77±1.21	1.38±0.12	37.26±1.14 <sup>a</sup>	0.93±0.12	1.37±0.41 <sup>a</sup>	2.40±0.75
	TT	22	33.47±0.68	1.50±0.07	41.20±0.64 <sup>b</sup>	1.12±0.07	$2.59{\pm}0.23^{b}$	4.17±0.43
c.3854G>A	AA	24	33.33±0.68	1.53±0.06	40.40±0.74	1.15±0.06 <sup>a</sup>	2.37±0.25	4.00±0.44
	AG	6	33.18±1.37	1.23±0.13	39.67±1.48	$0.80{\pm}0.13^{b}$	1.94±0.51	2.70±0.88
c.3899C>T	CC	27	33.53±0.61	1.47±0.06	40.55±0.65	1.09±0.06	$2.44{\pm}0.22^{a}$	3.90±0.41
	СТ	3	30.92±1.97	1.40±0.21	37.12±2.10	0.95±0.21	$0.70{\pm}0.69^{b}$	1.98±1.30
c.4037A>C	AA	24	33.47±0.67	1.50±0.06	40.56±0.72	1.09±0.07	2.31±0.25	3.62±0.45
	CC	6	32.64±1.34	1.33±0.13	38.99±1.44	1.02±0.14	2.16±0.51	4.12±0.89

Table 2. Association of CAPN1 SNPs with Carcass and Meat Characteristic Traits in Bali Cattle

<sup>a,b</sup> means with superscript different (P < 0.05), *longissimus dorsi* thickness (LDT), back fat thickness (BFT), rump thickness (URT), rump fat thickness (RFT), marbling score (MS) carried out according to AUSTRALIAN MEAT and MSA marbling reference standard (http://www.wagyu.org.au/marbling/) and intra muscular fat percentage (PIMF).

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