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# ERYTHROCYTE-SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE (SOD1) AMONG ELITE COMBAT SPORT ATHLETES RUNNING <u>AN</u> INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE ASSOCIATION WITH MICRONUTRIENT INTAKE

## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The improved <u>consumption of high intensity</u> antioxidants <u>of high intensity</u> and long-term exercise <u>seems still hasve</u> shown <u>any</u>-consistent results. <u>Also, there is a possibility</u> <u>that C</u>combat sport <u>athletes may have an impacts</u> on their everyday nutritional practices <u>of</u> <u>athletes</u>, including dietary antioxidant.

**Objective:** to investigate the correlation between micronutrient intake and erythrocyte SOD among elite combat sport athletes running intensive sport training program

**Methods:** In<u>This was</u> a cross sectional study, <u>where</u> 49 professional combat sport athletes (karate, pencak silat, judo, and wrestling) participated. <u>Furthermore, Ff</u>ood record <u>methodwas</u> <u>obtained</u> 3x24 hours, to<u>while</u> assess micronutrient intake and erythrocyte SOD level assessment required<u>were</u> measurement<u>d</u> by spectrophotometry.

**Results:** The subjects age of subjects were 23.08±4.32 years, weregencompassing elite athletes performing <u>a routine\_sport</u> training routinely\_20-26 h/w for one years. <u>In addition, All</u> subjects<u>everyone</u> demonstrated <u>a</u> high erythrocyte SOD levels, with <u>a</u> mean of 2280.69 ± 285.65 U/g Hb. <u>Meanwhile</u>, <u>Mm</u>ost subjects <u>showedexhibited</u> micronutrient intakes <u>that</u> were lower than <u>the\_dietary</u> recommendation; 97.5%, 85%, 27.5%, 77%, 47.5%, of vitamin E, vitamin C, vitamin A, Zn, and Cu, respectively<del>, and Nn</del>o significant correlation <u>was reported</u> between micronutrients intake againstnd erythrocyte SOD levels was reported, exceptspecially for the females\_subjects, showedwhere a significant positive correlation (r = 0.538, p = 0.04) was established\_between\_against\_vitamin C intake-and-erythrocyte SOD levels. **Conclusions:** <u>It was established that Ee</u>lite combat sport athletes <u>who</u>-training intensively at <u>the</u> sport <u>training</u> program demonstrated high erythrocyte SOD levels.<u>T Also</u>, the low nutrient intake <u>should be neededrecorded requires the</u>-to invitation of dietetics professionals as sport nutrition consultant. In addition, it is strongly support<u>ed for that</u> athletes to intake ingest food rich in antioxidants, especially vitamin C for female<u>s</u>-athletes, in order to maintain high antioxidant capacity.

**Keywords**—: combat sports; athletes; erythrocyte SOD levels; antioxidant; micronutrient intake; Vitamin C; intensive training

## INTRODUCTION

High intensity exercise is a potential source of <u>or producing</u> reactive oxygen species (ROS) production as fuel-metabolism <u>fuel required into</u> muscle activity. <u>Therefore,Reactive oxygen</u> species induced by intensive training and not following uped by with an incre<u>ment inasing</u> antioxidant capacity <u>willtends to</u> generate oxidative stress, <u>thatwhich has the propensity to-can</u> impact <u>on</u> health conditions, <u>subsequentlyand later continue</u> leading to <u>a decline inreasing the</u> athletes' performance <del>of athletes</del> (Deaton & Marlin 2004). <u>Furthermore, During intensive</u> exercise, most ROS is<u>are</u> generated <u>during intensive trainings in the asform of</u> radical superoxide (O2); <u>which requirestherefore</u>, the superoxide dismutase (SOD), whichto neutralize thes O2-in cells; igs one of the antioxidants that is often associated with exercise and sport (Metin <u>et. al 2003</u>). <u>In addition, One of SOD classes that</u> widely distributioned in this class, and which comprises 90% of the total SOD, includes Cu, Zn superoxide dismutase (SOD1) (Noor <u>et. al 2002</u>).

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During the exercise process, it is possible to induce oxidative stress can be induced throughby excessover oxygen uptake. This makes Eerythrocyte is—vulnerable, to oxidative stress sincedue to the—it continuouses exposure to oxygen,—and high concentrations of polyunsaturated fatty acids, and also haem iron. Furthermore, oxidativethe damage ensued has been known toean impair erythrocyte deformability, that which is responsible toeause hypoxia in the working muscle-during exercise.—, Alalthough an increase in erythrocyteits turnover increase\_tends to to-facilitate better efficiency in oxygen\_transport\_oxygen\_more\_efficient during exercise, followed with the possibility of depleting antioxidants in erythrocyte can be depleted during that condition (Smith 1995). CCombat sports are in the category of polycyclic sports, which\_involvesing all the\_body limbs, encompassing with a lot of repetitive movements (short sequences), including; attacking and defending, movements-interrupted by a recovery period. Furthermore, Combat sportsthey also involve aerobic and anaerobic metabolism, and nd-the the high intensity of intermittent exercise of high intensity further enhances the in these sports potential\_toly increases ROS with in the body (Burke & Cox 2009; Pesic *et., al* 2012).

In response to conditions of strenuous exercise, the<u>re is a tendency of temporary decrease in</u> <u>the</u> body's antioxidant capacity <u>may be temporarily decreased</u> during and immediately <u>post</u> <u>exerciseafter training</u>, <u>whichand</u> increases <u>againsubsequently</u>, <u>during</u> <u>through</u> the recovery period (Fisher&Bloomer 2009). <u>HoweverMeanwhile</u>, studies <u>abouton</u> antioxidant<u>s</u> among athletes have <u>previously</u> been conducted, but the <u>results obtained tend to bey still showed</u> inconsistent <u>results</u>. <u>Metin *et al.*, study showedReports have shown a higher level of erythrocyte SOD levels <u>inof</u> athletes <u>were higher</u> than those of in people living a sedentary <u>people</u> <u>lifestyle</u>, pursuing regular activities (Metin <u>et.al</u> 2003). Jemili <u>et al.</u>, (2017) studyexplained the tendency for found intense specific training program to improved the prooxidant-antioxidant balance, and <u>also</u> increase in superoxide dismutase activity after 3-</u> Formatted: Font: Italic

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month specific training-in elite karate athletes (Jemili et.al 2017)-. However, the conflicting findings were reported by Jurgenson, *et al.*, (2019), that which showed a significant decline in antioxidant capacity decreased significantly after 12-week of supervised strength training in competitive powerlifting athletes (Jurgensen et.al 2019), while Ho *et al.*, (2007) study also revealed a lower erythrocyte SOD during heavy training had lower erythrocyte SOD, in contrast withan sedentary peopleindividuals (Ho *et.al* 2007). Conversely, Bundo and Anthony, study reported there was no absence of a significant change in SOD activities after 3 months of supervised regulated exercise program ion healthy volunteers (Bundo &Anthony T 2016).

Antioxidant capacity (SOD1) is <u>often</u>\_influenced by <u>manynumerous</u> factors, <u>such</u> as<u>encompassing</u> age, type of sport, the-modes and intensity of training-performed, sport experience, as well as the interaction with other antioxidants in the body, <u>such asincluding</u> vitamin C, <u>vitamin-E</u>, <u>vitaminand</u> A, and <u>also</u> micro minerals, <u>while zinc (Zn) and copper</u> (<u>Cu) are</u> required by the SOD enzyme, <u>namely zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu)</u> (Ho <u>et.al</u> 2007, Koury <u>et.\_al</u> 2004, Braakhuis <u>et.\_al</u> 2013). <u>In addition, A athletes require exogenous</u> antioxidants from their-food intake, <u>in order</u> to increase antioxidant<u>its inherent</u> capacity in their bodies, <u>in order andto</u> balance the <u>increaseelevation</u> observed <u>inof</u> ROS, <u>resulting</u> fromdue to the high intensity of exercise performed (Braakhuis <u>et.\_al</u> 2013, Power & Jackson 2008, Rosseau <u>et.\_al</u> 2004). <u>Therefore, Mmost athletes who compete inparticipating in combat</u> sports sports will-tends to meetattain a specific weight target <u>during theto</u> qualificationy for theiran –event, <u>andwhich requires the adoption of</u> extreme nutritional practices, <u>geared</u> towards may be undertaken to-reducinge body weight (Burke & Cox 2009). <u>Furthermore a</u> S<u>s</u>tudy by Franchini *et al*, (2019) reported a high prevalence of weight loss in combat sports athletes (90% in judo, 70.8% in karate, taekwondo 63.3%, wrestling 89%). <u>The high</u>

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prevalence of rapid weight loss, estimated to be (about 60-90%,) among combat sport athletes which possiblymay have an impacts on their everyday nutritional practices, including dietary antioxidant (Franchini et.al 2019).

Since Despite the antioxidant capacity in athletes still show conflicting findings on athlete antioxidant capacity, and particularly erythrocyte SOD in particular ihas not beenvet widely studied, and the nutritional problem among combat sport athletes is still remains a concern-. Hence, I is interesting to conduct further studies and bout nutritional intake in combat sport athletes, and also investigate itshe correlation between micronutrient intake with and erythrocyte SOD among the elite combat sport category athletes, running intensive sport training program

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Participants and Study Design

This iwas an observational study with methodology design is cross sectional methodology design. In addition, Ddata collection was conducted from August to December 2014 at the sports training center inof East Java, Indonesia, where. We recruited athletes of martial arts that registered aswith the athletes groups of Indonesian national sports committee were recruited at East Java, Indonesia. Furthermore, Tthe specific combat sports involved in this study wereinclude pencak silat (Indonesian martial arts), Judo (modern martial art), karate, and wrestling, and, Fromonly 40 out of a total of 49 professional combat sport athletes, 40 met the research criteria and were willing to participate in the researchstudy, by signing informed consent form. Thise Informed according to the ethical standards laid down in the Declaration of Helsinki, and the Ethical Committee of Faculty of Public Health, Universitas

Airlangga, and approved the protocol of study was approved with ethical number is 480-KEPK and signature of informed consent was obtained from all subjects.

The inclusion criteria includedwere combat sports athletes followingon an intensive sport training program (name istermed puslatda), havethat are physically fit andwith no health problems, bybased on medicaldoetor examination, and also not preparing for competition. In this studyaddition, we cannotit was not possible to restrict all supplements because during an intense training program, all athletes gotwere provided thea specific supplementstype from the Indonesian national sports committee. The supplements \_ were encompassing B-complex vitamin" 1000mg (vitamin B1 100mg, B6 200mg, B12 200mcg) and glucosamine sulfate 1500 mg, that which mustought to be takeningested once daily for every day. SoFurthermore, the exclusion criteria wasinclude active smokers, consumption ofing antioxidant supplements within the last 2 weeks, suffering from any inflammatory diseases, such ase.g., asthma, chronic diarrhea, asthma, chronic prolonged\_cough or allergies. However, we found four athletes were identified to have taken antioxidant supplements, and were consequently have excluded these participants.

#### Data collection and characteristic data of subjects

Data collection was conducted through (1) structured interview, in order to getobtain the characteristics data, including age, gender, sport experience, and years of training. (2) Food record method of 3x24 hours, in an attempt to assess macronutrient and micronutrient intake. (3) Anthropometry measurement tfor-assess body composition evaluation (4) laboratory tests, including erythrocyte SOD, hemoglobin, and malondialdehyde (MDA) plasma.

<u>The Bbasic characteristic data were reported in this studyin</u> relat<u>ioned withe the subjects</u> activities <u>areinclude (1)</u> sport experience and total training. The <u>, which is definedition of</u> sport experience iby thes how length of ong time is subjects in the first time actively training in the specific sport, right from the first incidence. In addition, there is also a probability that t may be they have <u>been</u> involved in the sport since childhoodren. (2) Years of training (total training), which refers to the number of years the athlete had of been training participation in this exercise as a competitive combater

### Intensive Training Program

All subjects in this study awere professional and elite athletes, that ready to partake part-in the sport competition, both at the national and international level. This also involved those Ppreparing for the 2016 The-National Sports Week (Indonesian: Pekan Olahraga Nasional, PON), which is a multi-sport event held every four years in Indonesia, In addition, the Indonesian national sports committee at East Java, obligated elite athletes them to follow up intensive sport training program, Hence, all subjects participated in this program sinceright from one year ago. Therefore, further Hinformation about based on duration, frequency, and intensity of intensive training were obtained through direct interviews with athletes, and also from secondary data sources, ofe.g., the training schedule of each sport. Moreover, <u>Fthe</u> coach of eaan ch-individualtype sports game arranged a draft of one-week intensive training program., Howeverand, there is the similarities were identified in the trainingexercise trend amongst allat each type's sports as they; it contained physical exercise and specific exercises, encompassing each combat sport techniquess as well ands coordination, balance, and flexibility exercises, and muscular power. Therefore Athletes training commenceded every day, except for Sunday, with two sessions per day; encompassing physical trainingactivities atin the morning for 2h and specific training-drills atin the afternoon for 2-3h, with medium tountil high intensity. These were Aall trainings started initiated with a warm up, and terminated end final with cooling down-, and Forthe draft example of or Judo sport, the draft of intense training program is reported in table 1

#### Table 1

#### Anthropometryi Measurements

Body composition was measured using bioelectric impedance analysis (BIA), with seca brand 515/514 type of stainless steel electrodes, then Aanthropometry measurements was conducted<u>calculated</u> in the morning day after a 8h-overnight fasting, and prior to before blood sampling measurement<u>evaluation</u>. Furthermore, Body-weight, body-height, body mass index (BMI), fat free mass, and fat mass were recorded from all subjects and analyzed in this study.

#### **Blood sampling Measurements**

Blood sampling was conducted at 8 a.m after <u>an</u> 8h-overnight fasting. Fasting blood samples were collected into "BD VacutainerTM" test-tubes<sub>1</sub>— and were keptplaced atin a 4 °C <u>compartment</u> at all time. <u>Therefore</u>, Pplasma was obtained from the heparinized-treated blood samples within 30 min after blood collection by centrifugation (15 min, 1000×g, 4 °C). Plasma and erythrocytes were, thus separatinged andthe erythrocytes, which were then washed three times with 0.9% NaCl solution, and then hemolyzed with four volumes of cold distilled water. <u>ThesePrepared samples</u> were <u>further</u> maintained or stored (at – 20 °C), <u>beforeprior to furthersubsequent</u> analyses.

The\_SOD activity was evaluated in the erythrocyte samples (cell lysates), by using the commercially available RANSOD Kit (Randox Laboratories), and <u>SOD-the</u> levels <u>recorded</u> were expressed <u>asin</u> unit per gram of hemoglobin (U/g Hb). The examination of Erythrocyte SOD level is conducted by, utilizing the spectrophotometric method by using with a multiple

wavelength spectrophotometer tool [18]. <u>Furthermore, its Cc</u>oncentration of hemoglobin-was determined by using the cyanmethemoglobin method, where and the color of cyanmethemoglobin iwas read in a photoelectric colorimeter at 540 nm against a standard solution, at 540 nm [19].

### **Dietary intake**

Macronutrient and micronutrient intake assessment was <u>carriedconducted</u> by food record <u>at</u> 3x24 hours. A week before blood sampling began; <u>as</u> all subjects were <u>givenprovided with</u> a food record sheet for this purpose a week prior to the commencement of sampling. Therefore, <u>the</u> nutritionist <u>gavepassed</u> the information <u>on</u> how to <u>record foods</u> correctly <u>input data</u>, including <u>details on</u> portion and size of the foods consumed, by demonstrating <u>a</u> food model and <u>the</u> Indonesian food book. <u>In addition</u>, <u>Tthe</u> subjects were asked to record all <u>foodcuisine</u> and drink<u>s</u> consumed ingested in three days <u>of one</u> week (not necessarily consecutive) on the food record sheet. which was clarified <u>Aa</u> the day <u>data</u> collection of food record, by the nutritionist <u>clarified the data</u> by askingthrough direct <u>questioningly to subjects</u>. <u>In addition</u> For micronutrient intake analysis, beside to mean and standard deviation, we also reported those-nutrient based on adequate intake <u>in</u> compar<u>ison withed to the</u> Indonesian recommended dietary allowance (RDA) were adopted in micronutrient intake analysis.

#### Statistical analyses

We applied\_SPSS 21 was employed forin statistical analysis during this study, with the consideration of a a-significance limit of less than 5%-was considered statistically significant. Therefore, the To determination of a whether the data distribution is normal or abnormal, we required the use of the Shapiro-wilk test, -Meanwhile, Data with categorically scaled data were presented as number and percentages, and while continuous variables were reported as

mean and standard deviation. <u>Furthermore, Iindependent samples t-test and Mann– Whitney</u> were <u>usedadopted in theto</u> analy<u>sis of</u>ze sex differences for anthropometry and <u>also data</u> <u>obtained from</u> laboratory measurements. <u>Subsequently, Oo</u>ne-way ANOVA <u>test</u> and post hoc tests were performed to identify <u>the</u> type sport difference for th<u>eose</u> variables <u>evaluated</u><del>,</del> <u>Finally</u>, <u>while</u>to assess the correlation between SOD levels with micronutrient intake, was <u>analyzed using th</u>e conducted Pearson test or Spearman test.

#### RESULTS

From A total of 4049 athletes out of 49 ofrom four different sports, registered as members of sports-training center inof East Java Indonesia, 40 met the study criteria and were willing to participate in the research by signing informed consent. In addition, out<u>A total</u> of the nine athletes did that did not meet study criteriathe specification, four subjects wereas currently taking on antioxidant supplements, and while others had gonetravelled overseas to run participate in competitions whenduring the time of data collection was implemented. Furthermore, Aall subjects awere identified as professional athletes routinely performing sport training routinely for  $4.05\pm2.69$  years, and had a mean of sport experience of  $10.62\pm2.9$ years. In addition, A total of 26 athletesparticipants (65%) were male, and mostly came from the wrestling athletessport. Male is , although they were dominant in almost of each most, sports except Judo-, and  $\underline{T}_{t}$  he mean age of subjects was 23.08 ± 4.32 years, with the majority of subjects (70%) ibeings in the age group of between 20 and -29 years. Also, Tthe mean of BMI iwas recorded as 24.29±3.72 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, and most subjects (62.5%) hadexhibited normal **BMIlevels-**, while Tthe mean of value obtained for body fat on all subjects were 19.37  $\pm$ 8.47%, with higher fat mass found in the females- having a relatively higher value than male athletes. Since fat mass is more prevalent in female athletes, it is not somewhat surprising that , especially those in the game of Judoka was dominant in women had the highest averages of

fat mass. Furthermore,  $\underline{T}_{th}$  characteristics data and body composition weare reported atin Table 2

### Table 2

From <u>The</u> dietary method; it <u>can beindicates the</u> seen macronutrient and micronutrient <u>consumedintake byby</u> subjects; where Tthe mean energy intake was  $2408.04\pm801.96 \text{ mg/d}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  which those intakes<u>was</u> were higher in male than female, <u>and</u> <u>Ss</u>imilar results were showndemonstrated by with carbohydrate, fat and protein that higher significantly in male athletes. In addition, the <u>Mm</u>icronutrient intake assessed in this study included antioxidants (vitamins A, E, C), as well as the Cu and Zn intake which are <u>known</u> components of enzymatic erythrocyte (SOD); and <u>There is</u> no significant different <u>in consumption wasef</u> micronutrient intake of both macronutrient and micronutrient <u>in contrast with</u>than others. Furthermore, <u>Mm</u>ost of participants subjectsalso had vitamin E, vitamin and C, as well as the RDA specification, while the value obtained Ffor vitamin A and copper; indicated that 72.5% and 52.5% of subjects respectively wereingested sufficient elassified amounts sufficient intake (Table 3)

### Table 3

The mean erythrocyte SOD of <u>for</u> all <u>subjectsparticipants</u> wasere 2280.69  $\pm$  285.65 U/g Hb, and thesewhich values did not differ significantly (p> 0.05) between males and females, subjects as well as <u>betweenamongst</u> type sports type. In addition, <u>T</u>the mean Hb was 15.53 $\pm$ 1.37, and all subjects were assessed as not<u>n</u>-anemica, <u>based on</u>, <u>T</u>the reported of blood sampling can be showneen in Table 4

## Table 4

By  $r\underline{R}$  anking <u>using</u> the Spearman correlation test, <u>showed</u> no significant association between the micronutrient intake and -erythrocyte SOD levels, <u>both</u>-based on <u>both</u> gender and sports type, <u>Howeverespecially on female</u>, there <u>iwas</u> <u>a significant substantial</u> correlation between vitamin C and SOD levels (r=0.538, p=0.047), <u>especially with the females</u>.

Table 5

### DISCUSSION

In t<u>T</u>his study, we in<u>vestigated</u> some types of combat sports (karate, pencak silat, judo, and wrestling), in orderan attempt to giveprovide a general description-about combat sp on nutrient intake among these athletes, ort generally. Since based on the prevalence of body weight and nutritional problems is prevalent in almost type of combat sport, we tried to describe nutrient intake among these athletes. Furthermore, we specifically measured erythrocyte SOD (SOD1) was specifically measured as a parameter for antioxidant capacity, and and subsequently associated with micronutrient intake, because as a result of its widely distribution, ed and comprises with 90% of total SOD is Cu, Zn superoxide dismutase (SOD1) content (Noor *et.al* 2002).

In this study, we<u>This research involved the</u> recruit<u>ment of</u>ed combat sport athletes (karate, pencak silat, judo, and wrestling)<u>that were</u> registered as members of <u>the</u>Indonesian national sports committee<u>\_at</u> East Java, Indonesia-<u>\_</u>Furthermore, <u>Aa</u>ll subjects were evaluated to have been <u>runningparticipating</u> in\_an intensive exercise <u>program\_at the\_sport</u> training center<u>,</u> whenduring the period of data collection-conducted. BeforePrior to entering a sport-training center, <u>all\_athletes\_must\_follow\_a</u> series of medical and laboratory examinations were <u>conducted\_by professional doctor, in order</u> to prove that they are physically and mentally

healthy. FurthermoreIn addition, almost of subjectsparticipants (92.5%) awere less than 30 years of aged, with a mean age of 23.08  $\pm$  4.32 years, It means the study participants representinged the young and healthy elite athletes.

This findings are similar to most studies on combat sports, which involves young participants, such as studiesas observed by Radovanovic *et al.*, (2012) on judo athletes aged 20±1.3 years (Radovanovic et.al 2012), Pesic *et al.*, (2012) on karate athletes sportspersons aged 16 to 30 years (Pesic et.al 2012), Rynkiewicz *et al.*, (2010) on sumo wrestlers with an average age of 23±6.6 years (Rynkiewicz et.al 2010). In addition, Tthe mean age 20.8±1.1 years of weight lifters was studied by Ho *et al.*, (2007) and Rousseau *et al.*, (2004) on the competitive athletes age 26.8±6.8 of those that who follow routine training similar to those in study ( (Ho et.al 2007, Rosseau et.al 2004). Moreover, Yyouth is a golden period for an-athletes, where the age range of about 20 years has been established to be is the most productive age for athletes tfor being the best and getobtain their highest achievements. This was confirmed by Tthe reported of Indonesian national sports, which confirmed stated that that a mostbulk of the numerous gold trophies wasere achieved attained by young athletes (Record M 2014).

This study involved 40 athletes; where 26 athletes (65%) awere male, while and 14 athletes (35%) awere females. which is reinforced by the data obtained from the Indonesian national sports data, showinged theat more sports are dominancent followed byof males athletes than female ones. MeanwhileIn combat sports, there are actually no restrictions orto agender specificity-gender for participain combat sports. although this gender discrepancy was observed in From the all four combat sports types studied in this research, male athletes were more dominant; except Judo,only in one combat sport athletes, which werehad more female athletes participants, and sport athletes. The measurement of body composition

showeddemonstrated  $24.29\pm3.72$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> as the mean body mass index (BMI), was  $24.29\pm3.72$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and and an average body fat of all athletes wabouts  $19.37 \pm 8:47\%$  was recorded in, wiboth higher fat mass categories found both in male and female athletesparticipants, although. Oonly 30% revealed fat masswere observed to be within the normal limits, while others surpassed. Thise category of "high fat mass" in this study might bewas probably due to the high fat-intake of fat, whichsince it contributed to about  $35.95 \pm 8.18\%$  of the total energy (data was shown), therefore, concernsing about obtaining ideal levels values of body fat and the consequent lean body mass shouldough to be the attention for for-healthy and the best performance (Burke & Cox 2009).

Each sport in this study hads each a training program with active exercise schedule were activeconducted 5-6 days per week for an average of training-period of was 4-5 hours per daily-, Hhence, the total duration of training was about 20-26 hours per week. These Ddata based on about duration, frequency and training intensity in this study demonstratesd that the characteristics of the subjects agre professional athletes. Furthermore, wequestions were asked about sport experience, that centered on the means lengthongtime of time sincefrom when the athletes first participated in the specificir sports. The mean of sport experience was, and an average value of  $10.62\pm2.9$  years was obtained. It supposed that they, depicting their actively in the sport participation asince children. In Indonesia addition, combat sport is considered as one of the highly most favoritespreferred sport in Indonesia, often followed by children, and it also and confershave many-numerous health advantages for health (Burke & Cox 2009, Record M 2014). Meanwhile, Pprevious study reported combat sport represented it as an effective method for enhancing muscular power and flexibility in young athletes aged between 8 and 12 years (Padulo  $et_{-al} 2014$ ), Furthermore and Ju  $et_{-al} a_{-7}$  reported combat

trainingthe propensity to facilitated the onset of an earlier secondary saccade onset in children aged 9-12 years [24].

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Based on the data obtained F from food records of 3x24h, it can be was seen established that dietary of-carbohydrate, fat, and protein were 230.63±116.95 g, 130.46±41.27 g, and 89.71±33.98 g, respectively, -These <del>These findings</del> awere generally lower than the records obtained from previous studies, including Braakhuis et al. (2013) on professional rower athletes with carbohydrate intake of 510±190 g, 170±70 g, protein, and 110±45 g fat intake of 510±190 g, 170±70 g and 110±45 g, respectively(Braakhuis et.al 2013). Also, a study conducted by Pettersson, (2013) study aton combat sport athletes with exhibited a total intake of carbohydrates, protein and fat are 5.5±3.5 g/kgBW, 1.4±0.8 g/kgBW and 1.1±0.8 g/KgBW, for carbohydrates, protein and fat, respectively (Petterson et.al 2013). According to the sports nutrition guidelines, these is findings showed indicate that fat intake consumption is relatively high, while that fore carbohydrate intake-is slightly lower-, and it has been established that Combat sport athletes often adopted pplied the restrictions of in diet food intake in an attempt ftor loseing weight, by limiting their carbohydrate intake as low as possible (Petterson *et.al* 2013). Data obtained  $F_{\text{from the interview}}$ , showed it can the possibility beto concluded that almost all subjects participants applied the weight loss program only on the day before the competition. Furthermore, from recall it clearly showed the incorrect application of at nutrition by combat sport athletes have not applied yet sport nutrition correctly., although Tthe guideline of nutrition in combat sport explained theat it is importancet forin goals achievementing goals. This specifically requires for fuel obtained from energy and macronutrient intakeconsumption, which is derived from a variety of food in the everyday diet. In addition, On days wheren high intensity training is undertaken, demands fuel

requirements concerning macronutrient intake is very-the usefulness of fuel supplies, in order to support training performance (Burke & Cox 2009).

The Aanalysis of antioxidant intake, based on the recommended ation dietary allowance (RDA) demonstrated 85% for vitamin C intake and 77.5% for zinc, and allintake of the subjects awere classified in the "less" category, indeed all subjects and a (97.5%) for showed vitamin E was intakealso less than the recommended requirementamount. These is findings are similar to Rousseau et al., (2004), which found showing-that vitamin C intake to beis only 40% of RDA, while vitamin E intake inwas 81% of or athletes, which is under 2/3 of the RDA recommendation, as well asnd beta carotene intake at 43% under 2/3 RDA. Meanwhile, and 60% of athletes tend todo not reach the RDA specification for vitamin C, and 81% for vitamin E-(Rosseau et.al 2004). However, our the finding of this study is lower than Pesic et al., the value recorded in the investigation conducted study on karate athletes, which showeds vitamin E intake at 22.4±9.8 mg/day, and vitamin C at 22.4±9.8 mg/day and 215±79mg/day, respectively, and also beta carotene at 4.5±3.2 mg/day (Pesic *et.al* 2012). Braakhuis *et al.*, In addition, a study on rowers demonstrated a vitamin C consumption rate of 210±249 mg/day, vitamin E at 14±8 mg/day, and beta carotene of 4.9±2.5 mg/day (Braakhuis et.al 2013), and it has been established that the Rrestrictions of fin food intakediet for participants of combat sports athletes will result in lowthe reduction of energy on macronutrient intake, also subsequently affectleading to a decline in thes low antioxidant intakepresent (Petterson et. al 2013;-- Carlshon et. al 2010)

Erythrocyte SOD levels <u>studied\_evaluated</u> in this <u>research\_study</u> <u>arewas</u> in thea form of SOD isoenzymes located in the cytosol, <u>namelyincluding</u>, CuZn-SOD (SOD1)-, <u>Since CuZn thus</u>, <u>based on its compositionSOD consists</u> of Cu and Zn, these trace mineral therefore plays an

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important role in erythrocyte SOD its\_activities. Our Furthermore, findings showed only 52.5% of copper and 22.5% of -zinc intake were recorded, and subsequently classified in the "sufficient" category. This finding, although the value is lower than the record of Koury *et al.*, (2004), which study showed 27% and 2% of athletes had a lesser\_zinc and copper intake, in contrast lower than with recommended valuesation, respectively (Koury et al 2004). Ho *et al.*, study demonstrated Also, low SOD activities in long distance runners athletes were evaluated to be probably caused by the copper and zinc-deficiency of these elements; and those minerals were estimated theto be loss was estimated to have ensued through sweat and urine excretion (Ho *et.al* 2007). Kikukawa and Kobayashi,In addition, another report-study also showed that a significant increase of their average levels of Zn and Cu-in urine, increased significantly-measured after exercise (kikukawa *et.al* 2002), whileand Resina *et al.*, (1990) reported testified that male runners had lower serum levels of serum-than the control group/ non-athletes (Resina et al 1990).

Erythrocyte SOD levels in this study recorded were a representations SOD levels of or athletes runninghave \_\_anrun intensive training program. In this study, \_, of which all subjects participants representeddemonstrated a high erythrocyte SOD levelsvalue (> 1601 U/g Hb), with mean of 2280.69 ± 285.65 U/g Hb.\_These results obtained suggest that the adequate endogen antioxidant defence responseded adequately to intensive training program towards the strenuous exercise, The increased and this elevation in antioxidant capacity relating towas also -sports activities is also revealed by previous studies, both in athletes and non\_-athletes. Carlshon *et al.*, (2010) studyshowed\_the propensity forat regular exercise to increases blood levelsantioxidant capacity in younger athletes (Carlshon et.al 2010), while, Jemili *et al.*, study(2017) foundreported the capacity for intense specific training programs to improved the prooxidant-antioxidant balance, subsequently—and increasinge thein activity of superoxide

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dismutase activity-after 3-month-specific training in elite karate athletes (Jemili et.al 2017). <u>However, the The increasing intensification of</u> antioxidant capascity in non-athletes wasere proven in a study by Berzosa *et al.*, (2011)study that, which showed the enhanced probability for acute exercise (cycloergometric tests) -led-to an-augmentation of the antioxidant enzyme activities iofn untrained men-(Berzosa et.al 2011). Also, Tthe elevationed of SOD activity after a single bout exercise in healthy women iwas also proven by in an investigation conducted by Yimcharoen *et al.*, (Yimcharoen et.al-2019).

The increase ofin antioxidant capacity related exercises seems still have been observed to shown inconsistent results, as Jurgenson *et al.*, (2019) revealed a significant decline in the antioxidant enpacity-volume recorded decreased significantly after 12-week of supervised strength training in competitive powerlifting athletes (Jurgenson et.al 2019). Also, Bundo and Anthony, (2016)study reported there was noabsence of a significant change in SOD activityies after 3 months of a supervised exercise program in healthy volunteers (Bundo & Anthony T 2016), while Pesic *et al.*, (2012)study revealed established thatduring training process both in the state of rest and after the loading, there was no significantly changed to<u>in</u> oxidative stress and SOD activity during a training process, both in state of rest and after loading(Pesie et.al 2012), and also that. Tthe increasingclevations of SOD levelsobserved were not causedas a result byof long-time intensive training exercise, but caused by high physical loading.

<u>The Aa</u>nalysis <u>of SOD</u> activity based on gender and sport types in this study showed no statistically significant <u>difference</u>ee. Our findings, which differs from <u>the report by</u> Dopsaj *et al.*, stwhereudy showed significant variation in values <u>difference of SOD activity was</u> observed between the karate professionals and wrestlers  $(73 \pm 37 \text{ vs. } 103 \pm 30, \text{ p} < 0.05)$ ;

Therefore, the high SOD-activity in wrestlers could is possibly-be associated with the longterm impact of wrestlingthe sport, asbeing a type of strenuous exercise (Dopsaj *et.al* 2013). Moreover, Oother reasons ofor the high SOD levels values obtained in this current study differs from previous studies are likely probably due to the differences discrepancy in the production of ROS formed, the different variation in modes and intensity of training performed, as well as the interaction between of SOD with and other antioxidants with in the body, such as encompassing vitamin C, vitamin-E, and vitamin A. This and was also due to its collaboration with micro minerals, including zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu) required by the SOD enzyme, namely zine (Zn) and copper (Cu), as well as nd also the increasing elevation in the potential loss of minerals through weat and urine (Metin *et. al* 2003, Ho *et. al* 2007, Bundo & Anthony T 2016).

The By useing of the Spearman rank correlation test, there is showed no significant correlation between the consumption of micronutrients intake and erythrocyte SOD levels. However, although the significant result seems on female subjects, <u>a</u> where there is a significant substantial positive correlation relationship (r=0.538, p=0.047) was identified between with vitamin C with erythrocyte SOD Levelin female participants. In addition, Manynumerous athletes, particularly female, awere considered to be ata a greater risk of iron depletion ed which may with a possibility of leading into iron-deficiency (with or without anemia), Although the mean Hb wereof  $15.53\pm1.37$  recorded from and all subjects were were assessed as non-t-anemica, but mean Hb atand the females-subjects had a significantly lower value than-in contrast withose male (Table 5). Hence, the results obtained are possibly explained by the capability for Since vitamin C to enhances iron absorption, and the closely related mechanism between f hemoglobin and red blood cell, it might explain the result (Alaunyte *et.al* 2015). Furthermore, another reason is centered of the fact that vitamin C is Formatted: Font: Italic

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stored in the adrenal gland, and <u>is subsequently</u> released during <u>periods of stressful periods</u>, in an attempt to <u>confer</u> protection against oxidative stress. <u>This assumption is backed up by a</u> <u>Ppreviousevious studyinvestigation</u>, <u>which showeded vitamin C intake its</u> correlatione <u>witho</u> total antioxidant capacity among<u>st</u> competitive rowers [14]. <u>Furthermore</u>, Yimcharoen *et al.*, (2019)study reported the probability of improved antioxidant capacity in<del>at</del> healthy women <u>that</u> performed moderate intensity cycling, <u>reportedusing</u> supplementations <u>withcontaining</u> ascorbic acid improve antioxidant capacity (Yimcharoen et.al 2019).

<u>AnOne of the</u> important things inaspect of this study is the established fact that all subjectsparticipants consumed multivitamin B supplements (Vitamin-B1, B6, and B12) every daily during as the sport programming. Furthermore In this finding, these have also been identified as responsible for the change in SOD activity, which was is-categorized as high, although the intake of micronutrient intake iwas low, migh be caused the effect of this supplement. Ford *et al.*, provided evidence for the efficacy of high-dose B-group supplementation in reducing oxidative stress, and subsequently though increasing the affiliated oxidative metabolism. Since Therefore, the ease of tolerating antioxidant-rich foods is well tolerated and haveits impact on performance \_., it is supposed to ingested makes it aantioxidant rich foods preferred choice ratherover than supplements (Koivisto *et. al* 2018)

The <u>fact that the</u> study participants represent <u>theing</u> young and healthy elite athletes <u>might</u> determines the erythrocyte quality. <u>as its</u> <u>Erythrocyte</u> deformability is <u>highly</u> influenced by age. <u>Also, andthe</u> endurance rate of thein sport thattends to suggests the <u>capability of the</u> erythrocyte system <u>mayto</u> adapt to changing conditions, <u>such asincluding</u> adolescence, with the onset <u>effects</u> of sex hormones or physical exercise <u>effects</u> (Tomschi *et.al* 2018).

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#### Strength

To the best of our knowledge, tThis is the first study providingsupplying data on\_SOD1 among elite athletes running an intensive training program for a long time (one year). AlthoughIn addition, variations were identified the in the characteristics of each combat sport are different, especially in terms of on specific exercises, but the duration and frequency of training iswere similar each other, it-indicating means wthe controlled of these variables. Moreover, For most studies, it is tend to only focus and involved on athletes involved infrom one type of combat sport, in this study, but this current investigation entailed we recruitinged somea typesvariety, including of combat sports (karate, pencak silat, judo, and wrestling), in orderan order to provide a general give description about combat sport generally. Finally, we specifically measured erythrocyte SOD (SOD1) was specifically measured as an indicator of antioxidant capacity—at—combat sport athletes, which was—and\_further analyzed thein association with the intake of micronutrient—intake as antioxidants, including vitamin C, vitamin E, vitamin A and micro minerals (zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu)) required by the SOD enzyme, namely zine (Zn) and copper (which collectively Cu)serve as sources of antioxidants

#### Limitations.

Erythrocyte SOD levels <u>recordedin this study</u> w<u>asere</u> measured <u>only</u>once, exactly one year after <u>athletes havethe-inception of the</u>trained intensive training program, <u>and</u>. <u>Nno prior</u> data or information-<u>about\_was made available</u>these values before training. <u>IndeedTherefore</u>, <u>weit</u> <u>is\_can nnot\_possible to draw\_conclusionsded whetheron SOD1\_levels\_its\_</u>increase or declinerease. Moreover, the study only adopted SOD in the evaluation of antioxidant capacity in response to high intensity and <u>the</u>longtime training program-is not only SOD, <u>where</u> it is plausible to measure other<u>antioxidant</u> markers, <u>such asencompassing</u> glutathione peroxidase (GPx), and catalase (CAT), <u>based on</u>; <u>sincethe records from</u> previous stud<u>ies whichy</u> reported <u>a marked</u>the increase<u>ing</u> in the their individual concentrationsof SOD, CAT, GPx concentration in response to regular high intensity and or prolong duration exercise (Jemili *et.al* 2017, Braakhuis *et.al* 2013).

## Conclusions

This study involved young elite combat sport athletes that runparticipating in an intensive sport training program-, and it was established that Aall subjects hadd high erythrocyte SOD levels. A high intensity and long term exercise training program might be associated with high erythrocyte. SOD levels in combat sports athletes. In addition, Mmost subjects participants were observed to have not incorrectly applied yetthe sport-stipulated sport nutrition-correctly; encompassing the intake of macronutrient and micronutrients, intake is still which were lower than the recommendation. The This low-shortfall nutrient intake both macronutrient and micronutrient intake shouldought to be attract the attention by sport committee attention, therefore requiring theto invitation of e dietetics professionals as sport nutrition consultant, in an attempt to solve the nutrition-problem with diet. Furthermore, Fthere is a possibility for the total of-low intake to eould-cause depletion of in vitamin/mineral status, especially with vitamin C forin female athletes-, which is why-It is recommended for athletes-theto intake of food rich in antioxidants is highly recommended to maintain high antioxidant eapacity activity.

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