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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** To determine the impact of calcium and phosphorous supplementation via additional **midmorning snack** for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for **midmorning snack**. The **midmorning snack** menu was daily varied, and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth) and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was **541.8** calories (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA) and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.
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- **Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased the calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- **Other:** The **midmorning snack** that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to socialize about the importance of consuming high calcium **midmorning snack** to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium **midmorning snack** by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers don't use pocket money to buy **midmorning snack** that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in calcium, consisting of *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Keywords: Adolescent, **midmorning snack**, calcium, egg, milk, nutritional quality of food, stunting, phosphorous

1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall prevalence of stunting among children aged 13 to 15 years is 35.1 %. [1]. The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 12–23 years in Indonesia was 34.2 percent and 40.0 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) [2]. The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39 %, and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40 % [3]. Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by anatomical, physiological, and psychological changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. [4]. Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65 %) [5]. Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem [6]. Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy new-born are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development [6]. During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass is attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and amount and the risk of stunting in children aged 24 months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 days per week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) [7]. Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth [8]. In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken. [9]. Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood

can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight [10,11].

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorous deficiency, growth may be disrupted [12]. High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium [13]. Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg per 100 mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorous. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases [14]. Calcium deficiency would stifle growth [15]. Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation [16,17]. **In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below of the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA but the rate of phosphorous intake among the participants was sufficient.**

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available **midmorning snack** as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional **midmorning snack** affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 [18], and parent's willingness to participate in the study and sign the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria. [19].

The Lwanga and Lameshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples [20]. A value of $\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in formula [21]. Previous research statistical parameters (e.g. mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 [22]. Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of **midmorning snack** [23] and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020. **The nutrition intervention only for one month and not continued for up to 6 months because the corona virus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 which was conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; Furthermore, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020 all face-to-face learning activities in schools were stopped and turned into online learning.**

The **midmorning snack** menu was daily varied, and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth) and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The **midmorning snack** consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The **midmorning snack** are foods sold by vendors near the school compound. Division of meal time per day is divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provides around 20% of RDA, lunch is around 30% and dinner is around 20% of RDA; midmorning, afternoon, and evening snacks are approximately 10% of the RDA each [24]. The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 calories (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA) and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. given by the research team members. The **midmorning snack** was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and 2 members of the

health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed were recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. Similar process was repeated between at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there was any leftovers.

Requirement calculation of (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C, sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorous, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age [25]. **Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table [26].** Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained the nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people [27]. This means a sufficient nutritional level necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition, such as disorders due to iodium deficiency for iodium, xerofthalmia and night blindness for vitamin A and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRIs), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines used the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI), in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy is categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if $\geq 70\%$ of RDA; the protein adequacy is categorized as low when recorded at <80 and and sufficient if $\geq 80\%$ of RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy is categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if $\geq 50\%$ of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR)} = \frac{\text{Nutritional Intake}}{\text{Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)}} \times 100\%$$

Nutritional quality of the food intake is calculated based on Hardinsyah's formula [28]. It is categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at $\geq 70\%$ of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional quality of food (\%)} = \frac{(\text{NAR}_i)}{n}$$

NAR_i = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100)

n = The number nutrition that nutritional quality food

(energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10, sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorous: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved the teachers and parent's questionnaire regarding details for participant eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants, such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8:152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0:15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -2.0).

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorous adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant's height (r calcium =0.433**, r phosphorous =0.406*) (Table 2). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8 , 3.3:100.0%). The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about $\geq 50\%$ of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and considered inadequate if $< 50\%$ of the NAR [29].

Moreover, at the same time, calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively. For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively. Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study—was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with this study's findings [29].

The 2nd grade students of *SMP Negeri 2* in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml) which could decrease stunting events within 2 months ($p = 0.01$) [29]. Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children ($p < 0.05$) [9]. Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50–70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to 240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium—almost a third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, the milk consumption is very good for school age children [30]. Regularly consuming

milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs [31]. Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height, and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss [32].

Milk is considered as a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth [8]. Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids—can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix [32]. Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue [30]. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11–14 years in females. The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2\}$. Since calcium is the main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix [33].

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones [34]. Poor calcium intake in adolescents will cause growth and peak bone mass to be disrupted [35]. Optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively. A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty growth and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density [36]. In adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass [37].

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, that are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth, but affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and impaired heart muscle contraction power as well [33]. Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders [38]. Calcium deficiency can affect linear growth should bone calcium content be less than 50% [39]. Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body [40]. During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium [41].

The need for calcium and phosphor increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation

rapidly take place [14]. Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth [42].

Before this study was conducted, the primary sources of daily calcium intake were soup noodle, 298 mg (*soto*); pastel, 296 mg; chicken noodles, 262 mg; tofu, 223 mg; fritters, 204 mg; *pao* meat, 194 mg; tempeh, 155 mg; rice cake, 147 mg; and eclairs, 105 mg per 100 g of edible food. Calcium consumption from non-dairy sources hardly constituted the total daily calcium intake. The calcium content of the food is high per 100 g of edible food but the respondents consume it in small quantities so that it is not sufficient in accordance with the recommended dietary allowance (RDA). For example, one bowl of *soto* is consumed by all family members so that the respondent only consumes a few tablespoons. Foods that are good sources of calcium such as tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods [1]. Milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption [43]. Both the amount and frequency of milk consumption shows a noticeable relationship with the height of the child [16].

Moreover, both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17 years are related to height [8,16]. The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Children aged 1–12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) [34]. No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% like it at room temperature.

The monthly allowance received by the study participant on average was IDR 14,417 \pm 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 \pm 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Full Cream 115 mL milk pack is 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box is IDR 2,350 (USD\$ 0,16). A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk since before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT milk (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%) and Milo (2.7). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg which were digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg. Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting[44]. The type of purchased food depends on the family income level [45]. The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows

for the fulfilment of the nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family incomes correlate with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried egg, and 33.3% liked omelet. Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to reduce stunting ($p < 0.05$) [14]. Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% [13]. The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46].

The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption which fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46]. However, the frequent category information is missing from journal articles [46]. Egg consumption is 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years is 5 times / week [47].

Within the first ten months, participants had not received midmorning snack. When participants had not received midmorning snack, some participants consumed snacks. The types of snacks that participants consumed were soup noodles, pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao* meat, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of the various snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participant's area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000 which is considered very affordable. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers are able to provide their own. The first reason is that midmorning snack are sold around them. The second reason is the price of the low-priced midmorning snack. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snack. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snack that they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before

being given **midmorning snack**. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given **midmorning snack**. The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, who had been given **midmorning snack** for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming **midmorning snack** for 34 days. The height of participant control group is 143.6 ± 5.2 while the treatment group is 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average tendency (mean) increase in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 4— output paired t-test).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming **midmorning snack** and drinking milk increase calcium intake, but it also increased intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4:86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9:100.0) (Table 3). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

A total of 55.86% of elementary school children always have breakfast and have a normal nutritional status [47]. Breakfast has a long-term effect on nutritional status [48]. In Norway, the nutritional status of senior high school students improved after being given an intervention in the form of breakfast [49]. On the other hand, in developing countries, skipping breakfast is highly prevalent in the United States and Europe (10% to 30%) in Children and Adolescents [50].

Children who do not eat breakfast are deficient in micronutrients, resulting in poor physical health. [51]. Calcium, vitamin D, phosphorus and protein are essential nutrients in bone formation [52]. Children who have long-lasting deficiency of protein intake even though their energy intake is sufficient will experience stunted growth in height [53]. At school, children who do not have breakfast are prone to sickness, often skip, cannot concentrate on learning, and drop out of school [54].

Delaying breakfast can lead to morning malnutrition and increase the risk of general malnutrition [55]. Delaying breakfast can result in excessive food consumption during other mealtimes—especially dinner—resulting in obesity [56]. Skipping breakfast can put a person at risk of weight gain, as it will trigger excessive food consumption during the day [57].

Breakfast can affect the nutritional status of the child; children who usually skip breakfast are at a threefold risk of unhealthy eating habits as well as a difficulty controlling appetite, thus impacting the incidence of obesity [48]. It is part of a balanced nutritional fulfilment and can affect a person's daily mind-set and activity, especially in children during their-in-growth period namely children 0-5 years (children under five years) and adolescents [58].

It is recommended to incorporate balanced nutrition in breakfast, and meet 20%–25% of the total energy needs in before school study [59]. Breakfast should be able to meet 15–30% of the daily nutritional needs of adolescents [60]. Breakfast can also help balance metabolism, thus maintaining an ideal weight [7].

Breakfast is a morning activity that assists in meeting the body's energy needs to optimally perform daily activities; this is important for schoolchildren, as it can support the growth and development period as well as various school activities [61]. Breakfast promotes the prevention of hypoglycemia, stabilizes blood glucose levels, and prevents dehydration after sleep-related fasting [62]. Meeting the nutritional needs of schoolchildren is important to support their growth [63]. Breakfast constitutes food and beverage, lasting up to 9 AM [60].

The benefits of breakfast for schoolchildren include improving memory, concentration, reading ability, counting, improved stamina, and rare sickness [64]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast can have impaired learning concentration and drowsiness [65]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast will see an increase in blood sugar levels and either a decrease in physical condition or mental decline [66]. Snacking and rushing to school results in teenagers choosing not to spend enough time eating breakfast and even skipping breakfast [67].

Breakfast can trigger the short-term metabolism of fasting conditions (empty stomach time between dinner and the next meal) to supply nutrients to the central nervous system to perform cognitive functions. Long-term breakfast habits can affect the cognitive system [68].

Breakfast as an initial energy supplier, especially as a source of glucose energy for the brain, is highly recommended for everyone. Glucose is very involved in a person's cognitive memory (memory) mechanism. Glucose is a form of carbohydrate that is in the bloodstream to provide fuel for the brain. Neurons cannot store glucose so the brain depends on blood flow for energy [69].

Hawker food is the first digested food item for children who are not used to having breakfast; therefore, snacks become important. Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time [70]. The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast the individual will feel hungry again [71]. Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated [72]. Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or public places [73].

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature and quality of their snacking. Between-

meal eating contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished [74]. Many children do not have breakfast, as they choose snacking [75].

The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements [76]. Children who regularly have breakfast tend to present improved nutritional status than children who skip breakfast [77]. Consistent breakfast intake can improve nutritional status, regulate weight gain, and increase height in the long run [78]. Adolescents who consume breakfast regularly have a higher intake of carbohydrates, protein, and fiber and lower fat intake than those who do not [50]. Women with good breakfast quality have a relatively higher intake of micro nutrition [60]. While those who do not have breakfast can present Vitamin A, Vitamin B6, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, and Zinc deficiencies [79].

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n =3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurs. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to change 19.4% participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that, if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the intervention was extended to 6 months therefore $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because **midmorning snack** and milk are sold around them and the price is affordable by the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted they became aware of this and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, the design became pre-nutrition intervention and after nutrition intervention was given in the same school.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat *pao*, tempeh, rice cake and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their nutritional status. As a result, **midmorning snack** and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The breakfast menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The **midmorning snack** and a high-calcium milk intake increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as **midmorning snack** and high calcium milk must be eaten; however, it can be consumed at any time of day.

Providing intervention, such as **midmorning snack** and milk, may be an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48** (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 – 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55,6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)
Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0: 175.0)***	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* %(n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of **Midmorning Snack** Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)
<i>Gado-gado</i> & milk	552.0	21.5	20.5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30.5	65.8	428.0
<i>Batagor</i> & milk	419.5	23.4	20.4	40.5	474.8
<i>Lontong medan</i> & milk	646.9	27.4	23.9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11.5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11.8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33.1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21.7	70.3	487.4









Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.












Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			After Treatment (Experiment Class)		
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6:137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7:139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4:151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24:-1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8:153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15:-1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1:150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34:-1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4:153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10:-1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8 (143.5:154.9)	-2.4±0.3 (-2.87:-1.91)	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7 (144.2:155.2)	-2.3±0.3 (-2.75:-1.85)
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6:154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30:-1.40)	Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7:155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15:-1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Pair T-Test and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate						Paired Sample T-Test of Nutritional Adequacy Rate		
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)		Paired Sample
			(r value)	(p value)		(r value)	(p value)	No Intervention (April 29 th , 2019)	After Intervention (March 11 th , 2020)	
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	-0.037	0.832	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	0.143
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.069	0.687	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.147
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.051	0.769	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.309
4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	0.104	0.547	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.009	0.959	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.004**
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	0.202	0.238	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.028	0.873	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.676
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	0.142	0.408	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.000	0.999	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.000**
7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	0.277	0.101	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	-0.048	0.781	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	0.000**
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	0.209	0.222	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	-0.025	0.884	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	0.000**
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7	0.166	0.333	78.2±20.5	0.145	0.400	61.9±22.7	78.2±20.5	0.002**

		(25.0:100.0)			(38.5:100.0)			(25.0:100.0)	(38.5:100.0)	
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	0.169	0.324	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.029	0.866	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.048*
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	0.291	0.086	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.058	0.738	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.000**
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0)**	0.433	0.008	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.071	0.680	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0)	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.000**
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	0.100	0.561	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.133	0.440	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.000**
14	Phosphorous	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)*	0.406	0.014	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.123	0.476	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.000**
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	0.110	0.524	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.093	0.590	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.001**
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	0.208	0.233	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.062	0.719	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.001**
	Nutritional quality of food	52.7±15.5 (28.4: 86.3)*	0.281	0.027	84.8±20.3 (30.9: 100.0)	0.062	0.720	52.7±15.5 (28.4: 86.3)	84.8±20.3 (30.9: 100.0)	0.001**

DAY	TIME		
	07:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MONDAY			
	Milk	Gado-Gado + Milk	Milk
TUESDAY			
	Milk	Fried Vermicelli + Milk	Milk
WEDNESDAY			
	Milk	Batagor + Milk	Milk

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	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Lontong Medan + Milk</p>		<p>Milk</p>
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	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Sandwich + Milk</p>		<p>Milk</p>
<p>SATURDAY</p>	 <p>INDOMILK® KIDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Tinggi Protein & Vitamin Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>	 <p>A white styrofoam tray containing a bowl of chicken porridge (soto ayam) with shredded chicken, rice, and vegetables.</p>	 <p>INDOMILK® KIDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Tinggi Protein & Vitamin Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>	 <p>INDOMILK® KIDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Tinggi Protein & Vitamin Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>
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Address: Jl. Melur 103 Pekanbaru, Indonesia
Postal Code: 28122
Payment Method: Bank Transfer

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon

Thanks in advance
Sincerely
Aslis WH

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Aslis Wirda Hayati <aslis@pkr.ac.id> to Current | Aug 25, 2021, 8:12 AM

Thank you for your response. What a relief.
I will send the manuscript to the language service team right away.

sincerely
Aslis WH

Aslis Wirda Hayati <aslis@pkr.ac.id> to Current | Sep 14, 2021, 6:58 AM

Dear Editorial Team,
I have finished my revisions according to utilizing the English Language Correction Service provided by your board (file attached)

Thanks in advance.
Sincerely,

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Aslis Wirda Hayati <aslis@pkr.ac.id> to Hira

Aug 31, 2021, 9:13 AM

Hello, Hira Irfan

Have you checked the account after I transferred the exact amount of services to the account of your choice on Thursday 26 August 2021?

Sincerely

Aslis WH

3 Attachments • Scanned by Gmail

- Attachment 1: [Image]
- Attachment 2: [Image]
- Attachment 3: Invoice.pdf

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Validasi :

Tanggal/ Date : 26 Agustus 2021

Formulir Kiriman Uang

Remittance Application

Penerima/Beneficiary Penduduk/ Resident Bukan Penduduk/ Non Resident

Perorangan/Personal Perusahaan/Company

Pemerintah/Government Remittance

Nama/Name : Bentham Science Publishers LTD.(FZE)

Alamat/Address :

Telepon/Phone :

Kota/City : Negara/Country :

Bank Penerima/Beneficiary Bank : National Bank of Fujairah PJX

Kota/City : Negara/Country :

No. Rek./Acc. No. : 012001225454

Pengirim/Remitter Penduduk/ Resident Bukan Penduduk/ Non Resident

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Pemerintah/Government Remittance

Nama/Name : ALIS WIRDA HAYATI

Nama Alias/Alias Name :

No. ID : 0301934417

(KTP/SIM/Passport/KITAS)

Alamat/Address :

Telepon/Phone : 0818106440

Kota/City : Negara/Country :

Jenis Pengiriman/ Type of Transfer LLG/Clearing Draft NIBFUAE A FDxB RTGS SWIFT

Sumber Dana/ Source of fund Tunai/Cash Cek/BG No. Debit Rek./Debit Acc. No. 0301934417

Mata Uang/Currency : IDR USD

Jumlah Dana yang dikirim/Amount Transfer :

Jumlah/Amount	Kurs/Rate	Nilai/Total Amount
US\$ 161.00		

Biaya/Charge	Valas/Amount in Foreign Exchange	Kurs/Amount	Nilai/Total Amount

Komisi/Commission Pengiriman/Handling Bank Koresponden/Correspondent Bank

Jumlah Biaya/Amount Charge : Total yang dibayarkan/Total Amount :

Terbilang/Amount in Words : Seratus enam puluh satu dolar Amerika

Tujuan Transaksi (Transaction Purpose) : Pembayaran editing bahasa

Berita (Message) : Article 2155: The Benefits of Midmorning snack to Combat stunting.

Biaya dari Bank koresponden dibebankan ke rekening/ Correspondent bank charges are for account of: Penerima/Beneficiary Pengirim/Remitter Sharing



Pejabat Bank/Bank Officer Teller

Pemohon/Applicant

Saya menyetujui sepenuhnya syarat-syarat yang tercantum pada halaman belakang formulir ini / I unconditionally accept all the terms and conditions on the reverse form.

Sah jika ada cetak-an data komputer atau tanda tangan yang beresamang/The applicant form will be valid if there is a computerized validation or the authorized signature.
 * Transaksi oleh Walk in Customer (WIC) di atas Rp 100 juta atau nilai yang setara dengan itu wajib mengisi form PPM (KYC)/Transaction by Walk in Customer amounting exceeds Rp 100,000,000 (one hundred million rupiah) or equivalent value must fill in the PPM (KYC) Form.
 * Transaksi oleh bukan penduduk di atas USD 10,000 atau ekuivalen wajib mengisi Form LLDI/Transactional by non-resident amounting over US \$ 10,000 or its equivalent must fill in LLDI Form.

PT. BANK NEGARA INDONESIA (Persero), Tbk
CABANG : PEKANBARU

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Dear Sir

Re: Copyright assignment and publishing agreement - BENTHAM SCIENCE Subscription Journals

Please find attached a copy of Bentham Science Publishers Ltd's ("Bentham Science") Subscription Journal Publication Terms & Conditions, along with Schedules related to the subject copyright work (the "Work"), namely:

TITLE OF WORK:

The Benefits of Midmorning Snack to Combat Stunting: A Longitudinal Panel Study in the Riau Province of Indonesia

I am the Principal / Corresponding Author of the Work, and my contact details are found in the signature block below. In order to submit the Work for publication with Bentham Science, I understand that:

- it is necessary to complete and submit this Copyright Letter, along with the Subscription Journal Publication Terms & Conditions and the attached Schedules;
- this Copyright Letter, along with the Subscription Journal Publication Terms & Conditions and the attached Schedules, together comprise the copyright assignment and publishing agreement between myself and Bentham Science relating to the Work; and
- while primarily contemplating publication in Bentham Science subscription journal/s, this documentation also allows me to select an option ("Open Access Plus") and pay an associated fee to have the Work published on an open access basis.

Name: Aslis Wirda Hayati

Principal / Corresponding Author of the Work ("Assignor")

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Telephone: +62818106440

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Email: aslis@pkr.ac.id

BACKGROUND

1.1. The “Work” is the research article, review article, letter, clinical trial study, report, article, or other copyright work, as identified in the Copyright Letter and further detailed in Schedule 1: Details of the Work (including such form of the copyright work submitted to Bentham Science for publication pursuant to clause 4, below), but excluding (except where context otherwise requires) any diagrams, figures or illustration specifically identified to Bentham Science pursuant to clause 3.2, below.

1.2. Bentham Science and the Assignor agree that these Subscription Journal Publication Terms & Conditions, along with the details set-out in the Copyright Letter and in the Schedules, comprise the agreement between the parties relating to Work (the “Agreement”).

2. AUTHORS

2.1. The individual/s identified in Schedule 2: Authors are the authors of the Work (“Author/s”). The Assignor represents and warrants that he or she has full right and power to enter into this Agreement, and (where the Assignor is not the sole author) that the Author/s of the Work consent and agree to the terms of this Agreement and have irrevocably granted all rights in the Work to the Assignor for assignment to Bentham Science in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Upon request from Bentham Science, the Assignor shall at his/her own expense provide written evidence of the same to Bentham Science.

2.2. The Assignor represents and warrants that the Author/s have, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, waived or undertaken to refrain from enforcing against Bentham Science, their moral rights in the Work. Upon request from Bentham Science, the Assignor shall at his/her own expense provide written evidence of the same to Bentham Science

3. COPYRIGHT ASSIGNMENT

3.1. Subject to clause 3.2, in consideration of the mutual undertakings contained herein, the Assignor hereby assigns to Bentham Science absolutely with full title guarantee the following rights throughout the world:

- (a) the entire copyright and all other rights in the nature of copyright subsisting in the Work and in all preliminary drafts or earlier versions of the Work;
- (b) all other rights in the Work of whatever nature (but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any intellectual property rights in any theory, apparatus or invention expressed in the Work), whether now known or created in the future, to which the Assignor is now, or at any time after the date of this Agreement may be, entitled by virtue of the laws in force in any part of the world; and
- (c) all rights in and to all physical and digital materials of any kind which embody the Work in whole or in part;

together with all related rights and powers arising or accrued, including the right to bring, make, oppose, defend, appeal and obtain relief (and to retain any damages recovered) in respect of any infringement, or any other cause of action arising from ownership, of any of these assigned rights, whether occurring before, on, or after the date of this Agreement.

3.2. To the extent that copyright in any of the diagrams, illustrations or figures incorporated into the Work does not belong to the Assignor, the Assignor undertakes to specifically identify such diagrams, illustrations or figures to Bentham Science, and to procure (and warrants that it has procured) for Bentham Science such rights as will enable Bentham Science to use (without limitation) such diagrams, illustrations and figures, without restriction, in the course of publishing the Work. Where context requires, references to “Work” in this Agreement shall include references to such diagrams, illustrations or figures.

3.3. Bentham Science may charge, assign and/or license the benefit of this Agreement in whole or in part, including (without limitation) any and all rights assigned to Bentham Science hereunder, and the benefit of any representations, warranties, indemnities and undertakings of the Assignor, to any third party.

4. DELIVERY AND PUBLISHING

4.1. Bentham Science offers publishing via a variety of methods. The parties agree that, at a minimum, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Work shall be published in the subscription journal specified, in Schedule 3: Publishing. Additionally, if so specified in the space provided in Schedule 3: Publishing in respect of “Open Access Plus”, and subject to the commercial terms specified therein and the other terms of this Agreement, the Work shall be made available, by Bentham Science, on an open access basis under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public License (CC-BY 4.0), a copy of which is available at:

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4.2. The Assignor may, if so specified in the space provided in Schedule 1: Details of the Work, opt to have Bentham Science, or its third party contractor, provide a short animated video summarising the salient aspects of the Work, on the basis that all rights, title and interest in such short animated video shall become part of the Work for the purposes of this Agreement. The provision of such service by Bentham Science or its third party contractor shall be subject to the prevailing terms and rates relating to such service. Such animated video shall be made available, by Bentham Science, on an open access basis under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public License (CC-BY-NC-ND 4.0), a copy of which is available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>, and Bentham Science shall retain all rights to exploit the video commercially.

4.3. The Assignor undertakes to provide to Bentham Science, by the deadline specified in Schedule 1: Details of the Work (the “Submission Deadline”), an electronic copy of the Work in a high-quality, professionally prepared, production-ready format. The Assignor undertakes to ensure that all pages of the Work so submitted have been proof-read carefully, and that all diagrams, illustrations, figures and captions, are of excellent quality, with regard to both substance and form.

4.4. The Assignor represents and warrants that the Work has been prepared in accordance with the relevant Guidelines, and checked for all possible linguistic inconsistencies and errors, including grammar, style and typography, by someone with a high command of the English language and familiarity with academic writing in the English language. ("Guidelines" means the Instructions to Authors available on the Bentham Science website, as well as the Aims & Scope applicable to the relevant Bentham Science publication). Bentham Science's nominated service provider, Eureka Science, offers English language support services which Assignor may elect to utilise in respect of the Work by completing the applicable box in Schedule 1: Details of the Work. The provision of such services by Eureka Science shall be subject to Eureka Science's prevailing terms and rates relating to such type of optional support.

4.5. In the space provided in Schedule 1: Details of the Work, the Assignor shall disclose whether or not the Work reports experiments involving humans or animals.

4.6. Bentham Science shall be entitled to carry-out such minor amendments or adjustments to the Work as it considers necessary in order to ensure conformity with Bentham Science's production and presentation requirements. If Bentham Science notifies the Assignor that the Work requires amendments or adjustments beyond what Bentham Science considers to be minor, then the Assignor may opt to either: i. address such issues directly (within a reasonable timeframe specified by Bentham Science), or ii. instruct Bentham Science to address such issues. If the Assignor instructs Bentham Science to address the issues, Bentham Science's terms and rates relating to this type of optional support shall apply, and Bentham Science shall confirm the likely costs to the Assignor before commencing any such work.

4.7. For quality monitoring purposes, Bentham Science will seek a review of the Work by specialists familiar with the subject matter. The Assignor acknowledges and agrees that acceptance of the Work by Bentham Science and publication of the same shall be subject to positive peer review by independent referees. Bentham Science may consult such referees as it considers appropriate, including referees identified by reference to publication records, recommendations of editorial board members, or otherwise.

4.8. Nothing in this Agreement shall restrict Bentham Science, as assignee of the copyright in the Work, from publishing and marketing the Work in any manner (including via third parties such as third party aggregators). Bentham Science reserves the right to refrain from publishing the Work, or to withdraw the Work from circulation following publication, at its own discretion. Without limitation, Bentham Science may exercise this right if it determines that the Work contains language errors that exceed 5% or more of the total Work (based on total word count), if the work fails to conform with Bentham Science's production and presentation requirements, if the work attracts undesirable or negative publicity that Bentham considers may impact on the reputations of the Author/s or Bentham Science, and/or for its own commercial reasons.

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By signing the Copyright Letter the authors retain the rights of self-archiving. Following are the important features of self-archiving policy of Bentham Science journals:

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6. CONFLICTS

The Assignor shall disclose, in Schedule 1: Details of the Work, details relating to all actual or potential conflicts of interest relating to the Work, and all financial contributions relevant to the Work and its publication pursuant to this Agreement. If requested by Bentham Science, the Assignor shall provide Bentham Science with any further information it may request in respect of such matters.

7. WARRANTIES

The Assignor warrants and undertakes that, as at the date of this Agreement:

- a) the Work does not contain any plagiarism; the Work is the original work of the Author/s, and has not been copied wholly or substantially from any other work or material or any other source. the Work does not contain any plagiarism; the Work is the original work of the Author/s, and has not been copied wholly or substantially from any other work or material or any other source. Bentham Science Publishers uses the iThenticate software to detect instances of overlapping and similar text in submitted manuscripts. iThenticate software checks content against a database of periodicals, the Internet, and a comprehensive article database.
- b) the Assignor is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the rights purported to be assigned pursuant to this Agreement, and (if applicable) the Assignor has obtained any and all necessary assignments or other permissions from co-authors and/or employers to ensure that the Assignor is able to comply with its obligations and to assign the rights purported to be assigned pursuant to this Agreement
- c) the Assignor is exclusively entitled to give all warranties, indemnities, assurances, confirmations, waivers and agreements set out in this Agreement
- d) the Work has not been published by any third party, or submitted to any third party for consideration for publication, and will not be published by any third party or submitted to any third party for consideration by or on behalf of the Assignor or any of the Author/s;
- e) once the Work has been submitted to Bentham Science for publication in accordance with clause 4, the Assignor will not attempt to withdraw the Work from publication;
- f) the Assignor has not assigned or granted to any third party any of the rights assigned or granted pursuant to this Agreement;
- g) the exploitation of the rights assigned or granted by this Agreement will not infringe the rights of any third party, including without limitation, any third party intellectual property rights and any rights to register the same;
- h) the Assignor is unaware of any infringement, or likely infringement, of any of the rights assigned or granted pursuant to this Agreement;
- i) the rights assigned by this Agreement are free from any security interest, option, mortgage, charge or lien;
- j) the Work is factually accurate and contains no matter which is scandalous, libellous, unlawful, or otherwise actionable;
- k) there are no actual or potential conflicts of interest, except as specified in Schedule 1: Details of the Work;
- l) there has been no financial contribution to the Work, except as specified in Schedule 1: Details of the Work; and
- m) there have been no experiments involving humans or animals, except as specified in Schedule 1: Details of the Work.

8. INDEMNITIES

8.1. The Assignor shall indemnify Bentham Science against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal costs (calculated on a full indemnity basis) and all other professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by Bentham Science arising out of or in connection with:

- (a) any breach by the Assignor of any of the warranties contained in clause 7; and
- (b) the enforcement of this Agreement.

8.2. At the request of Bentham Science, and at the Assignor's own expense, the Assignor shall provide all reasonable assistance to enable Bentham Science to resist any claim, action or proceedings brought against Bentham Science as a consequence of any breach by the Assignor of the warranties contained in clause 7. This indemnity shall apply whether or not Bentham Science has been negligent or at fault.

9. FURTHER ASSURANCE

9.1. At its own expense the Assignor shall, and shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that any necessary third party shall, promptly execute such documents and perform such acts as may reasonably be required for the purpose of giving full effect to this Agreement, including assisting Bentham Science in perfecting title, defending and enforcing the copyright or any other rights granted to Bentham Science pursuant to this Agreement, and assisting with any other proceedings which may be brought by or against Bentham Science against or by any third party relating to the rights assigned by this Agreement.

9.2. The Assignor irrevocably appoints Bentham Science to be its attorney in its name and on its behalf to execute documents, use the Assignor's name and do all things which are necessary or desirable for Bentham Science to obtain for itself or its nominee the full benefit of this Agreement. This power of attorney is irrevocable as long as any of the Assignor's obligations under this Agreement remain undischarged. The attorney may, in any way it thinks fit and in the name and on behalf of the Assignor:

- (a) take any action that this Agreement requires the Assignor to take;
- (b) exercise any rights which this Agreement gives to the Assignor; and
- (c) appoint and remove one or more substitute attorneys with full power as the Assignor's attorney on terms that the attorney thinks fit.

The Assignor must ratify and confirm everything that the attorney and any substitute attorney does or arranges using the powers granted under this clause.

10. BENTHAM SCIENCE - PRIVACY POLICY

Bentham Science Publishers Ltd. is committed to respecting your privacy. Please visit our privacy policy at <https://benthamscience.com/privacy-policy.php>. We describe how we collect and use your information, and the rights you have in relation to such information. We are the data controller of the personal data you provide to us for processing in accordance with this privacy notice.

11. GENERAL TERMS

11.1. Entire agreement: This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter. Each party agrees that it shall have no remedies in respect of any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that are not set out in this Agreement. Each party agrees that it shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this Agreement.

11.2. Confidentiality: Each party undertakes that it will not at any time hereafter use, divulge or communicate to any person, except to its professional representatives or advisers or as may be required by law or any legal or regulatory authority, any confidential information concerning the business or affairs of the other party which may have or may in future come to its knowledge and each of the parties shall use its reasonable endeavours to prevent the publication or disclosure of any confidential information concerning such matters.

11.3. Waiver: No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

11.4. Variation: No variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the parties (or their authorised representatives).

11.5. Severance: If any provision or part-provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this Agreement. If any provision or part-provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend such provision so that, as amended, it is legal, valid and enforceable, and, to the greatest extent possible, achieves the intended commercial result of the original provision.

11.6. Governing law and jurisdiction: This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the Dubai International Financial Centre. Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

I (Aslis Wirda Hayati , Poltekkes Kemenkes Riau, Nutrition , Jl. Melur 103 , +62818106440 , aslis@pkr.ac.id) agreed to the terms and conditions laid down in copyright letter.

SCHEDULE 1: DETAILS OF THE WORK

TITLE OF WORK:

The Benefits of Midmorning Snack to Combat Stunting: A Longitudinal Panel Study in the Riau Province of Indonesia

TYPE OF WORK:

Research Article

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to socialize about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snack to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snack by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers don't use pocket money to buy midmorning snack that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in calcium, consisting of soto (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Is the Work likely to be of particular interest to pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies?

NO

If Yes, provide details of the company that you believe will be interested in your submission, together with a brief summary of why you think this will be of interest.

DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

1. Does the Work report experiments involving human subjects?

NO

• If Yes, were the reported experiments in accordance with the ethical standards of the committee responsible for human experimentation (institutional and national), and with the *Helsinki Declaration* of 1975, as revised in 2013 (<http://ethics.iit.edu/ecodes/node/3931>)?

NO

(If Yes, the Assignor must submit a copy of the approval and consent-to-disclose form to Bentham Science Publishers by fax or email.) Please state whether Ethical Approval was given, by whom and the relevant Judgement's reference number.

(If No, the Assignor must mention an institutional or regional guideline.)

2. Does the Work report experiments involving animals?

NO

• If Yes, were the reported experiments in accordance with the standards set forth in **one of below national guidelines and regulations:**

- The US National Research Council's "[Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.](#)"
- The US Public Health Service's "[Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.](#)" and "[Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.](#)"
- UK : the [Animals \(Scientific Procedures\) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations \(SI 2012/3039\)](#).

NO

(If Yes, the Assignor must submit a copy of the approval to Bentham Science Publishers by fax or email and please also state whether Ethical Approval was given, by whom and the relevant Judgement's reference number.)

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest arise when authors, reviewers, or editors have interests (such as financial or personal interests) that are not made clear and that may influence their judgment on the content of their work. Authors and editors who submit work for publication with Bentham Science are required to disclose and acknowledge all forms of financial support relating to the work to be published, all commercial or financial involvement that might present an appearance of a conflict of interest in respect of the work, and all agreements relating to sponsorship of any research upon which the work is based.

Are there any actual, or potential, conflicts of interest?

NO

If Yes, details of the actual or potential conflicts of interest must be set-out in the spaces provided below.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

DISCLOSURE REGARDING THIRD PARTY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

LANGUAGE AND EDITING:

Does Assignor require assistance in having the English grammar and style of the Work checked and improved by Bentham Science?

NO

If Yes, Bentham Science will provide a quote for this.

US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES / CONTRACTORS:

1. Was any Author a US government employee when the Work was created?

NO

(If Yes, the relevant Author/s must each execute and submit to Bentham Science, using Bentham Science's form letter, the supplemental terms applicable to the Author.)

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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine the impact of calcium and phosphorous supplementation via additional midmorning snacks for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for midmorning snack. The midmorning snack menu was daily varied, and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled

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egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 calories (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.

- Results:** The participants' mean height-for-age Z-score before and after the nutritional intervention was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -2.0) and -2.3 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -1.2), respectively. After the intervention, the rate of stunting was reduced up to 19.4%; the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below of the recommended dietary allowance— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %; the rate of phosphorous intake among the participants was sufficient. The rate of calcium intake after the nutritional intervention was 59.1 ± 19.0 (15.5: 100.0) % ~~due to which so that~~ the nutritional quality of food before the intervention was still lacking, namely 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4: 86.3) after the nutrition intervention increased to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9: 100.0); (r value = 0.43; p value = 0.01).
- Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased the calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- Other:** The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to create awareness socialize about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snacks to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snacks by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers do not use pocket money to buy midmorning snacks that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of

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snacks that are low in calcium, consisting of *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Keywords: Adolescent, midmorning snack, calcium, egg, milk, nutritional quality of food, stunting, phosphorous

1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall prevalence of stunting among children aged 13 to 15 years is 35.1 %. [1]. The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 12–23 years in Indonesia was 34.2 percent and 40.0 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) [2]. The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39 %, and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40 % [3]. Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by anatomical, physiological, and psychological changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. [4]. Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65 %) [5]. Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem [6]. Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy new-born, are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development [6]. During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass is attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and the amount and the risk of stunting in children aged 24 months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 times days per a week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) [7]. Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth [8]. In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken. [9]. Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight [10,11].

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorous deficiency, growth may be disrupted [12]. High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium [13]. Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg per 100 mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorous. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases [14]. Calcium deficiency would

stifle growth [15]. Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation [16,17]. In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below of the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA, but the rate of phosphorous intake among the participants was sufficient.

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available midmorning snack as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional midmorning snacks affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 [18]; and pParent-s' willingness to participate in the study was obtained and they signed the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria. [19].

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The Lwanga and Lameeshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples [20]. A value of $\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in the formula [21]. Previous research statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following the screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating, as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 [22]. Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of midmorning snacks [23] and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020. The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continued for up to 6 months because the corona virus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as which was conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia;

Furthermore, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which all face-to-face learning activities in schools were stopped and turned into online learning was administered.

The midmorning snack menu was daily varied, and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The midmorning snacks consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The midmorning snacks are foods sold by vendors near the school-compound. Division of meal time per day is Meals per day were divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner, and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provides around 20% of RDA, lunch is around 30%, and dinner is around 20% of RDA; midmorning,

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afternoon, and evening snacks ~~were~~ ~~are~~ approximately 10% of the RDA each [24]. The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 calories (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., given by the research team members. The midmorning snack was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and 2 members of the health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed ~~were~~ ~~was~~ recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. ~~Similar-A~~ ~~similar~~ process was repeated between ~~at~~ 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there ~~was~~ ~~were~~ any leftovers.

Requirement calculation ~~of~~ (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C, sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorous, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age [25]. Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table [26]. Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained ~~the~~ nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people [27]. This means ~~that~~ a sufficient nutritional level ~~is~~ necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition, such as disorders due to iodine deficiency for iodine, xerophthalmia and night blindness for vitamin A, and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size, and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada, NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRI), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines ~~used~~ the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI) ~~is used~~, ~~and~~ in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy ~~was~~ ~~is~~

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categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if ≥70% of RDA; the protein adequacy was is categorized as low when recorded at <80 and and sufficient if ≥80% of RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy was is categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if ≥50% of RDA.

such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8:152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0:15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -2.0).

Nutritional Intake

Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) = ----- x100%

Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)

Nutritional The nutritional quality of the food intake was is calculated based on Hardinsyah’s formula [28]. It was is categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at ≥70% of RDA.

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorous adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant’s height (r calcium =0.433**, r phosphorous =0.406*) (Table 2). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8, 3.3:100.0%). The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about ≥50% of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and is considered inadequate if <50% of the NAR [29].

Nutritional quality of food (%) = (NARi) / n

NARi = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100) n = The number of nutrition, and the that nutritional quality of food (energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10, sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorous: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved the teacher’s and parent’s questionnaire regarding details of for participants’ eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants,

Moreover, at the same time, the calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively.

For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively. Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study— was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with our this study’s findings [29].

The 2nd grade students of SMP Negeri 2 in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi

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Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml), which could decrease stunting events within 2 months ($p = 0.01$) [29]. Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children ($p < 0.05$) [9]. Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50–70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to 240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium—almost ~~one a~~ third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, ~~the~~ milk consumption is very ~~beneficial~~ ~~good~~ for school aged children [30]. Regularly consuming milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs [31]. Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height, and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss [32].

Milk is considered ~~as~~ a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth [8]. Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids—can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix [32]. Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue [30]. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11–14 years in females. The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft

and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3Ca_3(PO_4)_2Ca(OH)_2\}$. Since calcium is the main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix [33].

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones [34]. Poor calcium intake in adolescents ~~can will cause~~ ~~disrupt~~ growth and peak bone mass ~~to be disrupted~~ [35]. Optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively. A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty ~~growth~~ and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density [36]. In adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass [37].

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, ~~that~~ ~~which~~ are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth, but affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and ~~impairsed~~ heart muscle contraction power as well [33]. Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone

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structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders [38]. Calcium deficiency can affect linear growth should bone calcium content be less than 50% [39]. Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body [40]. During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium [41].

The need for calcium and phosphor increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation rapidly take place [14]. Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth [42].

Before this study was conducted, the primary sources of daily calcium intake were soup noodle, 298 mg (*soto*); pastel, 296 mg; chicken noodles, 262 mg; tofu, 223 mg; fritters, 204 mg; *pao* meat, 194 mg; tempeh, 155 mg; rice cake, 147 mg; and eclairs, 105 mg per 100 g of edible food. Calcium consumption from non-dairy sources hardly constituted the total daily calcium intake. The calcium content of the food was high per 100 g of edible food, but the respondents consumed it in

small quantities, due to which so that it was not sufficient and in accordance with the recommended dietary allowance (RDA). For example, one bowl of *soto* is consumed by all family members so that the respondent only consumes a few tablespoons. Foods that are good sources of calcium, such as tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables, contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods [1]. Milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption [43]. Both the amount and frequency of milk consumption show a noticeable relationship with the height of the child [16].

Moreover, both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17 years are related to height [8,16]. The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Children aged 1–12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) [34]. No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% liked it at room temperature.

The monthly allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 ± 6,420 (USD\$ 1.03 ± 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Full Cream 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was

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IDR 2,350 (USD\$ 0,16). A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk ~~even since~~ before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT milk (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%), and Milo (2.7). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg ~~of calcium which were that~~ ~~was~~-digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg. Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting[44]. The type of purchased food depends on the family ~~s~~ income level [45]. The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows ~~for~~ the fulfilment of the nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family income ~~s~~ correlate ~~s~~ with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried egg ~~s~~, and 33.3% liked omelets ~~s~~. Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to ~~reduce-reducing~~ stunting ($p < 0.05$) [14]. Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% [13]. The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of

stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46].

~~The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption which fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46].~~

However, the frequent category information ~~was is~~ missing ~~in from~~ journal articles [46]. Egg consumption ~~was is~~ 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years ~~was is~~ 5 times / week [47].

Within the first ten months, participants had not received midmorning snack ~~s~~. When participants had not received midmorning snack ~~s~~, some participants consumed snacks ~~themselves~~. The types of snacks that participants consumed were soup noodles, pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, ~~pao~~ meat, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of the ~~se-various~~ snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participant~~s~~'s area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000, which is considered very affordable. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

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Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers are able to can provide for their own. The first reason is that midmorning snacks are sold around them. The second reason is the price of the low priced midmorning snacks. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snacks. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snacks that they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before being given a midmorning snack. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given midmorning snacks. The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, who which had been given midmorning snacks for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming midmorning snacks for 34 days. The height of the participants of the control group was 143.6 ± 5.2 while of the treatment group was 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average increase tendency (mean)

increase in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 4– output paired t-test).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming midmorning snacks and drinking milk increase calcium intake, but it also increased the intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4:86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9:100.0) (Table 3). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

A total of 55.86% of elementary school children always have breakfast and have a normal nutritional status [47]. Breakfast has a long-term effect on nutritional status [48]. In Norway, the nutritional status of senior high school students improved after being given an intervention in the form of breakfast [49]. On the other hand, in developing countries, skipping breakfast is highly prevalent in the United States and Europe (10% to 30%) in Children and Adolescents [50].

Children who do not eat breakfast are deficient in micronutrients, resulting in poor physical health. [51]. Calcium, vitamin D, phosphorus, and protein are essential nutrients in bone formation [52]. Children who have a long-lasting deficiency of protein intake, even though their energy intake is sufficient, will experience stunted growth in height [53]. At school, children who do not have breakfast

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are prone to sickness, often skip, cannot concentrate on learning, and drop out of school [54].

Delaying breakfast can lead to morning malnutrition and increase the risk of general malnutrition [55]. Delaying breakfast can result in excessive food consumption during other mealtimes—especially dinner—resulting in obesity [56]. Skipping breakfast can put a person at risk of weight gain, as it will trigger excessive food consumption during the day [57].

Breakfast can affect the nutritional status of the child; children who usually skip breakfast are at a threefold risk of unhealthy eating habits as well as difficulty controlling appetite, thus impacting the incidence of obesity [48]. It is part of a balanced nutritional fulfilment and can affect a person's daily mind-set and activity, especially in children during their-in-growth period, namely children 0-5 years (children under five years) and adolescents [58].

It is recommended to incorporate balanced nutrition in breakfast, and meet 20%–25% of the total energy needs ~~in before school study~~ [59]. Breakfast should be able to meet 15–30% of the daily nutritional needs of adolescents [60]. Breakfast can also help balance metabolism, thus maintaining an ideal weight [7].

Breakfast is a morning activity that assists in meeting the body's energy needs to optimally perform daily activities; this is important for schoolchildren, as it can support the growth and

development period as well as various school activities [61]. Breakfast promotes the prevention of hypoglycemia, stabilizes blood glucose levels, and prevents dehydration after sleep-related fasting [62]. Meeting the nutritional needs of schoolchildren is important to support their growth [63]. Breakfast constitutes food and beverage, lasting up to 9 AM [60].

The benefits of breakfast for schoolchildren include improving memory, concentration, reading ability, counting, improved stamina, and rare sickness [64]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast can have impaired learning concentration and drowsiness [65]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast will see an increase in blood sugar levels and either a decrease in physical condition or mental decline [66]. Snacking and rushing to school results in teenagers choosing not to spend enough time eating breakfast and even skipping breakfast [67].

Breakfast can trigger the short-term metabolism of fasting conditions (empty stomach time between dinner and the next meal) to supply nutrients to the central nervous system ~~for~~ ~~to~~ ~~performing~~ cognitive functions. Long-term breakfast habits can affect the cognitive system [68].

Breakfast as an initial energy supplier, especially as a source of glucose energy for the brain, is highly recommended for everyone. Glucose is very involved in a person's cognitive memory (memory) mechanism. Glucose is a form

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of carbohydrate that is in the bloodstream to provide fuel for the brain. Neurons cannot store glucose, so the brain depends on blood flow for energy [69].

Hawker food is the first digested food item for children who are not used to having breakfast; therefore, snacks become important. Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time [70]. The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast, the individual will feel hungry again [71]. Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated [72]. Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or in public places [73].

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature, and quality of their snacking. Between-meal eating contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished [74]. Many children do not have breakfast, as they choose snacking [75].

The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements [76]. Children who regularly have breakfast tend to present improved nutritional status than children who skip breakfast [77]. Consistent breakfast intake can improve nutritional status, regulate weight gain, and increase height in the long run [78]. Adolescents who consume breakfast regularly have a higher intake of carbohydrates, protein, and fiber and a lower fat intake than those who do not [50]. Women with good breakfast quality have a relatively higher intake of micro nutrition [60]. While in contrast, those who do not have breakfast can present Vitamin A, Vitamin B6, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, and Zinc deficiencies [79].

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n =3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurs. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to change 19.4% of participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that, if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month, the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the

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intervention was extended to 6 months, **therefore** $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because midmorning snacks and milk are sold around them, and the price is affordable **and can be purchased by** **with** the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted, they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much, and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted, they became aware of **this** and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, ~~the design became pre-nutrition intervention and post after nutrition intervention were was~~ given in the same school.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their

nutritional status. As a result, midmorning snacks and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The breakfast menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The midmorning snack and a high-calcium milk intake increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as midmorning snacks and high calcium milk must be eaten; however, ~~it~~ **they** can be consumed at any time of day.

Providing intervention, such as midmorning snack and milk, may be an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

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The participants' parents signed **informed** consent before the research data was taken by the enumerator.

AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIALS

The data used by this research will not be shared as it contains personal information.

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48** (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 – 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55,6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)

Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0: 175.0)***	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* %(n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of Midmorning Snack Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)

Gado-gado & milk	552.0	21.5	20. 5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30. 5	65.8	428.0
Batagor & milk	419.5	23.4	20. 4	40.5	474.8
Lontong medan & milk	646.9	27.4	23. 9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11. 5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11. 8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33. 1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21. 7	70.3	487.4

Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.

Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			After Treatment (Experiment Class)		
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6:137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7:139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4:151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24:-1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8:153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15:-1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1:150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34:-1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4:153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10:-1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8	-2.4±0.3	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7	-2.3±0.3







		(143.5:154.9)	(-2.87:-1.91)		(144.2:155.2)	(-2.75:-1.85)	
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6:154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30:-1.40)		Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7:155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15:-1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Pair T-Test and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate						Paired Sample T-Test of Nutritional Adequacy Rate		
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)		Paired Sample
			No Intervention (April 29 th , 2019)	(r value)		(p value)	After Intervention (March 11 th , 2020)	(r value)	(p value)	
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	-0.037	0.832	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	0.143
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.069	0.687	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.147
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.051	0.769	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.309

4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	0.10 4	0.54 7	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.00 9	0.95 9	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.004 **
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	0.20 2	0.23 8	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.02 8	0.87 3	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.676
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	0.14 2	0.40 8	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.00 0	0.99 9	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.000 **
7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	0.27 7	0.10 1	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	- 0.04 8	0.78 1	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	0.000 **
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	0.20 9	0.22 2	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	- 0.02 5	0.88 4	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	0.000 **
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7 (25.0:100.0)	0.16 6	0.33 3	78.2±20.5 (38.5:100.0)	0.14 5	0.40 0	61.9±22.7 (25.0:100.0)	78.2±20.5 (38.5:100.0)	0.002 **
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	0.16 9	0.32 4	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.02 9	0.86 6	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.048 *
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	0.29 1	0.08 6	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.05 8	0.73 8	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.000 **
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0) **	0.43 3	0.00 8	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.07 1	0.68 0	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0)	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.000 **
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	0.10 0	0.56 1	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.13 3	0.44 0	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.000 **

14	Phosphorous	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)*	0.40 6	0.01 4	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.12 3	0.47 6	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.000 **
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	0.11 0	0.52 4	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.09 3	0.59 0	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.001 **
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	0.20 8	0.23 3	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.06 2	0.71 9	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.001 **
	Nutritional quality of food	52.7±15.5 (28.4:86.3)*	0.28 1	0.02 7	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.06 2	0.72 0	52.7±15.5 (28.4:86.3)	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.001 **

DAY	TIME		
	07:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MONDAY			
	Milk	Gado-Gado + Milk	Milk
TUESDAY			
	Milk	Fried Vermicelli + Milk	Milk

WEDNESDAY



Milk

Batagor + Milk

Milk








THURSDAY



Milk

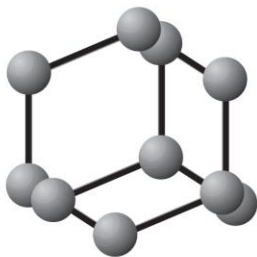
Lontong Medan + Milk

Milk

FRIDAY				
	Milk	Sandwich + Milk	Milk	
SATURDAY				
	Milk	Chicken Porridge + Milk	Milk	Milk

SUNDAY				
	Milk	Fried Rice Teri + Milk	Milk	

Picture 1. The midmorning snack



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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine the impact of calcium and phosphorous supplementation via additional midmorning snacks for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for midmorning snacks. The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled

egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 calories (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.

- **Results:** The participants' mean height-for-age Z-score before and after the nutritional intervention was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -2.0) and -2.3 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -1.2), respectively. After the intervention, the rate of stunting was reduced up to 19.4%; the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %; the rate of phosphorous intake among the participants was sufficient. The rate of calcium intake after the nutritional intervention was 59.1 ± 19.0 (15.5: 100.0) % **due to which** the nutritional quality of food before the intervention was still lacking, namely 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4: 86.3) after the nutrition intervention increased to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9: 100.0); (r value = 0.43; p value = 0.01).
- **Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- **Other:** The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to **create awareness** about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snacks to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snacks by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers do **not** use pocket money to buy midmorning snacks that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in

calcium, consisting of *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Keywords: Adolescent, midmorning snack, calcium, egg, milk, nutritional quality of food, stunting, phosphorous

1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall prevalence of stunting among children aged 13 to 15 years is 35.1 %. [1]. The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 12–23 years in Indonesia was 34.2 percent and 40.0 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) [2]. The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39 % and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40 % [3]. Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by anatomical, physiological, and psychological changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. [4]. Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65 %) [5]. Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem [6]. Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy newborn, are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development [6]. During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass are attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and the amount and risk of stunting in children aged 24 months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 times a week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) [7]. Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth [8]. In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken. [9]. Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight [10,11].

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorous deficiency, growth may be disrupted [12]. High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium [13]. Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg per 100 mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorous. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases [14]. Calcium deficiency stifles

growth [15]. Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation [16,17]. In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA, but the rate of phosphorous intake among the participants was sufficient.

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available midmorning snacks as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional midmorning snacks affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 [18]. Parents' willingness to participate in the study was obtained and they signed the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria. [19].

The Lwanga and Lameshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples [20]. A value of $\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in the formula [21]. Previous research statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following the screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating, as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 [22]. Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of midmorning snacks [23] and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020. The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continue for up to 6 months because the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as was conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; Furthermore, the

Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which learning activities in schools were stopped and online learning was administered.

The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The midmorning snacks consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The midmorning snacks are foods sold by vendors near the school. Meals per day were divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner, and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provided around 20% of RDA, lunch around 30%, and dinner around 20% of RDA; midmorning, afternoon, and evening snacks were approximately 10% of the RDA each [24]. The total amount of

energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 calories (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., given by the research team members. The midmorning snack was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and 2 members of the health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed was recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. A similar process was repeated between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there were any leftovers.

Requirement calculation (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C,

sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorous, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age [25]. Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table [26]. Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people [27]. This means that a sufficient nutritional level is necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition, such as disorders due to iodine deficiency for iodine, xerophthalmia and night blindness for vitamin A, and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size, and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada, NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRIs), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI) is used and in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if $\geq 70\%$ of RDA; the protein adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <80 and sufficient if $\geq 80\%$ of

RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if ≥50% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR)} = \frac{\text{Nutritional Intake}}{\text{Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)}} \times 100\%$$

The nutritional quality of the food intake was calculated based on Hardinsyah’s formula [28]. It was categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at ≥70% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional quality of food (\%)} = \frac{(\text{NAR}_i)}{n}$$

NAR_i = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100)
 n = The number of nutrients and the nutritional quality of food (energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10; sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorous: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved teacher's and parent’s questionnaire regarding details of participants’ eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants, such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the

participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8:152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0:15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2: -2.0).

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorous adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant’s height (r calcium =0.433**, r phosphorous =0.406*) (Table 2). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8, 3.3:100.0%). The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about ≥50% of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and is considered inadequate if <50% of the NAR [29].

Moreover, at the same time, the calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively. For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively. Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study— was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with our study’s findings [29].

The 2nd grade students of SMP Negeri 2 in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml), which could decrease stunting events within 2 months (p =0.01) [29]. Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children (p <0.05) [9]. Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50-70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to

240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium—almost **one** third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, milk consumption is very **beneficial** for school aged children [30]. Regularly consuming milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs [31]. Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss [32].

Milk is considered a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth [8]. Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix [32]. Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue [30]. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11-14 years in females. The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2\}$. Since calcium is the

main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix [33].

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones [34]. Poor calcium intake in adolescents **can disrupt** growth and peak bone mass [35]. Optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively. A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density [36]. In adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass [37].

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, **which** are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth but affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and **impairs** heart muscle contraction power as well [33]. Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders [38]. Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body [40]. During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium [41].

The need for calcium and phosphorus increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation rapidly take place [14]. Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth [42].

Before this study was conducted, the primary sources of daily calcium intake were soup noodle, 298 mg (*soto*); pastel, 296 mg; chicken noodles, 262 mg; tofu, 223 mg; fritters, 204 mg; *pao* meat, 194 mg; tempeh, 155 mg; rice cake, 147 mg; and eclairs, 105 mg per 100 g of edible food. Calcium consumption from non-dairy sources hardly constituted the total daily calcium intake. The calcium content of the food was high per 100 g of edible food, but the respondents consumed it in small quantities, due to which it was not sufficient and in accordance with the recommended dietary allowance (RDA). For example, one bowl of *soto* is consumed by all family members so that the respondent only consumes a few tablespoons. Foods that are good sources of calcium, such as tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables, contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods [1]. Milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption [43]. Both the amount and

frequency of milk consumption show a noticeable relationship with the height of the child [16].

Moreover, both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17 years are related to height [8,16]. The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Children aged 1–12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) [34]. No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% liked it at room temperature.

The monthly allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 ± 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 ± 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Full Cream 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was IDR 2,350 (USD\$ 0,16). A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk even before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT milk (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%), and Milo (2.7). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg of calcium that was digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg. Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting [44]. The

type of purchased food depends on the family's income level [45]. The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows the fulfilment of the nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family income correlates with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried eggs, and 33.3% liked omelets. Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to reducing stunting ($p < 0.05$) [14]. Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% [13]. The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46].

However, the frequent category information was missing in journal articles [46]. Egg consumption was 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years was 5 times / week [47].

Within the first ten months, participants had not received midmorning snacks. When participants had not received midmorning snacks, some participants consumed snacks themselves. The types of snacks that participants consumed were

soup noodles, pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao* meat, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of these snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participants' area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000, which is considered very affordable. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers can provide for their own. The first reason is that midmorning snacks are sold around them. The second reason is the price of the midmorning snacks. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snacks. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snacks that they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before being given a midmorning snack. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given midmorning snacks.

The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, which had been given midmorning snacks for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming midmorning snacks for 34 days. The height of the participants of the control group was 143.6 ± 5.2 while of the treatment group was 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average increase tendency (mean) in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 4— output paired t-test).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming midmorning snacks and drinking milk increased calcium intake, but it also increased the intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4:86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9:100.0) (Table 3). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

A total of 55.86% of elementary school children always have breakfast and have a normal nutritional status [47]. Breakfast has a long-term effect on nutritional status [48]. In Norway, the nutritional status of senior high school students improved after being given intervention in the form of breakfast [49]. On the other hand, in developing countries, skipping breakfast is highly prevalent in

the United States and Europe (10% to 30%) in Children and Adolescents [50].

Children who do not eat breakfast are deficient in micronutrients, resulting in poor physical health. [51]. Calcium, vitamin D, phosphorus, and protein are essential nutrients in bone formation [52]. Children who have a long-lasting deficiency of protein intake, even though their energy intake is sufficient, will experience stunted growth in height [53]. At school, children who do not have breakfast are prone to sickness, often skip, cannot concentrate on learning, and drop out of school [54].

Delaying breakfast can lead to morning malnutrition and increase the risk of general malnutrition [55]. Delaying breakfast can result in excessive food consumption during other mealtimes—especially dinner—resulting in obesity [56]. Skipping breakfast can put a person at risk of weight gain, as it will trigger excessive food consumption during the day [57].

Breakfast can affect the nutritional status of the child; children who usually skip breakfast are at a threefold risk of unhealthy eating habits as well as difficulty controlling appetite, thus impacting the incidence of obesity [48]. It is part of a balanced nutritional fulfilment and can affect a person's daily mind-set and activity, especially in children during their-in-growth period, namely children 0-5 years (children under five years) and adolescents [58].

It is recommended to incorporate balanced nutrition in breakfast and meet 20%–25% of the total energy needs [59]. Breakfast should be able to meet 15–30% of the daily nutritional needs of adolescents [60]. Breakfast can also help balance metabolism, thus maintaining an ideal weight [7].

Breakfast is a morning activity that assists in meeting the body's energy needs to optimally perform daily activities; this is important for schoolchildren, as it can support the growth and development period as well as various school activities [61]. Breakfast promotes the prevention of hypoglycemia, stabilizes blood glucose levels, and prevents dehydration after sleep-related fasting [62]. Meeting the nutritional needs of schoolchildren is important to support their growth [63]. Breakfast constitutes food and beverage, lasting up to 9 AM [60].

The benefits of breakfast for schoolchildren include improving memory, concentration, reading ability, counting, improved stamina, and rare sickness [64]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast can have impaired learning concentration and drowsiness [65]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast will see an increase in blood sugar levels and either a decrease in physical condition or mental decline [66]. Snacking and rushing to school results in teenagers choosing not to spend enough time eating breakfast and even skipping breakfast [67].

Breakfast can trigger the short-term metabolism of fasting conditions (empty stomach

time between dinner and the next meal) to supply nutrients to the central nervous system **for performing** cognitive functions. Long-term breakfast habits can affect the cognitive system [68].

Breakfast as an initial energy supplier, especially as a source of glucose energy for the brain, is highly recommended for everyone. Glucose is very involved in a person's cognitive memory (memory) mechanism. Glucose is a form of carbohydrate that is in the bloodstream to provide fuel for the brain. Neurons cannot store glucose, so the brain depends on blood flow for energy [69].

Hawker food is the first digested food item for children who are not used to having breakfast; therefore, snacks become important. Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time [70]. The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast, the individual **feels** hungry again [71]. Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated [72]. Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or **in** public places [73].

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature, and quality of their snacking. Between-meal eating

contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished [74]. Many children do not have breakfast, as they choose snacking [75].

The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements [76]. Children who regularly have breakfast tend to present improved nutritional status than children who skip breakfast [77]. Consistent breakfast intake can improve nutritional status, regulate weight gain, and increase height in the long run [78]. Adolescents who consume breakfast regularly have a higher intake of carbohydrates, protein, and fiber and a lower fat intake than those who do not [50]. Women with good breakfast quality have a relatively higher intake of micro nutrition [60]. In contrast, those who do not have breakfast can present Vitamin A, Vitamin B6, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, and Zinc deficiencies [79].

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n=3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurs. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to

change 19.4% of participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month, the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the intervention was extended to 6 months, $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because midmorning snacks and milk are sold around them, and the price is affordable and can be purchased with the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted, they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much, and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted, they became aware of this and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, pre-nutrition intervention and post nutrition intervention were given in the same school.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their nutritional status. As a result, midmorning snacks and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The breakfast menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The midmorning snack and a high-calcium milk intake increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as midmorning snacks and high calcium milk must be eaten; however, they can be consumed at any time of day.

Providing intervention, such as midmorning snacks and milk, maybe an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION

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AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIALS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48** (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 – 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55,6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)
Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0: 175.0)***	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* %(n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of **Midmorning Snack** Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)
<i>Gado-gado</i> & milk	552.0	21.5	20.5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30.5	65.8	428.0
<i>Batagor</i> & milk	419.5	23.4	20.4	40.5	474.8
<i>Lontong medan</i> & milk	646.9	27.4	23.9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11.5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11.8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33.1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21.7	70.3	487.4

Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.







Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			After Treatment (Experiment Class)		
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6:137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7:139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90:-2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4:151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24:-1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8:153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15:-1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1:150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34:-1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4:153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10:-1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8 (143.5:154.9)	-2.4±0.3 (-2.87:-1.91)	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7 (144.2:155.2)	-2.3±0.3 (-2.75:-1.85)
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6:154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30:-1.40)	Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7:155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15:-1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Pair T-Test and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate						Paired Sample T-Test of Nutritional Adequacy Rate		
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)		Paired Sample
			(r value)	(p value)		(r value)	(p value)	No Intervention (April 29 th , 2019)	After Intervention (March 11 th , 2020)	
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	-0.037	0.832	70.7±18.5 (39.6:100.0)	66.9±20.3 (30.2:86.6)	0.143
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.069	0.687	77.3±20.0 (44.5:100.0)	87.3±18.0 (50.9:100.0)	0.147
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.051	0.769	73.2±25.9 (20.8:100.0)	76.6±24.5 (42.3:100.0)	0.309
4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	0.104	0.547	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.009	0.959	61.2±18.0 (24.5:100.0)	49.5±19.8 (18.4:100.0)	0.004**
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	0.202	0.238	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.028	0.873	75.1±35.4 (5.0:100.0)	77.9±20.6 (35.4:100.0)	0.676
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	0.142	0.408	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.000	0.999	21.3±13.4 (0.0:58.2)	54.6±26.8 (7.3:100.0)	0.000**

7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	0.277	0.101	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	-0.048	0.781	35.6±21.2 (9.1:100.0)	63.0±21.4 (25.0:100.0)	0.000**
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	0.209	0.222	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	-0.025	0.884	62.2±24.6 (20.0:100.0)	97.9±5.8 (76.9:100.0)	0.000**
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7 (25.0:100.0)	0.166	0.333	78.2±20.5 (38.5:100.0)	0.145	0.400	61.9±22.7 (25.0:100.0)	78.2±20.5 (38.5:100.0)	0.002**
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	0.169	0.324	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.029	0.866	17.2±24.2 (0.0:85.8)	30.4±33.4 (5.4:100.0)	0.048*
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	0.291	0.086	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.058	0.738	17.0±11.9 (2.0:55.7)	76.0±26.2 (18.6:100.0)	0.000**
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0)**	0.433	0.008	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.071	0.680	27.3±27.8 (3.3:100.0)	59.1±19.0 (15.5:100.0)	0.000**
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	0.100	0.561	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.133	0.440	73.1±21.1 (35.7:100.0)	92.8±14.3 (42.8:100.0)	0.000**
14	Phosphorous	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)*	0.406	0.014	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.123	0.476	55.9±21.2 (25.4:100.0)	87.8±17.0 (45.4:100.0)	0.000**
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	0.110	0.524	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.093	0.590	52.8±29.0 (14.0:100.0)	75.5±24.3 (26.4:100.0)	0.001**
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	0.208	0.233	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.062	0.719	61.2±22.0 (33.3:100.0)	84.8±20.3 (30.9:100.0)	0.001**
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TUESDAY			
	Milk	Fried Vermicelli + Milk	Milk
WEDNESDAY			
	Milk	Batagor + Milk	Milk

<p>THURSDAY</p>			
	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Lontong Medan + Milk</p>	<p>Milk</p>
<p>FRIDAY</p>			
	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Sandwich + Milk</p>	<p>Milk</p>

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	Milk	Chicken Porridge + Milk	Milk	Milk
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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine the impact of calcium and phosphorus supplementation via additional midmorning snacks for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for midmorning snacks. The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled

egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kilocalories (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.

- Results:** The participants' mean height-for-age Z-score before and after the nutritional intervention was -2.5 ± 0.4 ($-3.2 - -2.0$) and -2.3 ± 0.4 ($-3.2 - -1.2$), respectively. After the intervention, the rate of stunting was reduced up to 19.4%; the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %; the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient. The rate of calcium intake after the nutritional intervention was 59.1 ± 19.0 (15.5—100.0) % due to which the nutritional quality of food before the intervention was still lacking, namely 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) after the nutrition intervention increased to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0); (r value = 0.43; p value = 0.01).
- Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- Other:** The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to create awareness about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snacks to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snacks by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers do not use pocket money to buy midmorning snacks that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in

calcium, consisting of *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Keywords: Adolescent, midmorning snack, calcium, egg, milk, nutritional quality of food, stunting, **phosphorus**

1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall prevalence of stunting among children aged 13 to 15 years is 35.1%. [1]. The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 12–23 years in Indonesia was 34.2 percent and 40.0 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) [2]. The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39% and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40% [3]. Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by anatomical, physiological, and psychological changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. [4]. Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65%) [5]. Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem [6]. Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy newborn, are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development [6]. During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass **are** attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and the amount and risk of stunting in children aged 24 months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 times a week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) [7]. Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth [8]. In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken. [9]. Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight [10,11].

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorus deficiency, growth may be disrupted [12]. High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium [13]. Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg per 100 mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorus. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases [14]. Calcium deficiency stifles growth

[15]. Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation [16,17]. In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA, but the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient.

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available midmorning snacks as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional midmorning snacks affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 [18]. Parents' willingness to participate in the study was obtained and they signed the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria [19].

The Lwanga and Lameshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples [20]. A value of $\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in the formula [21]. Previous research statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following the screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating, as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 [22]. Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of midmorning snacks [23] and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020. The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continue for up to 6 months because the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as was conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; furthermore, the

Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which learning activities in schools were stopped and online learning was administered.

The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The midmorning snacks consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The midmorning snacks are foods sold by vendors near the school. Meals per day were divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner, and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provided around 20% of RDA, lunch around 30%, and dinner around 20% of RDA; midmorning, afternoon, and evening snacks were approximately 10% of the RDA each [24]. The total amount of

energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kilocalories (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., given by the research team members. The midmorning snack was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and 2 members of the health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed was recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. A similar process was repeated between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there were any leftovers.

Requirement calculation (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C,

sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age [25]. Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table [26]. Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people [27]. This means that a sufficient nutritional level is necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition, such as disorders due to iodine deficiency for iodine, xerophthalmia and night blindness for vitamin A, and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size, and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada, NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRIs), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI) is used and in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if $\geq 70\%$ of RDA; the protein adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <80 and sufficient if $\geq 80\%$ of

RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if ≥50% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR)} = \frac{\text{Nutritional Intake}}{\text{Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)}} \times 100\%$$

The nutritional quality of the food intake was calculated based on Hardinsyah’s formula [28]. It was categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at ≥70% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional quality of food (\%)} = \frac{(\text{NAR}_i)}{n}$$

NAR_i = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100)
 n = The number of nutrients and the nutritional quality of food (energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10; sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorus: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved teacher's and parent’s questionnaire regarding details of participants’ eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants, such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the

participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8 — 152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0 — 15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -2.0).

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorus adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant’s height (r calcium =0.433**, r phosphorus =0.406**) (Table 4). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8, 3.3 — 100.0%). The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about ≥50% of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and is considered inadequate if <50% of the NAR [29].

Moreover, at the same time, the calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively. For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively.

Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study—was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with our study’s findings [29].

The 2nd grade students of SMP Negeri 2 in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml), which could decrease stunting events within 2 months (p =0.01) [29]. Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children (p <0.05) [9].

Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50-70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to 240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium— almost **one** third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, milk consumption is very **beneficial** for school aged **children** [30].

Regularly consuming milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs [31]. Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss [32].

Milk is considered a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth [8]. Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix [32]. Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue [30]. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11-14 years in females. **Literatur yang lain menyampaikan bahwa optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively.** The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to

become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3Ca_3(PO_4)_2Ca(OH)_2\}$. Since calcium is the main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix [33].

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones [34]. Poor calcium intake in adolescents **can disrupt** growth and peak bone mass [35]. A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density [36]. **Literatur yang lain menyebutkan bahwa** in adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass [37].

The need for calcium and phosphorus increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation rapidly take place [14]. Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth [42].

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, **which** are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth but

affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and impairs heart muscle contraction power as well [33]. Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders [38]. Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body [40]. During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium [41].

Before this study was conducted, the primary sources of daily calcium intake were soup noodle, 298 mg (*soto*); pastel, 296 mg; chicken noodles, 262 mg; tofu, 223 mg; fritters, 204 mg; *pao* meat, 194 mg; tempeh, 155 mg; rice cake, 147 mg; and eclairs, 105 mg per 100 g of edible food. Calcium consumption from non-dairy sources hardly constituted the total daily calcium intake. The calcium content of the food was high per 100 g of edible food, but the respondents consumed it in small quantities, due to which it was not sufficient and in accordance with the recommended dietary allowance (RDA). For example, one bowl of *soto* is consumed by all family members so that the respondent only consumes a few tablespoons. Foods that are good sources of calcium, such as tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables, contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—

thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods [1]. Milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption [43]. Both the amount and frequency of milk consumption show a noticeable relationship with the height of the child [16].

Moreover, both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17 years are related to height [8,16]. The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Children aged 1–12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) [34]. No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% liked it at room temperature.

The monthly allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 \pm 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 \pm 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Chocolate 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was IDR 2,350 (USD\$ 0,16). A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk even before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT milk (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%), and Milo (2.7). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg of calcium that was digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains

calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg. Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting [44]. The type of purchased food depends on the family's income level [45]. The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows the fulfilment of the nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family income correlates with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried eggs, and 33.3% liked omelets. Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to reducing stunting ($p < 0.05$) [14]. Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% [13]. The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category [46].

However, the frequent category information was missing in journal articles [46]. Egg consumption was 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years was 5 times / week [47].

Within the first ten months, participants had not received midmorning snacks. When participants had not received midmorning snacks, some participants consumed snacks themselves. The types of snacks that participants consumed were soup noodles, pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao* meat, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of these snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participants' area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000, which is considered very affordable. Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers can provide for their own. The first reason is that midmorning snacks are sold around them. The second reason is the price of the midmorning snacks. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snacks. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snacks that they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before being given a midmorning snack. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given midmorning snacks. The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, which had been given midmorning snacks for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming midmorning snacks for 34 days. The height of the participants of the control group was 143.6 ± 5.2 while of the treatment group was 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average increase tendency (mean) in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 4— output paired t-test).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming midmorning snacks and drinking milk increased calcium intake, but it also increased the intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0) (Table 4). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

A total of 55.86% of elementary school children always have breakfast and have a normal nutritional status [47]. Breakfast has a long-term

effect on nutritional status [48]. In Norway, the nutritional status of senior high school students improved after being given intervention in the form of breakfast [49]. On the other hand, in developing countries, skipping breakfast is highly prevalent in the United States and Europe (10% to 30%) in Children and Adolescents [50].

Children who do not eat breakfast are deficient in micronutrients, resulting in poor physical health. [51]. Calcium, vitamin D, phosphorus, and protein are essential nutrients in bone formation [52]. Children who have a long-lasting deficiency of protein intake, even though their energy intake is sufficient, will experience stunted growth in height [53]. At school, children who do not have breakfast are prone to sickness, often skip, cannot concentrate on learning, and drop out of school [54].

Delaying breakfast can lead to morning malnutrition and increase the risk of general malnutrition [55]. Delaying breakfast can result in excessive food consumption during other mealtimes—especially dinner—resulting in obesity [56]. Skipping breakfast can put a person at risk of weight gain, as it will trigger excessive food consumption during the day [57].

Breakfast can affect the nutritional status of the child; children who usually skip breakfast are at a threefold risk of unhealthy eating habits as well as difficulty controlling appetite, thus impacting the incidence of obesity [48]. It is part of a balanced nutritional fulfilment and can affect a person's daily

mind-set and activity, especially in children during their-in-growth period, namely children 0-5 years (children under five years) and adolescents [58].

It is recommended to incorporate balanced nutrition in breakfast and meet 20%–25% of the total energy needs [59]. Breakfast should be able to meet 15–30% of the daily nutritional needs of adolescents [60]. Breakfast can also help balance metabolism, thus maintaining an ideal weight [7].

Breakfast is a morning activity that assists in meeting the body's energy needs to optimally perform daily activities; this is important for schoolchildren, as it can support the growth and development period as well as various school activities [61]. Breakfast promotes the prevention of hypoglycemia, stabilizes blood glucose levels, and prevents dehydration after sleep-related fasting [62]. Meeting the nutritional needs of schoolchildren is important to support their growth [63]. Breakfast constitutes food and beverage, lasting up to 9 a.m. [60].

The benefits of breakfast for schoolchildren include improving memory, concentration, reading ability, counting, improved stamina, and rare sickness [64]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast can have impaired learning concentration and drowsiness [65]. Schoolchildren who skip breakfast will see an increase in blood sugar levels and either a decrease in physical condition or mental decline [66]. Snacking and rushing to school results in

teenagers choosing not to spend enough time eating breakfast and even skipping breakfast [67].

Breakfast can trigger the short-term metabolism of fasting conditions (empty stomach time between dinner and the next meal) to supply nutrients to the central nervous system **for performing** cognitive functions. Long-term breakfast habits can affect the cognitive system [68].

Breakfast as an initial energy supplier, especially as a source of glucose energy for the brain, is highly recommended for everyone. Glucose is very involved in a person's cognitive memory (memory) mechanism. Glucose is a form of carbohydrate that is in the bloodstream to provide fuel for the brain. Neurons cannot store glucose, so the brain depends on blood flow for energy [69].

Hawker food is the first digested food item for children who are not used to having breakfast; therefore, snacks become important. Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time [70]. The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast, the individual **feels** hungry again [71]. Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated [72]. Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or **in** public places [73].

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature, and quality of their snacking. Between-meal eating contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished [74]. Many children do not have breakfast, as they choose snacking [75].

The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements [76]. Children who regularly have breakfast tend to present improved nutritional status than children who skip breakfast [77]. Consistent breakfast intake can improve nutritional status, regulate weight gain, and increase height in the long run [78]. Adolescents who consume breakfast regularly have a higher intake of carbohydrates, protein, and fiber and a lower fat intake than those who do not [50]. Women with good breakfast quality have a relatively higher intake of micro nutrition [60]. In contrast, those who do not have breakfast can present Vitamin A, Vitamin B6, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, and Zinc deficiencies [79].

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n=3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning

that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurts. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to change 19.4% of participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month, the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the intervention was extended to 6 months, $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because midmorning snacks and milk are sold around them, and the price is affordable and can be purchased with the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted, they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much, and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted, they became aware of this and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, pre-

nutrition intervention and post nutrition intervention were given in the same school.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were *soto* (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their nutritional status. As a result, midmorning snacks and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The breakfast menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The midmorning snack and a high-calcium milk intake increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as midmorning snacks and high calcium milk must be eaten; however, they can be consumed at any time of day.

Providing intervention, such as midmorning snacks and milk, maybe an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION

The participants' parents signed informed consent before the research data was taken by the enumerator.

AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIALS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48** (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 – 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55,6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)
Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0: 175.0)***	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* %(n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of **Midmorning Snack** Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)
<i>Gado-gado</i> & milk	552.0	21.5	20.5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30.5	65.8	428.0
<i>Batagor</i> & milk	419.5	23.4	20.4	40.5	474.8
<i>Lontong medan</i> & milk	646.9	27.4	23.9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11.5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11.8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33.1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21.7	70.3	487.4

Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.

Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			Measurement Date	After Treatment (Experiment Class)	
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score		Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6 — 137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7 — 139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4 — 151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24 — -1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8 — 153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15 — -1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1 — 150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34 — -1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4 — 153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10 — -1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8 (143.5 — 154.9)	-2.4±0.3 (-2.87 — -1.91)	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7 (144.2 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.3 (-2.75 — -1.85)
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6 — 154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30 — -1.40)	Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15 — -1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate					
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate	
			No Intervention (April 29 th , 2019)	(r value)		(p value)	After Intervention (March 11 th , 2020)
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6 — 100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2 — 86.6)	-0.037	0.832
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5 — 100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9 — 100.0)	0.069	0.687
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8 — 100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3 — 100.0)	0.051	0.769
4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5 — 100.0)	0.104	0.547	49.5±19.8 (18.4 — 100.0)	0.009	0.959
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0 — 100.0)	0.202	0.238	77.9±20.6 (35.4 — 100.0)	0.028	0.873
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4	0.142	0.408	54.6±26.8	0.000	0.999

		(0.0 — 58.2)			(7.3 — 100.0)		
7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1 — 100.0)	0.277	0.101	63.0±21.4 (25.0 — 100.0)	-0.048	0.781
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0 — 100.0)	0.209	0.222	97.9±5.8 (76.9 — 100.0)	-0.025	0.884
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7 (25.0 — 100.0)	0.166	0.333	78.2±20.5 (38.5 — 100.0)	0.145	0.400
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0 — 85.8)	0.169	0.324	30.4±33.4 (5.4 — 100.0)	0.029	0.866
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0 — 55.7)	0.291	0.086	76.0±26.2 (18.6 — 100.0)	0.058	0.738
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3 — 100.0)**	0.433	0.008	59.1±19.0 (15.5 — 100.0)	0.071	0.680
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7 — 100.0)	0.100	0.561	92.8±14.3 (42.8 — 100.0)	0.133	0.440
14	Phosphorus	55.9±21.2 (25.4 — 100.0)**	0.406	0.014	87.8±17.0 (45.4 — 100.0)	0.123	0.476
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0 — 100.0)	0.110	0.524	75.5±24.3 (26.4 — 100.0)	0.093	0.590
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3 — 100.0)	0.208	0.233	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.719
	Nutritional quality of food	52.7±15.5 (28.4 — 86.3)*	0.281	0.027	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.720

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DAY	TIME		
	07:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MONDAY			
	Milk	Gado-Gado + Milk	Milk
TUESDAY			
	Milk	Fried Vermicelli + Milk	Milk
WEDNESDAY			
	Milk	Batagor + Milk	Milk

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	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Sandwich + Milk</p>		<p>Milk</p>
<p>SATURDAY</p>	 <p>INDOMILK[®] INDOFOOD NUTRITION KiDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>	 <p>A white styrofoam tray containing a bowl of chicken porridge (soto) with shredded chicken, bean sprouts, and green onions.</p>	 <p>INDOMILK[®] INDOFOOD NUTRITION KiDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>	 <p>INDOMILK[®] INDOFOOD NUTRITION KiDS Cokelat Tinggi Kalsium Minuman Susu UHT BPOM RI MD. 400810082157 Diproduksi oleh: PT Indolaktto Cicurug - Sukabumi 43359 Indonesia Isi Bersih 115ml</p>
	<p>Milk</p>	<p>Chicken Porridge + Milk</p>		<p>Milk</p>



Picture 1. The midmorning snack

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Please provide tentative date of submission of your revised manuscript.

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Aslis Wirda Hayati <aslis@pkr.ac.id> to Manuscript Nov 28, 2021, 6:13 PM

Dear Editorial Team

I can't thank you enough for patiently waiting for the revised manuscript. Along with this mail, I attach the revised manuscript and its rebuttal letter.

Sincerely,
Aslis WH

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Rebuttal Letter

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Thanks for submitting the revised manuscript to "Current Nutrition and Food Sciences". Your manuscript has been reviewed by experts in the field again, and it needs substantial revision (comments given below/ attached). You are encouraged to carefully revise the manuscript, highlighting the exact changes made.

Our publication policy requires the return of your revised manuscript latest within 5 days of the receipt of this message.

Reviewer Comments:

The new version of this article does not differ much from the original. The word "brunch" was changed to "midmorning snack" and some tables were slightly corrected. However, there are still repetitive columns in Table 4 and asterisks are not explained. A few grammatical errors were corrected, but sometimes the changes do not improve the style or even make it worse.

BEFORE

AFTER

There are still repetitive columns in Table 4.

The repetitive columns in Table 4 have been changed by deleting some of the columns. Deleting columns does not change the conclusion of the article.

Asterisks are not explained.

Added an explanation under Table 4 about asterisks as follows:

**** = p value <0.01; * = p value <0.05**

an explanation is added about calcium and phosphorus in the article narration as follows:

After giving the midmorning snack and milk to participants for one month, there was an increase in the participant's calcium adequacy rate from 27.3 to 59.1%; also increased the participant's phosphorus adequacy rate from 55.9 to 87.8%.

“Phosphorus” is still misspelled many times and calories are used instead of kilocalories. A sign of colon is used everywhere instead of a dash when quoting a range. The authors did not answer any points raised by the reviewer - quoting wrong units (in milk and rice, as indicated before), the discrepancy between monthly pocket money and a price of nutritious snack, etc. etc.

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“Phosphorus” has been revised all as suggested.

Calories are used instead of kilocalories.

Kilocalories (kcal) has been revised all according to the recommended.

A sign of colon is used everywhere instead of a dash when quoting a range.

Dash has been revised all as suggested.

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The answers are below

The organization of paper remains the same – the discussion is totally mixed with results in a very confusing and repetitive medley, without adequate references to the data obtained in this study. It is full of repetitive truisms about calcium role in bone formation. The writing is very inept, unscientific, and often contradictory. Even the references are sometimes printed in all capital letters for no apparent reason (8, 54,65, 60).

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The references have all been revised as suggested.

8 Originally:
Haq AB, Murbawani EA. STATUS GIZI, ASUPAN MAKAN REMAJA AKHIR YANG BERPROFESI SEBAGAI MODEL. J Nutr Coll. 2014;3(4):489–94.
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Email dari admin 2 Nopember 2021

With reference to the revision requested in your manuscript for possible publication in "Current Nutrition and Food Sciences". Unfortunately, we have not yet received a response from you.

Kindly revise the manuscript according to the suggestions of the reviewers and submit the revised manuscript along with the rebuttal letter for final editorial decision.

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Thankyou for kindly reminding me regarding the manuscript revision

Email dari Senior Manager Ms. Nida Badar

Thanks for submitting the manuscript to "Current Nutrition and Food Science". Your manuscript has been reviewed by experts in the field, and it needs substantial revision (comments given below/ attached). You are encouraged to carefully revise the manuscript, highlighting the exact changes made.

Editorial

Authors from non-English speaking countries should ensure to have their articles corrected by a native English speaker, for any grammatical, stylistic and typographical errors. You may want to avail an English language correction service at Bentham; please write for a quote to editorial office.

Authors must provide a short 'running title' of their manuscript.

It is a mandatory requirement that the abstract must be provided in structured format. Ideally, each abstract should include the following sub-headings, but these may vary according to requirements of the article.

- Background
- Objective
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Minimum 6 keywords should be provided with the article.

Changes I made regarding Editorial suggestions are shaded in green in the article.

I come from a non-English speaking country. This article has been corrected by a native English speaker. Changes in the article are marked with a green highlight.

The Benefits of Midmorning Snack to Combat Stunting

It is in accordance with the guidelines for journal writing.

Already appropriate.

The source of data and materials should be mentioned in the manuscript, in support of the findings. If the data source is not revealed, the authors need to clearly state the reasons. Authors who do not wish to share their data should clearly state that the data will not be shared, and give the reasons.

Already appropriate.

"The data supporting the findings of the article is available in the [repository name] at [URL], reference number [reference number]".

Already appropriate.

Referee A

The changes I made regarding Referee A's suggestions are shaded in yellow in the article.

This study describes 34-day nutritional intervention in 36 stunted adolescents (12-15 y old) in an Indonesian school. The intervention was in form of 3 small (115 mL) cartons of milk (at 7 am, 10 am and 12 pm (not 12 am)), and a midmorning snack (at 10 am).

Fixed to 12 pm (page 6, page 20)

A 24-hr food recall was taken at enrollment, as well as the height of each participant.

The same parameters were recorded 10 months later, when the intervention started, and after 34 days of intervention.

There was no control group of age - appropriate subjects with similar stunting due to "limited research funding" (page 7).

Information was added "As a suggestion, future research could be undertaken by having a control group of age-appropriate individuals with similar stunting for six months."

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, the design became pre-nutrition intervention and post nutrition intervention were given in the same school. [Future research could be undertaken by having a control group of age-appropriate individuals with similar stunting for six months.](#)

In general, the manuscript lacks organization, writing is not concise, very repetitive, with many grammatical and stylistic errors. It is not possible to point them out, because they are so numerous, the line numbers are not provided, and the text is presented in two columns on each page.

The results and discussion sections have been added with subtitles so that the article is organized. The repetitive content of the article has been removed. Parts of the article that are not closely related to the conclusion have been removed. The wrong punctuation has been fixed. The grammar has been edited by native speakers.

More than half of the references are in Indonesian language and therefore not readily accessible for foreign readers.

I have reduced some references in Indonesian.

The very term “brunch” is used incorrectly, because the definition of brunch is a late morning meal eaten instead of breakfast and lunch. No such restriction is described in the article, although some subjects may have skipped breakfast and/or lunch during the intervention.

A “midmorning snack” is a more appropriate term.

The Results and Discussion section is written in such way that this study results are mixed up with and difficult to distinguish from other studies in Indonesia and other countries.

The authors rarely refer to their own tables.

The tables are very confusing.

The Abstract and text state that the intervention provided 600 cal (it should be kcal in the Abstract) daily, while Table 2 indicates that it was only 542 kcal on the average.

I've replaced the term "brunch" with "mid morning snack" in the article.

The Results and Discussion section has been compiled and given subtitles.

Fixed it so it has referenced the table itself.

Tables have been removed, double sections and confusing markings have been fixed.

It has been changed to 541.8 kcal

There is a ridiculous statement that the teenagers can buy themselves such nutritious meals every day from vendors with their pocket money ((USD \$1.03 + 0.46 per month), while one carton of milk costs \$0.22 (page 5) and the average price of one meal is \$0.59 (IDR 8,000) (page 6).

"The lowest price of milk in the canteen around the school is IDR 1,000 (USD\$ 0.07) and the highest is IDR 3,200 (USD\$ 0.22) per box, this brand of milk is different from the intervention milk" is added in the paragraph.

The **daily** allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 ± 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 ± 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Chocolate 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was IDR 2,200 (USD\$ 0.15).

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2.200	14.417
8.000	6.429
12.200	7.988

In addition, the decimal point is sometimes written as period and sometimes as comma, adding to confusion (for example in Table 1).

Revised

No attention is paid to units – “93 mg phosphorus per 100 mg milk, ...each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg phosphorus” (page 2).

It has been stated in this background that phosphorus is not a problem for teenagers because the level of phosphorus adequacy is already good, which is $\geq 50\%$ RDA.

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon **phosphorus** deficiency, growth may be disrupted [12]. High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium [13]. Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg per 100 mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of **phosphorus**. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases [14]. Calcium deficiency stifles growth [15]. Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation [16,17]. In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA, but the rate of **phosphorus** intake among the participants was sufficient.

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In Table 3 The columns with nutritional adequacy rate (%) are twice repeated, and the same data for March 11, 2020 are once denoted as “after intervention” and again as “No intervention”.

The part that was repeated twice has been removed.

Some types of food are described in the Abstract as low in calcium, but the data quoted on page 5 per 100 g (not gr) of such foods are comparable to milk.

The manuscript should be re-write carefully and hence, it will be considered for publication further.

Referee B

The research was a longitudinal panel study (LPS) in a Junior High School in Indonesia.

The research aim was to determine the impact of calcium and phosphorous supplementation via additional brunch meals for adolescents with stunting conditions.

Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in Indonesia.

The originality of the topic is low but relevant.

The technical quality of the research is sound.

This section has been removed because it biased the understanding of this article. Although the calcium content is high like milk, but because it comes from plants, its bioavailability is low so it is one of the causes of stunting.

It's been written with care. Hopefully pass for publication.

The changes I made regarding Referee A's suggestions are shaded in blue in the article.

The stunting rate was reduced up to 19.4% after the nutritional intervention regarding the before nutrition intervention.

However, the nutritional intervention was too short (one month vs. a 10-month non-intervention period).

The authors mention that the strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented.

Why was the nutrition intervention only for one month and not continued for up to 6 months?

An explanation has been added to the article that the intervention can only be carried out for one month related to the COVID-19 pandemic so that students study at home.

"The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continue for up to 6 months because the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as was conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; furthermore, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which learning activities in schools were stopped and online learning was administered."

The number of participants was deficient (N=36). For example, 8.3% (n=3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal.

It's been fixed to the following:

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n =3) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting.

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Also, the difference in the height of participant control and treatment groups was 1.3 cm, while the standard deviation was >5 cm.

I also thought the same thing. Therefore, since 2014 until now, I have conducted research related to the biomarker of stunting, namely urine pyridinium crosslink. One of my publications is "Pyridinium Crosslinks (Pyd) in the Urine is Associated with Stunting in Neonates" in <https://www.journalajrimps.com/index.php/AJRIMPS/article/view/30113>.

While phosphorous levels were at the adequacy rate, authors attributed that stunting in participants is related to inadequate calcium levels. However, many confounder factors could influence the stunting.

I agree with the statement "many confounder factors could influence the stunting". In this article, I look at stunting from a nutrition point of view.

No information is related to the analysis of calcium and phosphorous. Please, mentions how the contents of Ca and P analysis were conducted in the meals.

It has been written in the article as follows:

Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table [26].

26. Kementerian Kesehatan Republik Indonesia. Tabel Komposisi Pangan Indonesia. Jakarta: Direktorat Jenderal Kesehatan Masyarakat; 2017.

ARTICLE TYPE

Title: The Benefits of Midmorning Snack to Combat Stunting: A Longitudinal Panel Study in the Riau Province of Indonesia

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Abstract:

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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** **The objective of this study was to** determine the impact of calcium and **phosphorus** supplementation via additional midmorning snacks for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for midmorning snacks. The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled

egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kcal (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.

- **Results:** The participants' mean height-for-age Z-score before and after the nutritional intervention was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -2.0) and -2.3 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -1.2), respectively. After the intervention, the rate of stunting was reduced up to 19.4%; the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %; the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient. The rate of calcium intake after the nutritional intervention was 59.1 ± 19.0 (15.5 — 100.0) % due to which the nutritional quality of food before the intervention was still lacking, namely 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) after the nutrition intervention increased to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0); (r value = 0.43; p value = 0.01).
- **Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- **Other:** The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to create awareness about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snacks to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snacks by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers do not use pocket money to buy midmorning snacks that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in

calcium, consisting of pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, pao, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

Keywords: Adolescent, midmorning snack, calcium, egg, milk, nutritional quality of food, stunting, **phosphorus**

1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the overall prevalence of stunting among children aged 13 to 15 years is 35.1 %. (1). The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 12–23 years in Indonesia was 34.2 percent and 40.0 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) (2). The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39 % and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40 % (3). Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by

anatomical, physiological, and psychological changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. (4). Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65 %) (5). Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem (6). Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy newborn, are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development (6). During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass **are** attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and **the**

amount and risk of stunting in children aged 24 months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 times a week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) (7). Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth (8). In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken. (9). Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight (10,11).

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorus deficiency, growth may be disrupted (12). High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium (13). Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorus. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases (14). Calcium deficiency stifles growth (15). Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation (16,17). In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended

dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %RDA, but the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient.

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available midmorning snacks as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional midmorning snacks affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 (18). Parents' willingness to participate in the study was obtained and they signed the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria (19).

The Lwanga and Lameshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples (20). A value of $\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in the formula (21). Previous research

statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following the screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating, as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 (22). Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of midmorning snacks (23) and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020.

The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry),

sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The midmorning snacks consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The midmorning snacks are foods sold by vendors near the school. Meals per day were divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner, and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provided around 20% of RDA, lunch around 30%, and dinner around 20% of RDA; midmorning, afternoon, and evening snacks were approximately 10% of the RDA each (24). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kcal (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., given by the research team members. The midmorning snack was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and

2 members of the health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed was recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. A similar process was repeated between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there were any leftovers.

Requirement calculation (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C, sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age (25). Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table (26). Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people (27). This means that a sufficient nutritional level is necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition, such as disorders due to iodine deficiency for iodine, xerophthalmia and night blindness for vitamin

A, and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size, and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada, NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRIs), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI) is used and in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if ≥70% of RDA; the protein adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <80 and sufficient if ≥80% of RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if ≥50% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR)} = \frac{\text{Nutritional Intake}}{\text{Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)}} \times 100\%$$

The nutritional quality of the food intake was calculated based on Hardinsyah's formula (28). It was categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at ≥70% of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional quality of food (\%)} = \frac{(\text{NAR}_i)}{n}$$

NAR_i = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100)
 n = The number of nutrients and the nutritional quality of food (energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10; sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorus: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved teacher's and parent's questionnaire regarding details of participants' eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants, such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Height and Calcium Intake

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8 — 152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0 — 15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -2.0) (Table 1).

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorus adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant's height ($r_{\text{calcium}} = 0.433^{**}$, $r_{\text{phosphorus}} = 0.406^{**}$) (Table 4). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8 , 3.3 — 100.0%). The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about

$\geq 50\%$ of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and is considered inadequate if $< 50\%$ of the NAR (29).

Moreover, at the same time, the calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively. For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively.

Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study—was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with our study's findings (29).

Calcium Intake form Milk

No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% liked it at room temperature.

A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk even before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT Kids Chocolate (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%), and Milo (2.7). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg of calcium that was digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg.

The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17 years are related to height (8,16). Children aged 1–

12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) (30).

The 2nd grade students of *SMP Negeri 2* in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml), which could decrease stunting events within 2 months ($p = 0.01$) (29). Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children ($p < 0.05$) (9).

Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50–70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to 240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium— almost **one** third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, milk consumption is very **beneficial** for school aged **ed** children (31).

Regularly consuming milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs (32). Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss (33).

Milk is considered a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth (8). **Moreover, milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption (34).**

Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix (33). Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue [30]. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11–14 years in females. **Optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively.** The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3Ca_3(PO_4)_2Ca(OH)_2\}$. Since calcium is the main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix (35).

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones (30). Poor calcium intake in adolescents **can disrupt** growth and peak bone mass (36). A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density (37). In

adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass (38).

The need for calcium and phosphorus increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation rapidly take place (14). Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth (39).

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, which are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth but affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and impairs heart muscle contraction power as well (35). Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders (40). Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body (41). During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium (42).

Non-dairy calcium intake for stunting prevention

Before this study was conducted, participants had consumed non-dairy calcium sources. The amount of that food they consume is very small. So it is not sufficient as much as the recommended dietary adequacy. Tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables, contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods (1).

The Price of Milk

The daily allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 ± 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 ± 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Chocolate 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was IDR 2,200 (USD\$ 0.15). The lowest price of milk in the canteen around the school is IDR 1,000 (USD\$ 0.07) and the highest is IDR 3,200 (USD\$ 0.22) per box. However, the brand of milks are different from the intervention milk.

Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting (43). The type of purchased food depends on the family's income level (44). The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows the fulfilment of the

nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family income correlates with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

Egg Consumption

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried eggs, and 33.3% liked omelets. **Except for chicken porridge and fried rice, the midmorning snacks contain eggs.** Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to **reducing** stunting ($p < 0.05$) (14). Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% (13). The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category (45).

Egg consumption **was** 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years **was** 5 times / week (46).

The Midmorning Snacks

Within the first ten months, participants had not received **the** midmorning snacks. When participants had not received **the** midmorning snacks, some participants consumed snacks **themselves**. The types of snacks that participants consumed were

pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of **these** snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participants' area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000 (USD\$ 0.56), which is considered very affordable. **The lowest price of one meal is IDR 5,000 (USD\$ 0.35) and the highest price is IDR 10,000 (USD\$ 0.70).** Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers **can** provide **for** their own. The first reason is that midmorning snacks **are** sold around them. The second reason is the price of the midmorning snacks. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snacks. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snacks **that** they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

The Height after Nutrition Intervention

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before being given a midmorning snack. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given the midmorning snacks. The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, which had been given the midmorning snacks for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming the midmorning snacks for 34 days. The height of the participants of the control group was 143.6 ± 5.2 while of the treatment group was 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average increase tendency (mean) in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 3).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming midmorning snacks and drinking milk increased calcium intake, but it also increased the intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0) (Table 4). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

Habit of Consuming Snack

Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time (47). The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast, the individual feels hungry again (48). Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated (49). Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or in public places (50).

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature, and quality of their snacking. Between-meal eating contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished (51). The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements (52).

Benefits of Midmorning Snacks and Milk to Height

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% (n=36) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning

that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurs. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to change 19.4% of participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month, the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the intervention was extended to 6 months, $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because midmorning snacks and milk are sold around them, and the price is affordable and can be purchased with the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted, they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much, and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted, they became aware of this and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continue for up to 6 months because the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as was

conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; furthermore, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which learning activities in schools were stopped and online learning was administered.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, the design became pre-nutrition intervention and post nutrition intervention were given in the same school. As a suggestion, future research could be undertaken by having a control group of age-appropriate individuals with similar stunting for six months.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their nutritional status. As a result, midmorning snacks and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The midmorning snack menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The midmorning snack and a high-calcium milk intake

increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as midmorning snacks and high calcium milk must be eaten.

Providing intervention, such as midmorning snacks and milk, maybe an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION

The participants' parents signed informed consent before the research data was taken by the enumerator.

AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIALS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48 (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 — 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55.6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)
Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0 — 175.0)	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* %(n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of Midmorning Snack Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)
<i>Gado-gado</i> & milk	552.0	21.5	20.5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30.5	65.8	428.0
<i>Batagor</i> & milk	419.5	23.4	20.4	40.5	474.8
<i>Lontong medan</i> & milk	646.9	27.4	23.9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11.5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11.8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33.1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21.7	70.3	487.4

Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.

Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			Measurement Date	After Treatment (Experiment Class)	
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score		Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6 — 137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7 — 139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4 — 151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24 — -1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8 — 153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15 — -1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1 — 150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34 — -1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4 — 153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10 — -1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8 (143.5 — 154.9)	-2.4±0.3 (-2.87 — -1.91)	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7 (144.2 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.3 (-2.75 — -1.85)
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6 — 154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30 — -1.40)	Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15 — -1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate					
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate	
			No Intervention (April 29 th , 2019)	(r value)		(p value)	After Intervention (March 11 th , 2020)
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6 — 100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2 — 86.6)	-0.037	0.832
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5 — 100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9 — 100.0)	0.069	0.687
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8 — 100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3 — 100.0)	0.051	0.769
4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5 — 100.0)	0.104	0.547	49.5±19.8 (18.4 — 100.0)	0.009	0.959
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0 — 100.0)	0.202	0.238	77.9±20.6 (35.4 — 100.0)	0.028	0.873
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4 (0.0 — 58.2)	0.142	0.408	54.6±26.8 (7.3 — 100.0)	0.000	0.999
7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1 — 100.0)	0.277	0.101	63.0±21.4 (25.0 — 100.0)	-0.048	0.781
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0 — 100.0)	0.209	0.222	97.9±5.8 (76.9 — 100.0)	-0.025	0.884
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7 (25.0 — 100.0)	0.166	0.333	78.2±20.5 (38.5 — 100.0)	0.145	0.400
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0 — 85.8)	0.169	0.324	30.4±33.4 (5.4 — 100.0)	0.029	0.866
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0 — 55.7)	0.291	0.086	76.0±26.2 (18.6 — 100.0)	0.058	0.738
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3 — 100.0)**	0.433	0.008	59.1±19.0 (15.5 — 100.0)	0.071	0.680
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7 — 100.0)	0.100	0.561	92.8±14.3 (42.8 — 100.0)	0.133	0.440
14	Phosphorus	55.9±21.2 (25.4 — 100.0)**	0.406	0.014	87.8±17.0 (45.4 — 100.0)	0.123	0.476
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0 — 100.0)	0.110	0.524	75.5±24.3 (26.4 — 100.0)	0.093	0.590
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3 — 100.0)	0.208	0.233	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.719
Nutritional quality of food		52.7±15.5 (28.4 — 86.3)*	0.281	0.027	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.720

** = p value <0.01; * = p value <0.05

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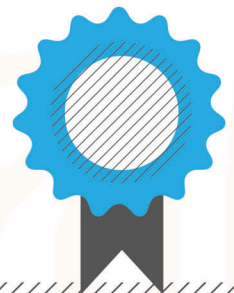
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- **Aim:** The aim of this research was to help stunted adolescents improve their nutritional status.
- **Background:** Stunting is a leading global nutritional problem, especially in developing countries such as Indonesia. This was a longitudinal panel study in the SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru Riau Province Junior High School, Indonesia.
- **Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine the impact of calcium and phosphorus supplementation via additional midmorning snacks for adolescents with stunting conditions.
- **Methods:** We included 36 participants, aged 12–15 years with a height-for-age Z-score of <-2 Standard Deviation. They underwent a one-month nutritional intervention during which selected snacks and high-calcium milk were given for midmorning snacks. The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled

egg & peanut sauce), *lontong medan* (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kcal (30% of RDA-Recommended Dietary Allowance), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test.

- **Results:** The participants' mean height-for-age Z-score before and after the nutritional intervention was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -2.0) and -2.3 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -1.2), respectively. After the intervention, the rate of stunting was reduced up to 19.4%; the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0) %; the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient. The rate of calcium intake after the nutritional intervention was 59.1 ± 19.0 (15.5 — 100.0) % due to which the nutritional quality of food before the intervention was still lacking, namely 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) after the nutrition intervention increased to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0); (r value = 0.43; p value = 0.01).
- **Conclusion:** The nutritional intervention increased calcium intake. The outcome of the nutritional intervention led to the improvement of nutritional status from stunting to the normal category.
- **Other:** The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to create awareness about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snacks to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snacks by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers do not use pocket money to buy midmorning snacks that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in

calcium, consisting of pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, pao, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a major nutritional issue worldwide, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. Stunting in girls aged 15–19 is 52% in Guatemala and 44% in Bangladesh (1). The Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia (MOH RI) reported in 2007 that the prevalence of stunting among children aged 6–12 years and adolescents aged 13–15 years in Indonesia was 35.6 percent and 35.2 percent, respectively, based on data from the National Basic Health Research (RISKESDAS) (2). The MOH RI found in 2010 that the prevalence of stunting among teenagers aged 13–15 in Indonesia was 35.2 percent based on national statistics. In the province of Riau, the prevalence was 36.6 percent. According to the WHO, these public health issues are considered extreme when the prevalence of stunting is between 30 and 39 % and serious when the prevalence of stunting is greater than 40 % (3). Stunting is thus a consistent problem among the adolescent age group in Riau province of Indonesia

Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood, characterized by anatomical, physiological, and psychological

changes. The three stages of adolescence are as follows: (a) physical preparation period, 11–15 years old; (b) preparatory period, 15–18 years old; and (c) adult preparatory period, 18–21 years old. (4). Stunting is a common public health problem among adolescents around the world (up to 27–65 %) (5). Stunting among adolescents is often disregarded as a nutritional deficiency problem (6). Decreased cognitive learning ability, reduced productivity, and an increased risk of adolescent pregnancy, which leads to an unhealthy newborn, are all possible negative consequences. In comparison to other postpartum times, the teenage years, along with the first year of life, have the second-fastest body and height development (6). During this period, more than 20% of total height growth and up to 50% of body bone mass are attained. As a result, adequate nutrition is essential during adolescence.

Calcium and phosphorus are required for body growth. Milk and dairy products are the main sources of these micronutrients. There is a link between milk consumption frequency and the amount and risk of stunting in children aged 24

months (OR =4.1, $p < 0.05$). The average amount of milk consumed by stunted children (17 times a week) is lower than that consumed by healthy children (24 times a week). Stunted children drink less milk (337.63 mL per day) than healthy children (468.13 mL per day) (7). Milk contains calcium, which is necessary for bone and height growth (8). In addition, fish and seafood have more calcium than beef or chicken (9). Bone mineralization is extremely important during growth. Low calcium intake can affect the function of osteoblasts by causing a lack of mineralization of the new bone deposit matrix. Bone growth during childhood can be hampered by calcium deficiency. Stunting is a side effect of losing weight (10,11).

Calcium forms complex bone-strengthening bonds with phosphates. Upon phosphorus deficiency, growth may be disrupted (12). High-protein foods, such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and grains, are the primary sources of phosphorus. Phosphorus is abundant in foods that are rich in both protein and calcium (13). Phosphorus is also found in milk, which is why it is so important (93 mg mg milk). Furthermore, each 100 mg of milled rice contains 140 mg of phosphorus. During periods of growth, the body's need for calcium increases (14). Calcium deficiency stifles growth (15). Height can be utilized as an indicator of the quality of growth and bone formation (16,17). In this study, the rate of calcium intake before the nutritional intervention was 50% below the recommended dietary allowance (RDA)— 27.3 ± 27.8 (3.3:100.0)

%RDA, but the rate of phosphorus intake among the participants was sufficient.

In this study, the participants were provided a variety of locally available midmorning snacks as well as milk. As a result, the goal of the research was to see how additional midmorning snacks affected the potential improvement of stunting in adolescents.

2. MATERIALS AND METHOD

The study complied with the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki—Ethical Principles for Medical Research involving human subjects and ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019). SMP Negeri 3 Pekanbaru, Riau Province, Indonesia, was the site of this longitudinal panel study. Students in their first, second, and third years took part in this study (Table 1). By the middle of April 2019, the participants would be between the ages of 12 and 15, with a height-for-age Z-score (HAZ) of < -2 (18). Parents' willingness to participate in the study was obtained and they signed the informed consent form on behalf of their children. Diagnosed chronic illnesses, born twins, mental health disorders, a history of low birth weight, and concurrent participation in a similar study were all exclusion criteria (19).

The Lwanga and Lameshow formula was used to calculate the number of samples (20). A value of

$\alpha = 5\%$ (1.964) and a value of $\beta = 20\%$ (0.842) were utilized in the formula (21). Previous research statistical parameters (e.g., mean and standard deviation) were used to determine the number of samples representing population characteristics. The study showed that $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0.4$ cm (the increase of study participant body length), and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 1.6$ cm, based on which the minimum sample of this research was 21 participants. Following the screening, 36 study participants were eligible for participating, as presented in Table 1.

On April 29th, 2019, records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were taken, which was the food consumed the day before. The measurement was retaken 10 months later (February 11th, 2020). No nutritional intervention was administered during the first ten months. The count was implemented by Bhandari et al. in 2001 (22). Between February 11th and March 11th, 2020, the study participants underwent a dietary intervention in the form of midmorning snacks (23) and high calcium milk. Records of the participants' height and food recall 1 x 24 hours were retaken on March 11th, 2020.

The midmorning snack menu was daily varied and included *gado-gado* (rice, boiled egg, potato, tempeh, tofu, long beans, cabbage & peanut sauce), fried vermicelli (vermicelli, omelet, cucumber & prawn crackers), *batagor* (tofu, cassava flour crackers, boiled egg & peanut sauce), *lontong*

medan (rice, boiled egg, vermicelli, french fries, fried anchovy, green bean & carrots curry), sandwich (plain toast, omelet, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & chili sauce), chicken porridge (rice porridge, fried bread, shredded chicken, shredded chicken & chicken broth), and fried rice *teri* (rice, anchovy, prawn crackers, cucumber, chili sauce & soy sauce) as displayed in Picture 1 and Table 2.

The midmorning snacks consist of snacks with energy contents of 30% (recommended dietary allowance) RDA. The midmorning snacks are foods sold by vendors near the school. Meals per day were divided into six; breakfast, midmorning snacks, lunch, afternoon snacks, dinner, and evening snack. Energy provision during breakfast provided around 20% of RDA, lunch around 30%, and dinner around 20% of RDA; midmorning, afternoon, and evening snacks were approximately 10% of the RDA each (24). The total amount of energy of the meals and milk was 541.8 kcal (30% of RDA), 25 g of protein (50% of RDA), 90 g of carbohydrate (30% of RDA), and 600 mg of calcium (35% of RDA). Meal and milk administration lasted 34 days in total.

The participants entered the research area at around 7.00 a.m. The participants consumed three cartons of milk at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., given by the research team members. The midmorning snack was served at 10 a.m. and consumed right after. Both the meals and milk were consumed at school during school days. The

researcher observed the participants both during meal and milk consumption. The research team and 2 members of the health school team members observed the meals consumed by the participants.

Once the milk was consumed, the participants left the research site. The amount consumed was recorded. The remaining unconsumed food was weighed and counted, since it will affect the amount of nutritional intake consumed. A similar process was repeated between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On the other hand, during school breaks, the meals and milk were directly distributed to the students' residence by the research team member. The research team observed the consumption of the meals and recorded their intake in case there were any leftovers.

Requirement calculation (including energy, protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamin A, vitamin E, vitamin B-1, vitamin B-2, vitamin B-6, vitamin C, sodium, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, iron, and zinc) was based on the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) per age (25). Analysis of the various nutrients was carried out using the Food-Beverage Nutrient Composition Database from the Indonesian Food Composition Table (26). Based on nutritional intake data, the participants obtained nutritional adequacy. Nutritional adequacy (NA) is the level of nutrient intake that can meet the nutritional needs of almost all healthy people (27). This means that a sufficient nutritional level is necessary to prevent diseases due to malnutrition,

such as disorders due to iodine deficiency for iodine, xerophthalmia and night blindness for vitamin A, and beriberi for thiamin. NA is the daily adequacy of nutrients according to age group, gender, body size, and activity to prevent the occurrence of malnutrition or excess nutrition.

Internationally, various terms are used such as in the United States and Canada, NA is also known as Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), and in the European Union called Population Reference Intakes, in Japan called Nutrients-Based Dietary Reference Intakes (NBDRIs), WHO uses the term Recommended Intake (RNI), in the Philippines the term Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake (RENI) is used and in Australia and New Zealand the term Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs). Moreover, the energy adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <70 and sufficient if $\geq 70\%$ of RDA; the protein adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <80 and sufficient if $\geq 80\%$ of RDA; the vitamin and mineral adequacy was categorized as low when recorded at <50% and sufficient if $\geq 50\%$ of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR)} = \frac{\text{Nutritional Intake}}{\text{Recommended dietary allowance (RDA)}} \times 100\%$$

The nutritional quality of the food intake was calculated based on Hardinsyah's formula (28). It was categorized low if at <70% and sufficient at $\geq 70\%$ of RDA.

$$\text{Nutritional quality of food (\%)} = \frac{(\text{NAR}_i)}{n}$$

NAR_i = Nutritional Adequacy Rate (truncated at 100)
 n = The number of nutrients and the nutritional quality of food (energy: i=1; protein: i=2; fats: i=3; carbohydrates: i=4; vitamin A: i=5; vitamin E: i=6; vitamin B1: i=7; vitamin B2: i=8; vitamin B6: i=9; vitamin C: i=10; sodium: i=11; calcium: i=12; magnesium: i=13; phosphorus: i=14; iron: i=15; zinc: i=16).

The study also involved teacher's and parent's questionnaire regarding details of participants' eligibility. This instrument also explored information regarding both the parental and socio-economic status of the study participants, such as household income per month. Data analysis and food intake consumption were conducted using the Pearson Product moments test with the SPSS version 16 for Windows.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Height and Calcium Intake

Before the intervention, all participants experienced stunting. The mean height of the participants was 141.0 ± 5.2 (128.8 — 152.2) cm, their age was 13.5 ± 0.9 (12.0 — 15.0) years, and the HAZ was -2.5 ± 0.4 (-3.2 — -2.0) (Table 1).

At the beginning of the study, calcium and phosphorus adequacy rates positively correlated with the study participant's height (r calcium =0.433**, r phosphorus =0.406**) (Table 4). The level of calcium adequacy rate among all participants was low (27.3 ± 27.8, 3.3 — 100.0%).

The sufficient adequacy rate of calcium is about ≥50% of the Nutritional Adequacy Rate (NAR) and is considered inadequate if <50% of the NAR (29).

Moreover, at the same time, the calcium intake of participants aged 10–12 years, both male and female, was 244.5 mg and 223.5 mg, respectively. For those aged 13–15 years, the calcium intake of boys and girls was 315.2 and 362.9 mg, respectively.

Calcium intake among adolescent girls—based on a Bangladeshi study—was 248.80 ± 212 mg, in line with our study's findings (29).

Calcium Intake form Milk

No study participants had dairy allergies. A total of 89% of the study participants liked cold milk, while 11% liked it at room temperature.

A total of 16.4% of the participants had been accustomed to buying milk even before this research was conducted. The types of consumed milk were UHT Kids Chocolate (5.5%), ultra-milk (5.5%), REAL GOOD milk brand (2.7%), and Milo (2.7%). A portion of 100 g of milk contains about 143 mg of calcium that was digestible in the body. Apart from milk, ice cream also contains calcium and was consumed by 2.5% of the participants. The content of calcium in 100 g of ice cream is 123 mg.

The prevalence of stunting is lower in children who consume milk. Both the amount and frequency of milk consumption in adolescents aged 16–17

years are related to height (8,16). Children aged 1–12 years who consume at least two cups of milk per day will have a reduced risk of stunting ($p < 0.05$) (30).

The 2nd grade students of *SMP Negeri 2* in Bulagi Banggai Regency of the Central Sulawesi Province of Indonesia usually drink two glasses of milk per day (equivalent to 480 ml), which could decrease stunting events within 2 months ($p = 0.01$) (29). Milk-derived calcium intake of children with stunting aged 24–59 months is lower than 276.17 mg/day and 628.41 mg/day, which is the amount for non-stunting children ($p < 0.05$) (9).

Milk calcium is absorbed by the body during the growth period at about 50-70%, with one glass of milk (equivalent to 240 ml) containing more than 270 mg of calcium— almost one third of the daily calcium needs; therefore, milk consumption is very beneficial for school aged children (31).

Regularly consuming milk is highly recommended to meet calcium needs (32). Milk consumption can improve bone growth, which ultimately influences height and helps reducing the risk of bone mass loss (33).

Milk is considered a good source of calcium, energy, protein, and minerals; it contains nutrients necessary both for bone and height growth (8). Moreover, milk is the best source of calcium and is the largest contributor to daily calcium consumption (34).

Proteins in cow milk—such as casein, whey, and amino acids can stimulate the formation of IGF-1, which plays a role in the proliferation of chondrocytes and osteoblasts, as well as the formation of bone tissue matrix (33). Low calcium intake can lead to low mineralization of the new bone mineralization matrix and affect osteoblast function. Calcium enriches the peak of bone mass and can form new bone tissue 30. Peak bone density occurs at the age of 17 years in males and 11-14 years in females. Optimal bone mass in girls and boys occurs at the age of 11–14 and 14–16 years, respectively. The process of bone formation begins by forming a strong but still soft and flexible matrix. The matrix consists of fibers made of collagen enclosed by gelatin. The matrix begins to become strong and harden through the calcification process, namely the formation of mineral crystals containing calcium compounds. This crystal consists of calcium phosphate or calcium phosphate combination and calcium hydroxide called hydroxyapatite $\{(3Ca_3(PO_4)_2Ca(OH)_2\}$. Since calcium is the main mineral in this bond, it must be in sufficient quantities in the fluid surrounding the bone matrix (35).

Calcium forms a complex bond with phosphate that can provide strength to bones (30). Poor calcium intake in adolescents can disrupt growth and peak bone mass (36). A total of 51% of peak bone mass accumulates during puberty and reaches 37% of the adult bone mineral density (37). In

adolescence, the increase in bone mass occurs between 40–60% of the total bone mass (38).

The need for calcium and phosphorus increases in adolescence as height growth and bone mass formation rapidly take place (14). Intake of calcium and phosphorus helps calcium absorption. Deposits of calcium and phosphorus inside the organic matrix are in the form of hydroxyapatite crystals during the mineralization process and give strength to the bones. The deficiency of both minerals and inappropriate ratios can affect bone growth (39).

During growth, calcium deficiency can lead to a reduction both in bone mass and hardness, which are in the period of formation. Calcium deficiency not only affects both bone and tooth growth but affects the immune system, nervous system resistance, and impairs heart muscle contraction power as well (35). Long-term calcium consumption deficiency will negatively affect bone structure; moreover, during growth, it can induce growth disorders (36). Calcium is 99% in skeletal bones and 1% in other tissues, as well as bodily fluids that can be distributed throughout the body (40). During adolescence, enough calcium intake helps produce better bone mass. Adequate calcium intake can help protect bones and daily calcium loss through excretion (urine and feces), sweat, and breath. A sufficient daily calcium intake can restore lost calcium (41).

Non-dairy calcium intake for stunting prevention

Before this study was conducted, participants had consumed non-dairy calcium sources. The amount of that food they consume is very small. So it is not sufficient as much as the recommended dietary adequacy. Tofu, tempeh, beans, and green vegetables, contain fiber and oxalate—which form insoluble salts—thus inhibiting calcium absorption. This condition will cause low calcium content bioavailability from the consumed foods (42).

The Price of Milk

The daily allowance received by the study participants on average was IDR 14,417 ± 6,429 (USD\$ 1.03 ± 0.46). Calcium content in ultra-high temperature (UHT) Kids Chocolate 115 mL milk pack was 30% with the suggestion of serving two packages per day. The price of milk per box was IDR 2,200 (USD\$ 0.15). The lowest price of milk in the canteen around the school is IDR 1,000 (USD\$ 0.07) and the highest is IDR 3,200 (USD\$ 0.22) per box. However, the brand of milks are different from the intervention milk.

Family income was related to the incidence of stunting in infants ($p = 0.048$). Low family income is at risk of getting stunting (43). The type of purchased food depends on the family's income level (44). The grocery purchasing capability of the family correlates with its income level; a high family income allows the fulfilment of the

nutritional needs of the whole family; however, low family income correlates with a low purchasing power for household food and potentially affect stunting events in children.

Egg Consumption

A total of 2.8% of the participants preferred boiled eggs, while 5.5% liked fried eggs, and 33.3% liked omelets. Except for chicken porridge and fried rice, the midmorning snacks contain eggs. Egg consumption provides nutrition that facilitates increased growth and contributes to reducing stunting ($p < 0.05$) (14). Younger children aged 6–9 months who consumed one medium-sized egg per day for six months could increase height and reduce stunting by 47% (13). The toddlers' frequency of egg consumption who fall into the category has 1.813 times added risk of stunting, compared to those who consume eggs that fall into the frequent category (45).

Egg consumption was 27.8 grams / day by children aged 10-13 years. The frequency of consuming eggs by these children aged 10-13 years was 5 times / week (46).

The Midmorning Snacks

Within the first ten months, participants had not received the midmorning snacks. When participants had not received the midmorning snacks, some participants consumed snacks themselves. The types of snacks that participants consumed were

pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. However, the consumption of these snacks did not improve the participant's nutritional status. On the 11th month (for 34 consecutive days), the participants were given a variety of meals—during midmorning snack—along with high calcium milk. The meals were purchased from shops near the participants' area. The price of one meal was approximately IDR 8,000 (USD\$ 0.56), which is considered very affordable. The lowest price of one meal is IDR 5,000 (USD\$ 0.35) and the highest price is IDR 10,000 (USD\$ 0.70). Therefore, the participants will be able to purchase the meals even after the completion of the study.

Researchers expect that in the future (after the period of nutrition intervention in the form of midmorning snack has been completed by researchers), stunting teenagers can provide for their own. The first reason is that midmorning snacks are sold around them. The second reason is the price of the midmorning snacks. The students can use snack money to buy midmorning snacks. Researchers have informed stunting teens during midmorning snacks that they need to increase their food intake as much as the midmorning snack the researchers provided. The addition of food intake is to optimize the linear growth of stunting adolescents during the growing phase.

The Height after Nutrition Intervention

After the intervention, the height of the participants increased (Table 3). The control group was formed before being given a midmorning snack. In the first ten months of the study, all participants were not given the midmorning snacks. The nutritional status of all participants in the first ten months is still stunting. The treatment group, which had been given the midmorning snacks for 34 days, began in the eleventh month. A total of 19.4% of participants increased their nutritional status from stunting to normal after consuming the midmorning snacks for 34 days. The height of the participants of the control group was 143.6 ± 5.2 while of the treatment group was 144.9 ± 5.1 cm ($p < 0.00$). The average increase tendency (mean) in participant height after treatment is 1.3 cm (Table 3).

As a result, the dietary intervention used in this study successfully improved the nutritional status of the participants from stunting to normal. Not only did consuming midmorning snacks and drinking milk increase calcium intake, but it also increased the intake of other nutrients. The intervention improved the nutritional food quality from 52.7 ± 15.5 (28.4 — 86.3) to 84.8 ± 20.3 (30.9 — 100.0) (Table 4). Calcium was one of the essential nutrients that normalized the nutritional status of the participants.

Habit of Consuming Snack

Consuming snacks maintains energy levels before main meal time (47). The habit of school-snacking occurs because 3–4 hours after breakfast, the individual feels hungry again (48). Consumed snacks and energy contribution to the recommended adequacy are positively correlated (49). Hawker food constitutes beverages, snacks, and full meals—defined as either ready-to-eat or pre-cooked meals at the point of sale—and sold either on the road or in public places (50).

Three-day estimated dietary records were kept for 194 white 3- and 4-year-old children to determine and evaluate the extent, nature, and quality of their snacking. Between-meal eating contributed more than one-third of the average day's energy and approximately one-quarter of most vitamins and minerals to the children's diets. Foods eaten between meals were, however, significantly less nutrient-dense than mealtime foods. Snacks purchased by children are generally fulfilling and rich both in energy and fat; however, these children are highly malnourished (51). The nutritional value of hawker meals does not always satisfy the body's nutritional requirements (52).

Benefits of Midmorning Snacks and Milk to Height

During the 10-month non-intervention period, 8.3% ($n = 36$) of the participants had their nutritional status changed from stunting to normal, meaning

that without any intervention, about 90% of the participants would still be in stunting. This could be due to different growth spurs. Furthermore, as seen here, a 1-month intervention was able to change 19.4% of participant statuses from stunting to normal.

Therefore, it is predicted that if the intervention is continued for up to 6 months, all participants could be able to improve their status from stunting to normal. This prediction was made based on the calculation that for one month, the intervention could reduce by 19.4%, so if the intervention was extended to 6 months, $19.4 \times 6 = 116.4\%$ ($\approx 100\%$) became normal, meaning that all participants would have normal nutritional status.

The strength of this study is that the nutrition intervention activities provided to participants are relatively easy to be implemented because midmorning snacks and milk are sold around them, and the price is affordable and can be purchased with the pocket money given by their parents. The time before this research was conducted, they did not know about the types of food they should consume, how much, and when to consume them. Time after the research was conducted, they became aware of this and were able to meet their nutritional needs.

The nutrition intervention underwent only for one month and did not continue for up to 6 months because the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has infected Indonesia since March 2, 2020 as was

conveyed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia; furthermore, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia issued circular letter number 2 of 2020 regarding the prevention and handling of COVID-19, starting March 12, 2020, due to which learning activities in schools were stopped and online learning was administered.

This research should be conducted simultaneously between the group that was given the nutrition intervention and the group that was not given the nutrition intervention. However, due to limited research funding, the design became pre-nutrition intervention and post nutrition intervention were given in the same school. As a suggestion, future research could be undertaken by having a control group of age-appropriate individuals with similar stunting for six months.

CONCLUSION

Calcium intake is crucial in avoiding adolescent stunting. The primary sources of calcium from snacks purchased by stunted adolescents were pastel, noodles, tofu, fritters, *pao*, tempeh, rice cake, and eclairs. These snacks, however, did not increase their nutritional status. As a result, midmorning snacks and calcium-fortified milk were supplied. The midmorning snack menu, which included *gado-gado*, fried vermicelli, *batagor*, *lontong medan*, sandwich, chicken porridge, and fried rice *teri* changed every day. The midmorning snack and a high-calcium milk intake

increased the nutritional status of the participants. In order to prevent stunting, basic calcium sources such as midmorning snacks and high calcium milk must be eaten.

Providing intervention, such as midmorning snacks and milk, maybe an alternative for the Indonesian government in order to reduce stunting rates. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

ETHICS APPROVAL AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Ethical approval was obtained from the Riau Polytechnic Ethics Committee (Reference Number: LB.02.03/6/04/2019).

HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

No animals/humans were used for studies that are the basis of this research.

CONSENT FOR PUBLICATION

The participants' parents signed informed consent before the research data was taken by the enumerator.

AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIALS

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Table 1. Demographic Information of Study Participants.

Variable	Criteria	Values*
Number of Participants	Year I	30.6 (11)
	Year II	41.7 (15)
	Year III	27.8 (10)
Age (Year)	12	13.9 (5)
	13	36.1 (13)
	14	36.1 (13)
	15	13.9 (5)
Sex	Male	50.0 (18)
	Female	50.0 (18)
Birth weight (g)	< 2,500 (low birth weight)	5.6 (2)
	≥ 2,500 (No low birth weight)	94.4 (34)
Body length at birth (cm)	< 48 (Stunting)	19.4 (7)
	48 — 55.6 (Normal)	75.0 (27)
	≥ 55.6 (High)	5.6 (2)
Number of siblings (person)	1	8.3 (3)
	2	22.2 (8)
	3	44.4 (16)
	4	13.9 (5)
	5	5.6 (2)
	6	5.6 (2)
Ethnicity	Malay	100.0 (36)
Place born	Jakarta, Jakarta Province	2.8 (1)
	Pekanbaru, Riau Province	88.9 (32)
	Palembang, South Sumatra Province	2.8 (1)
	Medan, North Sumatera Province	2.8 (1)
	Jambi, Jambi Province	2.8 (1)
Mother's height (cm)	153.5±8.7(120.0 — 175.0)	
	< 150	16.7 (6)
	≥ 150	83.3 (36)
Mother's education level	Elementary school	13.9 (5)
	Junior high school	5.6 (2)
	Senior high school	77.8 (28)
	University	2.8 (1)
Mother's occupation	Housewife	77.8 (28)
	Employee	13.9 (5)
	Businessman	5.6 (2)
	Entrepreneur	2.8 (1)

* % (n)

Table 2. Nutritional Content of Midmorning Snack Meals Per Day.

Midmorning Snack	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Calcium (mg)
<i>Gado-gado</i> & milk	552.0	21.5	20.5	76.4	462.3
Fried vermicelli & milk	594.5	18.1	30.5	65.8	428.0
<i>Batagor</i> & milk	419.5	23.4	20.4	40.5	474.8
<i>Lontong medan</i> & milk	646.9	27.4	23.9	84.3	668.9
Sandwich & milk	366.8	14.3	11.5	55.9	413.0
Chicken porridge & milk	580.7	21.4	11.8	100.7	405.6
Fried rice <i>teri</i> & milk	632.1	19.4	33.1	68.4	559.1
Average	541.8	20.8	21.7	70.3	487.4

Table 3. Body Height and Z-Score of Participants Based on Age.

Age	Before Treatment (Control Class)			Measurement Date	After Treatment (Experiment Class)	
	Measurement Date	Body Height	Z-score		Body Height	Z-score
12	11/02/2020	135.3±2.3 (133.6 — 137.9)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.65)	11/03/2020	136.4±2.5 (134.7 — 139.3)	-2.6±0.3 (-2.90 — -2.25)
13	11/02/2020	141.5±4.8 (135.4 — 151.7)	-2.5±0.6 (-3.24 — -1.36)	11/03/2020	143.2±5.0 (135.8 — 153.5)	-2.3±0.6 (-3.15 — -1.19)
14	11/02/2020	144.9±3.8 (138.1 — 150.9)	-2.4±0.5 (-3.34 — -1.97)	11/03/2020	146.4±3.7 (140.4 — 153.6)	-2.3±0.5 (-3.10 — -1.68)
15	11/02/2020	147.5±3.8 (143.5 — 154.9)	-2.4±0.3 (-2.87 — -1.91)	11/03/2020	148.1±3.7 (144.2 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.3 (-2.75 — -1.85)
	Average	143.6±5.2 (133.6 — 154.9)	-2.5±0.4 (-3.30 — -1.40)	Average	144.9±5.1 (134.7 — 155.2)	-2.3±0.4 (-3.15 — -1.19)

Table 4. Correlation Height and Nutritional Adequacy Rate of Participants and Nutritional of Adequacy Rate No Intervention and After Intervention Group.

No	Nutrients	Correlation Height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate					
		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate		Nutritional Adequacy Rate (%)	Correlation height with Nutritional Adequacy Rate	
			No Intervention (April 29th, 2019)	(r value)		(p value)	After Intervention (March 11th, 2020)
1	Energy	70.7±18.5 (39.6 — 100.0)	0.118	0.495	66.9±20.3 (30.2 — 86.6)	-0.037	0.832
2	Protein	77.3±20.0 (44.5 — 100.0)	0.078	0.650	87.3±18.0 (50.9 — 100.0)	0.069	0.687
3	Fats	73.2±25.9 (20.8 — 100.0)	0.048	0.781	76.6±24.5 (42.3 — 100.0)	0.051	0.769
4	Carbohydrates	61.2±18.0 (24.5 — 100.0)	0.104	0.547	49.5±19.8 (18.4 — 100.0)	0.009	0.959
5	Vitamin A	75.1±35.4 (5.0 — 100.0)	0.202	0.238	77.9±20.6 (35.4 — 100.0)	0.028	0.873
6	Vitamin E	21.3±13.4 (0.0 — 58.2)	0.142	0.408	54.6±26.8 (7.3 — 100.0)	0.000	0.999
7	Vitamin B-1	35.6±21.2 (9.1 — 100.0)	0.277	0.101	63.0±21.4 (25.0 — 100.0)	-0.048	0.781
8	Vitamin B-2	62.2±24.6 (20.0 — 100.0)	0.209	0.222	97.9±5.8 (76.9 — 100.0)	-0.025	0.884
9	Vitamin B-6	61.9±22.7 (25.0 — 100.0)	0.166	0.333	78.2±20.5 (38.5 — 100.0)	0.145	0.400
10	Vitamin C	17.2±24.2 (0.0 — 85.8)	0.169	0.324	30.4±33.4 (5.4 — 100.0)	0.029	0.866
11	Sodium	17.0±11.9 (2.0 — 55.7)	0.291	0.086	76.0±26.2 (18.6 — 100.0)	0.058	0.738
12	Calcium	27.3±27.8 (3.3 — 100.0)**	0.433	0.008	59.1±19.0 (15.5 — 100.0)	0.071	0.680
13	Magnesium	73.1±21.1 (35.7 — 100.0)	0.100	0.561	92.8±14.3 (42.8 — 100.0)	0.133	0.440
14	Phosphorus	55.9±21.2 (25.4 — 100.0)**	0.406	0.014	87.8±17.0 (45.4 — 100.0)	0.123	0.476
15	Iron	52.8±29.0 (14.0 — 100.0)	0.110	0.524	75.5±24.3 (26.4 — 100.0)	0.093	0.590
16	Zinc	61.2±22.0 (33.3 — 100.0)	0.208	0.233	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.719
Nutritional quality of food		52.7±15.5 (28.4 — 86.3)*	0.281	0.027	84.8±20.3 (30.9 — 100.0)	0.062	0.720

** = p value <0.01; * = p value <0.05

DAY	TIME		
	07:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
MONDAY			
	Milk	Gado-Gado + Milk	Milk
TUESDAY			
	Milk	Fried Vermicelli + Milk	Milk
WEDNESDAY			
	Milk	Batagor + Milk	Milk

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SCHEDULE 1: DETAILS OF THE WORK

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TYPE OF WORK:

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The midmorning snack that is given to teenagers is a snack meal available in the school canteen that they can buy with pocket money. It is necessary to socialize about the importance of consuming high calcium midmorning snack to teenagers. The activity of consuming high-calcium midmorning snack by adolescents can be continued independently. So far, teenagers don't use pocket money to buy midmorning snack that are high in calcium, but they buy other types of snacks that are low in calcium, consisting of soto (soup noodle), pastel, chicken noodles, tofu, fritters, meat pao, tempeh, rice cake and eclairs. So far, no nutritional intervention has significantly increased the nutritional status of stunted children to normal levels; however, this type of intervention may become a viable option in the future.

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