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Keywords: commercial product, white rice porridge with salted plum, lin spread test (LST), thickener.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, various disasters have occurred in Japan. In this case, disaster food that is stockpiled will be used. It is difficult to provide meals in a state

where lifelines are cut, and there is no water, gas, or electricity. At that time, porridge containing water is helpful. White rice porridge is widely available as nursing care food for the elderly and baby food for infants. However, porridge can cause aspiration pneumonia in people with impaired swallowing ability.

In order for people with impaired swallowing function to eat porridge safely, it is necessary to add a thickener suitable for the porridge. We reported that using porridge made by adding salted plum (umeboshi) to white rice, which is very popular in Japan, the viscosity measured by adding four types of thickening agents to porridge.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The nutritional components of the white rice porridge with salted plum used in this experiment are shown in Table 1. The white rice porridge with salty plum used had 36.00 kcal, 0.6g of protein, 0.12g of Fat, 8.2g of carbohydrate, and 0.36-0.84g of sodium per 100g (displayed on the product packaging).

Table 1. Contents and nutritional value of commercial porridge

Contents	Nutrient contents (Per 100g)				
	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrates (g)	Sodium (m g)
White rice porridge with salted plum	36	0.6	0.12	8.2	0.36~0.84

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Table 2 shows the content and nutritional value of four commercially available thickeners. Main component of all thickeners was dextrin (displayed on the product packaging).

Table 2 Content and nutritional value of four types of thickeners

	Contents	Nutrient contents (Per 2g)					Sodium (mg)
		Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrates (g)		
					Sugar (g)	Dietary fiber (g)	
A	Dextrin, Polysaccharide thickener, potassium chloride, sweetener (Sucralose)	5.27	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.47	10.67
B	Dextrin, Xanthan gum, Trisodium chloride, Calcium lactate	4.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.70	3.00
C	Dextrin, Water-soluble dietary fiber, Thickener (Xanthan gum)	5.40	0.00	0.00	1.36	0.50	12.33
D	Dextrin, Polysaccharide thickener, Calcium lactate	0.53	0.03	0.00	0.91	0.83	24.00

a) *Sample (food with Thickener added) adjustment*

Samples were adjusted according to previous reports^{1,2,3,4}. Each of the three foods was prepared as follows.

- 1) The viscosity of the food product was measured without any modification (homogenize with a mixer) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.
- 2) The viscosity of the food product was measured with modification (homogenize with a mixer) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.
- 3) The viscosity was measured on the food product with modification (homogenize with a mixer) after adding 2 grams of thickener (A, B, C, and D) to the food (100g) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.

b) *Viscosity measurement method*

Using the Line Spread Test Start Kit (LST) manufactured by SARAYA, the viscosity of each food was measured. The measurement procedure is as follows. The line spread test (LST) was performed in a room with a room temperature of 24 degrees. Viscosity measurements by line spread test (LST) were performed three repetitions using the same sample. Data was obtained by averaging the viscosity results of three repeated measurements. The measurement method was according to Line Spread Test Start Kit (LST) manufactured by SARAYA.

1. Place the sheet on a level surface. Place a ring with an inner diameter of 30mm in the center of the concentric circles.

2. Add the liquid to be measured to the total thickness in the ring (capacity is 20ml) and let stand for 30 seconds.
3. Lift the ring vertically, and after 30 seconds, measure the spread distance of the solution. Six points on the outermost circumference of the sample spread concentrically were measured, and the average value was calculated as the result of LST values.
4. After 5 minutes, the spread of the samples is measured again at 6 points, and the average value is recorded as the LST value.

c) *Criteria for viscosity*

There are three levels of classification by LST value⁵. The first stage is mildly thick with a viscosity that falls within 43mm to 36mm (50-150 mPa · s). As for the properties, when the spoon is tilted, it flows down quickly². The second stage is moderately thick with a viscosity that falls within 36mm to 32mm (150-300 mPa · s). As for the properties, when you tilt the spoon, it flows to the surface². The third stage is highly thick with a viscosity that falls within 32mm to 30mm (300-500 mPa · s). Even if the spoon is tilted, the shape is maintained to some extent, and does not flow easily⁵.

d) *Statistical processing*

This study was statistically processed using statistical software (Excel 2010: SSRI Co., Ltd). The data to be compared were first tested for normal distribution by F-test. For comparisons between correlated data, the paired Student-t test was used for normally distributed data. Wilcoxon test was used for non-normally distributed data.

III. RESULTS

Table 3 shows the line spread test results. The viscosity of white rice porridge with salted plum decreased from moderately thick to mildly thick with time. When the white rice porridge with salty plum was processed with a mixer so that it became a uniform liquid, the viscosity became mildly thick. When

thickeners B and D were added to the liquid white rice porridge with salty plum, the viscosity remained highly dense. But, when thickener A and C were added to the liquid white rice porridge with salty plum, the viscosity decreased from highly dense to moderately dense with time.

Table 3. Viscosity measurement results of four types of thickeners for salted plum rice porridge using the line spread test

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
No adjustment	35.6 ± 3.4	37.4 ± 3.7	37.6 ± 3.8	38.9 ± 3.7
Mixer processing (MP)	44.8 ± 3.0	48.6 ± 6.4	47.5 ± 4.7	47.3 ± 4.8
MP with Thickener A (Toromicria)	30.0 ± 3.5	31.3 ± 3.9	31.1 ± 3.8	31.4 ± 4.6
MP with Thickener B (Tururinko)	28.4 ± 1.7	29.7 ± 1.9	29.9 ± 1.9	30.2 ± 2.0
MP with Thickener C (Toromifaiver)	30.3 ± 2.8	30.9 ± 2.0	31.0 ± 1.9	32.8 ± 3.3
MP with Thickener D (Neohaitoromi-ru)	23.7 ± 3.4	24.1 ± 3.9	24.7 ± 4.0	25.3 ± 4.3

a) Statistical processing results

The line spread test results and statistical processing results are shown in Table 4-9. Except for the sample with Thickener A, C, and D, the viscosity was statistically significantly weakened from 30 seconds to 5

minutes after putting the white rice porridge with salty plum on the viscometer plate under other conditions. However, except for the sample with Thickener C, the viscosities of the white rice porridge with salted plum with thickener were highly dense.

Table 4. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ±Standard deviation	35.6±3.4	37.4±3.7	37.4±3.7	37.6±3.8	37.6±3.8	38.9±3.7
F test	P=0.370		P=0.465		P=0.456	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.0001**		P=0.083		P=0.127	
Wilcoxon test						

Table 5. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge after mixer processing (MP)

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ±Standard deviation	44.8±3.0	48.6±6.4	48.6±6.4	47.5±4.7	47.5±4.7	47.2±4.8
F test	P=0.001**		P=0.104		P=0.460	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.0001**		P=0.283		P=0.331	
Wilcoxon test	P=0.0001**					

Table 6. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge after mixer processing (MP) with Thickener A

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ±Standard deviation	30.0±3.5	31.3±3.5	31.3±3.5	31.1±3.8	31.1±3.8	31.4±4.6
F test	P=0.335		P=0.471		P=0.217	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.264		P=0.659		P=0.469	
Wilcoxon test						

Table 7. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge after mixer processing (MP) with Thickener B

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ±Standard dev	28.4±1.7	29.7±1.9	29.7±1.9	29.9±1.9	29.9±1.9	30.2±2.0
F test	P=0.364		P=0.455		P=0.447	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.0001**		P=0.104		P=0.020*	
Wilcoxon test						

Table 8. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge after mixer processing (MP) with Thickener C

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ±Standard dev	30.3±2.8	30.9±2.0	30.9±2.0	31.0±1.9	31.0±1.9	32.8±3.3
F test	P=0.075		P=0.477		P=0.015*	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.305		P=0.4505			
Wilcoxon test					P=0.070	

Table 9. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of salted plum rice porridge after mixer processing (MP) with Thickener D

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard dev	23.7 ± 3.4	24.1 ± 3.9	24.1 ± 3.9	24.7 ± 4.0	24.7 ± 4.0	25.3 ± 4.3
F test	P=0.276		P=0.468		P=0.381	
Paired Student t-test	P=0.088		P=0.066		P=0.243	
Wilcoxon test						

IV. DISCUSSIONS

By adding a commercial Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) to the white rice porridge with salty plum, the viscosity was the highest and was stable. Adding Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) to white rice porridge made it more viscous and stable⁶. Adding Thickener B (including dextrin, calcium lactate, xanthan gum, and tri-sodium chloride) and Thickener D made to white rice porridge with sticky barley (rich in fat) it more viscous and stable⁷. Adding Thickener B (including dextrin, calcium lactate, xanthan gum, and tri-sodium chloride) and Thickener D to white rice porridge with salmon (rich in protein) made it more viscous and stable⁸. As previously reported on the relationship between ease of swallowing and food viscosity^{9,10}, low viscosity also increases the likelihood of aspiration. In the case of porridge containing fat and protein, adding Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) stabilized the viscosity.

V. CONCLUSION

We liquefied white rice porridge with salty plums, popular in Japan, and added four commercially available thickeners to measure the viscosity. As a result, thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) was the most viscous and stable when it was added to the porridge. For people with various swallowing functions, stockpiling a thickener that stabilizes the viscosity of the porridge to be stockpiled is necessary in case of a disaster.

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Abstract- Viscosity was evaluated using a line spread test (LST) using white rice porridge with egg, which has more lipids and proteins than white rice porridge and has a wide range of versatility. Liquid porridge is used for older people with weak chewing, and babies as baby food have low viscosity, and are highly likely to be aspirated by people with weakened swallowing function. Therefore, a uniform liquid porridge was prepared using a mixer, and the viscosity was measured. As a result, it was shown that liquid porridge is thin and has a high risk of aspiration in people with weakened swallowing function. In order to increase the viscosity of the liquefied white rice porridge with egg, commercially available thickeners (four different types) were added. The viscosity of white rice porridge with egg with added thickener was evaluated using the line spread test (LST).

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Line Spread Test Results for Commercially Available the White Rice Porridge with Egg - Including the Effect of Four Types of Thickening Agents Added After Blending -

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Abstract- Viscosity was evaluated using a line spread test (LST) using white rice porridge with egg, which has more lipids and proteins than white rice porridge and has a wide range of versatility. Liquid porridge is used for older people with weak chewing, and babies as baby food have low viscosity, and are highly likely to be aspirated by people with weakened swallowing function. Therefore, a uniform liquid porridge was prepared using a mixer, and the viscosity was measured. As a result, it was shown that liquid porridge is thin and has a high risk of aspiration in people with weakened swallowing function. In order to increase the viscosity of the liquefied white rice porridge with egg, commercially available thickeners (four different types) were added. The viscosity of white rice porridge with egg with added thickener was evaluated using the line spread test (LST). As a result, the viscosity of the white rice porridge with egg to which the thickener containing dextrin, calcium lactate and thickening polysaccharide was added was stable. We need to investigate more combinations of porridges and thickeners that exhibit high density.

Keywords: commercial product, white rice porridge with egg, lin spread test (LST), thickener.

I. INTRODUCTION

There are many types of porridge on the market, some of which are highly nutritious. Among them, white rice porridge with egg containing a lot of

protein and Fat is more versatile than white rice porridge. It can be used as liquid porridge for baby food, older people with weak mastication, and sick patients. However, liquid porridge is highly likely to be aspirated by people with impaired swallowing function. Therefore, liquid porridges often require the addition of thickeners. Combining porridges of varying nutritional value and thickeners may not provide sufficient viscosity. In this study, we used a commercially available white rice porridge with egg, and four different Thickeners in chooses from many different kind of Thickeners. We evaluated the viscosity of the rice porridge after adding four types of thickeners using a line spread test (LST).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The nutritional components of the white rice porridge with egg used in this experiment are shown in Table 1. The white rice porridge with egg used had 36.00 kcal, 1.32g of protein, 0.92g of Fat, 5.72g of carbohydrate, and 0.52g of sodium per 100g (displayed on the product packaging).

Table 1. Contents and nutritional value of commercial porridge

Contents	Nutrient contents (Per 100g)				
	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrates (g)	Sodium (m g)
White rice porridge with egg Egg, Non-glutinous rice, Bonito flakes extract, Salr, soy sauce, Yeast extract powder, Thickener (modified starch) 、 acidulant	36.00	1.32	0.92	5.72	0.52

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Table 2 shows the content and nutritional value of the four commercially available Thickeners. The main component of all thickeners was dextrin (displayed on the product packaging).

Table 2 Content and nutritional value of four types of thickeners

	Contents	Nutrient contents (Per 2g)					Sodium (mg)
		Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrates (g)		
					Sugar (g)	Dietary fiber (g)	
A	Dextrin, Polysaccharide thickener, potassium chloride, sweetener (Sucralose)	5.27	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.47	10.67
B	Dextrin, Xanthan gum, Trisodium chloride, Calcium lactate	4.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.70	3.00
C	Dextrin, Water-soluble dietary fiber, Thickener (Xanthan gum)	5.40	0.00	0.00	1.36	0.50	12.33
D	Dextrin, Polysaccharide thickener, Calcium lactate	0.53	0.03	0.00	0.91	0.83	24.00

a) *Sample (food with Thickener added) adjustment*

Samples were adjusted according to previous reports^{1,2,3,4}. Each of the three foods was prepared as follows.

- 1) The viscosity of the food product was measured without any modification (homogenize with a mixer) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.
- 2) The viscosity of the food product was measured with modification (homogenize with a mixer) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.
- 3) The viscosity was measured on the food product with modification (homogenize with a mixer) after adding 2 grams of thickener (A, B, C, and D) to the food (100g) after 30seconds, 5minutes, 15minutes, and 30minutes.

b) *Viscosity measurement method*

Using the Line Spread Test Start Kit (LST) manufactured by SARAYA, the viscosity of each food was measured. The measurement procedure is as follows. The line spread test (LST) was performed in a room with a room temperature of 24 degrees. Viscosity measurements by line spread test (LST) were performed three repetitions using the same sample. Data was obtained by averaging the viscosity results of three repeated measurements. The measurement method was according to Line Spread Test Start Kit (LST) manufactured by SARAYA.

1. Place the sheet on a level surface. Place a ring with an inner diameter of 30mm in the center of the concentric circles.
2. Add the liquid to be measured to the total thickness in thering (capacity is 20ml) and let stand for 30 seconds.

3. Lift the ring vertically, and after 30 seconds, measure the spread distance of the solution. Six points on the outermost circumference of the sample spread concentrically were measured, and the average value was calculated as the result of LST values.
4. After 5 minutes, the spread of the samples is measured again at 6 points, and the average value is recorded as the LST value.

c) *Criteria for viscosity*

There are three levels of classification by LST value⁵. The first stage is mildly thick with a viscosity that falls within 43mm to 36mm (50-150 mPa · s). As for the properties, when the spoon is tilted, it flows down quickly². The second stage is moderately thick with a viscosity that falls within 36mm to 32mm (150-300 mPa · s). As for the properties, when you tilt the spoon, it flows to the surface². The third stage is highly thick with a viscosity that falls within 32mm to 30mm (300-500 mPa · s). Even if the spoon is tilted, the shape is maintained to some extent, and does not flow easily⁵.

d) *Statistical processing*

This study was statistically processed using statistical software (Excel 2010: SSRI Co., Ltd). The data to be compared were first tested for normal distribution by F-test. For comparisons between correlated data, the paired Student-t test was used for normally distributed data. Wilcoxon test was used for non-normally distributed data.

III. RESULTS

Table 3 shows the line spread test results. The viscosity of white rice porridge with egg decreased from moderately thick to mildly thick with time. The white rice porridge with egg was processed with a mixer to become a uniform viscosity became mildly dense. The

thickener B, C, and D were added to the liquid white rice porridge with egg, and the viscosity remained highly viscous. But, with the thickener A added to the liquid white rice porridge with egg, the viscosity decreased from highly dense to moderately dense with time.

Table 3. Viscosity measurement results of four types of thickeners for egg rice porridge using the line spread test

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
No adjustment	37.0 ± 3.1	39.5 ± 2.1	40.3 ± 2.4	40.3 ± 2.1
Mixer processing (MP)	48.9 ± 5.6	54.8 ± 11.5	55.5 ± 12.7	54.5 ± 11.6
MP with Thickener A (Toromicria)	30.5 ± 2.8	32.4 ± 4.0	34.0 ± 3.0	34.3 ± 3.1
MP with Thickener B (Tururinko)	26.9 ± 2.3	28.4 ± 2.6	29.3 ± 2.8	29.7 ± 3.2
MP with Thickener C (Toromifaiver)	27.6 ± 3.6	29.1 ± 4.0	29.7 ± 3.9	29.9 ± 4.1
MP with Thickener D (Neohaitoromi-ru)	23.5 ± 5.3	24.5 ± 6.0	26.2 ± 5.7	24.6 ± 5.5

a) Statistical processing results

The line spread test results and statistical processing results are shown in Table 4-9. For all the samples, the viscosity was statistically significantly weakened from 30 seconds to 5 minutes, and from 5

minutes to 15 minutes after putting the white rice porridge with egg on the viscometer plate under other conditions. The viscosities of the white rice porridge with egg with thickeners B, C, and D were highly dense.

Table 4. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	37.0±3.1	39.5±2.1	39.5±2.1	40.3±2.4	40.3±2.4	40.3±2.1
F test		P=0.058		P=0.309		P=0.305
Paired Student t-test		p=0.0001**		p=0.0001**		p=0.668
Wilcoxon test						

Table 5. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge after Mixer processing (MP)

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	48.9±5.6	54.8±11.5	54.8±11.5	55.5±12.7	55.5±12.7	54.5±11.6
F test		P=0.002**		P=0.349		P=0.454
Paired Student t-test		p=0.002**		p=0.579		p=0.306
Wilcoxon test		p=0.002**				

Table 6. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge after Mixer processing (MP) with Thickener A

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	30.5±2.8	32.4±4.0	32.4±4.0	34.0±3.0	34.0±3.0	34.3±3.1
F test		P=0.070		P=0.120		P=0.458
Paired Student t-test		p=0.004**		p=0.010**		p=0.780
Wilcoxon test						

Table 7. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge after Mixer processing (MP) with Thickener B

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	26.9±2.3	28.4±2.6	28.4±2.6	29.3±2.8	29.3±2.8	29.7±3.2
F test		P=0.665		P=0.423		P=0.246
Paired Student t-test		p=0.0001**		p=0.0001**		p=0.250
Wilcoxon test						

Table 8. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge after Mixer processing (MP) with Thickener C

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	27.6±3.6	29.1±4.0	29.1±4.0	29.7±3.9	29.7±3.9	29.9±4.3
F test		P=0.315		P=0.474		P=0.432
Paired Student t-test		p=0.0001**		p=0.0001**		p=0.381
Wilcoxon test						

Table 9. Line spread test (LST) measurement results of egg rice porridge after Mixer processing (MP) with Thickener D

	After 30 seconds	After 5 minutes	After 5 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 15 minutes	After 30 minutes
Average value ± Standard deviation	23.5±5.3	24.5±6.0	24.5±6.0	26.2±5.7	26.2±5.7	24.5±5.5
F test		P=0.306		P=0.412		P=0.440
Paired Student t-test		p=0.0001**		p=0.034*		p=0.095
Wilcoxon test						

IV. DISCUSSIONS

Using commercially available retort porridge, which is helpful in times of disaster, we tried to make a thick porridge that can avoid the risk of aspiration by people with dysphagia. In a paper published by the authors in the past, adding Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) to white rice porridge made it more viscous and stable⁶. In the white rice porridge with sticky barley (rich in fat), adding Thickener B (including dextrin, calcium lactate, xanthan gum, and tri-sodium chloride) and Thickener D made it more viscous and stable⁷. In white rice porridge with salmon (rich in protein), adding Thickener B (including dextrin, calcium lactate, xanthan gum, and tri-sodium chloride) and Thickener D made it more viscous and stable⁸. In the case of the white rice porridge with egg (rich in fat and protein), adding Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) made it more viscous and stable. As previously reported on the relationship between ease of swallowing and food viscosity^{9,10}, low viscosity also increases the likelihood of aspiration. Depending on the difference in the nutrients in the target food, it is considered that there is compatibility with other ingredients of the thickener containing dextrin. In order to think of a better combination, it is necessary to measure the viscosity of more combinations of thickeners and porridges.

V. CONCLUSION

A commercially available retort porridge, which is useful even in the event of a disaster, was used. A thickener added to avoid the risk of aspiration by people with impaired swallowing function. The viscosity of white rice porridge with eggs, which contains more protein and fat than white rice porridge, stabilized when Thickener D (including dextrin, calcium lactate, and polysaccharide) was added. The viscosity is also stabilized when Thickener B (including dextrin, calcium lactate, xanthan gum, and tri-sodium chloride) is added to the white rice porridge with eggs. When the thickener D was added to the white rice porridge with egg, the viscosity of the porridge stabilized more than when the thickener B was added. This difference in viscosity may be due to differences in the polysaccharide content of the thickening agent.

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INTRODUCTION

Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) among children is still one of the main public health challenges in the 21st century, particularly in developing countries (Bhutta & Salam, 2012). It is associated with a high risk of morbidity and mortality (Cashin & Oot, 2018). Children are the most vulnerable group to the effects of severe acute malnutrition during their most rapid physical growth and development, because of the additional nutritional requirements for growth and expansion at this time (Picot et al., 2012). It can manifest over a short period of time when the body does not receive adequate amounts of micronutrients or energy, either as a result of insufficient dietary intake or through malabsorption of nutrients or loss of appetite due to illness (James et al., 2015). It increases dramatically in emergencies and developing countries generally, where these settings are plagued by chronic poverty, poor hygiene, lack of education, poor diets and limited access to food (UNICEF, 2015c).

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The outpatient therapeutic feeding program is one dimension of the community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) that provides screening, diagnostic and treatment services for uncomplicated SAM children 6–59 months of age, by giving home-based treatment as RUTF and routine medical treatment (Atnafe et al., 2019; UNICEF, 2015a). It brings the management of SAM closer to the community by making services available at decentralized treatment points within the primary health care (PHC) settings (John et al., 2018; WVI, 2017). RUTFs are highly fortified energy dense pastes designed to fulfill 100% of the nutritional needs of children during the recovery from SAM.

Child nutrition outcomes such as acute malnutrition in particular, is recognized as crucial indicator for tracking the nutrition and health status of children in a population (Fadare et al., 2019). The effectiveness of treatment of SAM has been proven through health interventions during emergency settings and routine development programs however there is high risk of program default and fatalities, if the interventions are not delivered adequately (Okello, 2016). The performance indicators for managing SAM of discharged children for SAM are made up of those who have cure $\geq 75\%$, defaulted $< 15\%$, non-respondent or died $< 10\%$, based on the Sphere minimum standards are used as a threshold for OTP performance (Sphere, 2018).

Definition of SAM: SAM in children 6–59 months of age is defined as a weight for height/length < -3 Z-score of the WHO growth standard, and, or MUAC of less than 115 mm, or the presence of bilateral pitting edema (nutritional edema) (UNICEF, 2015a; WFP, 2012; WHO, 2013a).

Pathophysiology of SAM: Acute malnutrition typically develops during the first two years of life, when growth velocity and brain development are exceptionally high. The children are particularly susceptible to acute malnutrition if complementary foods are low nutrient density and have low bioavailability of micronutrients. Also, children's nutritional status will be further compromised if complementary foods are given at the wrong time as too early or late, or are contaminated (WHO, 2013a). During short-term starvation, free fatty acids (FFAs) and ketone bodies are primarily oxidized using available fat stores from adipose tissue, and myofibrillar proteins can be broken down into amino

acids, which can be converted into glucose (through gluconeogenesis). After several days of starvation (when body fat has been depleted), myofibrillar proteins are extensively broken down to maintain essential metabolic processes. The short-term regulation of macronutrient oxidation and synthesis depends on insulin and glucagon, whereas the long-term regulation of these processes is mediated by other hormones, such as growth hormone, thyroid hormones, catechol amines and corticosteroids (Bhutta et al., 2017).

SAM can result in profound metabolic, physiological and anatomical changes. All organs and systems are involved in a "reductive adaptation" process due to nutrient shortage. Reductive adaptation is the physiological response of the body to low nutrition i.e., systems slowing down to survive on limited macro and micronutrient intake. The pathophysiological responses to nutrient depletion place children with SAM at increased risk of life threatening complications that lead to increased risk of death. Therefore, successful management of SAM requires both systematic medical therapy of underlying infections and nutritional treatment with therapeutic feeds (WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017; WHO, 2013a).

Clinical picture of SAM

The common signs and symptoms of SAM include poor appetite, pallor, weight loss, increased thirst or vomiting and diarrhea plus behavior changes as well as excessive drooling (Kasio Iboyi & Zha, 2019). The clinical picture of SAM varies according to its two recognized forms such as marasmus and kwashiorkor (Mwangome et al., 2011):

Clinical signs of marasmus: Severe wasting is a massive loss of body fat and muscle tissue. Children who are severely wasted look almost elderly and their bodies are extremely thin and skeletal (AAH, 2022).

Clinical signs of kwashiorkor: In this form of severe acute malnutrition, edema is present on the lower limbs, and is verified when thumb pressure is applied on top of both feet for three seconds and leaves a pit or indentation in the foot, after the thumb is lifted. Edema may eventually spread to the legs and face, and the child appears puffy, and is usually irritable, weak, and lethargic. Other signs of edema include skin lesions, an enlarged liver and thinning hair. Underneath edema, the muscles have been severely weakened and the child experiences excruciating cramping and muscle pain (AAH, 2022).

Diagnosis of SAM in children

Globally, the most common method for screening and diagnosis of SAM among CU5 as individuals or populations can be done in different ways such as anthropometric measurements (nutritional index), clinical signs or nutritional edema (JMoH, 2013; WFP, 2012; WHO, 2009, 2013b).

Anthropometric measurements and indices

Anthropometry is a crucial tool measurement of the human body used by health providers. It is helpful in determining and monitoring the nutritional status, it identifies the type of malnutrition and measuring progress toward improvement among children. However, it does not identify specific nutrient deficiencies (e.g., iron or vitamin A). Common anthropometric measurements include: height/length, weight and MUAC (Cashin & Oot, 2018; WFP, FAO, et al., 2017). It is the preferred anthropometric indicator to assess acute malnutrition, where MUAC better than WHZ at identifying high risk children in the community (MoPHP et al., 2008; WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017). Age, sex and bilateral pitting edema are essential parameters in anthropometry (WFP, FAO, et al., 2017).

Weight for Height Z-scores (WHZ): Anthropometric Z-scores describe how far and in what direction an individual's measurement is from the reference populations' median value. According to the WHO Growth Standards, the reference population is children the same sex and age. Z-scores that fall outside of the normal range indicate a nutritional issue (Cashin & Oot, 2018). WHZ is considered to be an essential measure of nutritional status and helpful in identifying SAM, it is appropriate threshold for diagnosing marasmus. It is calculated from patient's weight, height and sex, using WHO Growth Standards. It can be estimated using growth charts/tables and, or calculated using computer software (Cashin & Oot, 2018; JMoH, 2013; Picot et al., 2012; WFP, 2012; WHO, 2009, 2013b, 2020).

Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC): Measurement of MUAC provides a reliable and simple tool for screening nutritional status and also enables rapid assessment of large populations in epidemiological field studies. (Shinsugi et al., 2020). WHO and UNICEF recommended using the MUAC as an independent indicator of SAM. It is a helpful measure within community or during emergency situations, when measuring children's height and weight may prove difficult. MUAC is also used for diagnosis, admission and discharges of children with SAM, particularly in CMAM programs, because it is a simple and inexpensive measurement and does not require a chart to calculate. It is measured by a band around the mid-point of the upper left arm of the child (Cashin & Oot, 2018; JMoH, 2013; Picot et al., 2012; WFP, 2012; WHO, 2009, 2013b, 2020). Study conducted in India by Aguayo et al. (2015), concluded that MUAC appears to be an appropriate criterion for identifying SAM children.

Clinical signs of bilateral edema

Bilateral pitting edema is a clinical sign of a specific form of SAM known as nutritional edema (edematous malnutrition or kwashiorkor). It is a swelling caused by the accumulation of fluid in the body tissues and can be categorized as mild (edema in both

feet/ankles), moderate (edema in feet plus lower legs, hands or lower arms) and severe (generalized edema including feet, legs, hands, arms and face)(WHO, 2020):

Outpatient treatment of SAM

The outpatient treatment of SAM programs aims for more widespread access to treatment primarily by establishing the appropriate facilities and activities within more communities (UNICEF, 2012). The rapid expansion of community based treatment programs worldwide, lead to every year millions of children being treated for SAM (Briend & Berkley, 2016). Typically, children treated in the community with uncomplicated SAM have a CFR less than 5%(Williams & Berkley, 2018). Uncomplicated severely malnourished children should be managed as outpatients, by providing them with weekly of RUTF, which can often follow at home if the child has clinically well, alert and retained appetite.(Jones & Berkley, 2014; Lenters et al., 2016; WHO, 2019; Williams & Berkley, 2018).

SAM treatment program depends on the four following principles; maximum coverage and access, timeliness, appropriate care and care for as long as it is needed (Lenters et al., 2016). Therefore the program strives to reach all severely malnourished children before the development of medical complications and to provide appropriate care until recovery. The program uses community health workers or volunteers to actively find cases of acute malnutrition within the community. The severely malnourished children treated should be supplemented with routine medications during the treatment course such as vitamin A, folic acid, antibiotics, deworming and measles vaccine(AI Amad et al., 2017).

Children with SAM should be treated proactively with intensive treatment regimens of short duration, aiming to rehabilitate the child in a few weeks. OTP is currently used to achieve rapid recovery from SAM, it provides services of SAM management closer to the community at primary health care facilities, where uncomplicated SAM children receive different amounts of RUTF as Plumpy'Nut sachets according to their body weight(AI Amad et al., 2017; WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017).The caregivers visits the health facility or OTP point every week or two weeks with their child for a medical checkup and to receive a weekly supply of RUTF. OTP should be operated in as many health facilities as possible and should be incorporated into existing health services as a component of routine services for CU5, this ensures good geographic coverage so that as many malnourished children as possible can access treatment(WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017).

Admission criteria in OTP: According to the national guidelines for management of SAM based on WHO, UNICEF and WFP recommendations, admission criteria in OTP are determined by a child's weight and height,

by calculating weight-for-height as "Z-score" using the WHO Child Growth Standard, MUAC and presence of edema. Cutoffs are summarized as the following (UNICEF, 2012, 2015b; WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017; WHO, 2013a, 2020):

- ✓ Bilateral pitting edema 1st (+) or 2nd (++) degree, or
- ✓ MUAC < 115 mm, and/or
- ✓ Weight-for Height/Length < -3 z-score, and
- ✓ Good appetite (passed appetite test for RUTF), and
- ✓ Clinically well and alert (no medical complications).

Routine medications and prevention package used in OTP

All SAM programs should include systematic treatments according to national or international guidance (Sphere, 2018). Children admitted directly to OTP should receive a short and routine course of essential oral medication such as antibiotic (Amoxicillin), anti worms (as Albendazole or Mebendazole), anti malaria, vit A, folic acid and measles vaccination, and some prevention package as soap and bed net. It reduced the risk of severe bacterial infection and improves the recovery rate (MoPHP, 2014; Pati et al., 2018; WFP, UNICEF, et al., 2017; WHO, 2013a). The use of broad-spectrum antibiotics has been conditionally recommended for treatment of uncomplicated SAM. (Black et al., 2016). A systematic review conducted by Williams and Berkley (2018), concluded the current evidence supports the continued use of broad spectrum oral amoxicillin for treating children with uncomplicated SAM.

Nutritional treatment by RUTF: The development specially formulated RUTF has enabled treatment of SAM in the community and made a difference in child survival. It provides 100% of the energy needed from foods(Osendarp et al., 2015). RUTF has become a standard method of treating SAM and is easier to use and distribute during nutritional emergencies. It is a very effective therapeutic food in the rehabilitation children with SAM in many settings (Bazzano et al., 2017; UNICEF, 2012).

Plumpy-Nut[®] is one of the most of RUTF used in the world, it is a commercial product of Nutriset (UNICEF, 2012). An average entire course of treatment for a child amounts to around 10-15 kilograms of RUTF over a 6-8 week period(Force, 2012; UNICEF, 2013). If the mother is still breastfeeding, she is advised to give the RUTF after breast milk, explain that clean water must be given to a child eating RUTF to keep them adequately hydrated and should be given RUTF before other foods. It should not be given to children who are allergic to peanuts or dairy products. About central nutritional values describe in the table (2.1)(NUTRISET, 2018). Each sachet of Plumpy'Nut[®] of 92g provides 500kcal. A child undergoing treatment for SAM should take in approximately 200kcal/kg/day. Provide a weekly

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Energy	500 kcal	Copper	1.5 mg	Vitamin B1	0.46 mg
Proteins	12.8 g	Iron	10.3 mg	Vitamin B2	1.5 mg
Lipids	30.3 g	Iodine	98 µg	Vitamin B6	0.55 mg
Carbohydrates	45 g	Selenium	28 µg	Vitamin B12	1.5 µg
Calcium	302 mg	Sodium	165 mg	Vitamin K	14.4 µg
Phosphorus	343 mg	Vitamin A	0.79 mg	Biotin	56 µg
Potassium	1 171 mg	Vitamin D	14 µg	Folic acid	184 µg
Magnesium	80 mg	Vitamin E	18.4 mg	Pantothenic acid	2.8 mg
Zinc	11.8 mg	Vitamin C	46 mg	Niacin	4.6 mg

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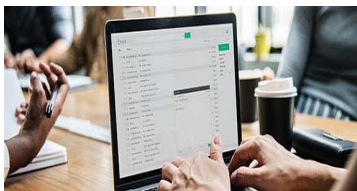
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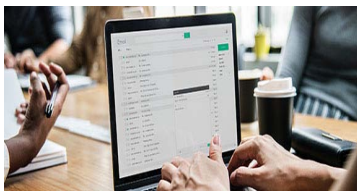
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