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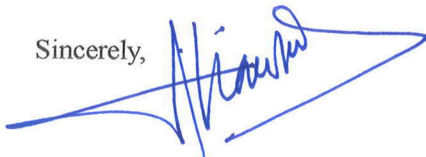
Dear dr. Sufi Desrini,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled: "Higher Risk of Preterm Birth and Low Apgar Score Among Preeclamptic Women", for consideration as an original article. This study is a retrospective case control study, comparing preeclampsia in preterm and aterm cases for 2017 period in Dr. Soetomo General Hospital, an academic tertiary hospital in East Java, Indonesia. We found that preeclampsia puts pregnant women at higher risk of delivering preterm and neonatus with low Apgar Score. Moreover, the risk of low Apgar Score was magnified in preterm preeclampsia cases.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by JKKI because it analyzed the association of preeclampsia, preterm birth, and the implication on neonatal outcomes, particularly Apgar Score. We addressed preeclampsia as an obstetric problem and most often the dilemma arises when an obstetrician needs to decide whether or not expectant management or termination is the best interest for mother and child. Termination at early age can result in adverse neonatal outcomes. This manuscript mainly focuses on Obstetrics and Gynecologist, other than Child Health. Both of the subjects are covered in this journal's scope. Moreover, preeclampsia is mentioned as level of competence 3B meaning general practitioners should be able to diagnose, give early management, and to refer. Therefore, in our opinion, this manuscript belongs in this journal as the study findings of preeclampsia and its contribution on preterm birth and lower Apgar score should be acknowledged by not only obstetricians but also doctors in general.

This manuscript has not been previously published and is not under consideration in the same or substantially similar form in any other peer-reviewed media.

Sincerely,



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