

Cover Letter for Submission of a Paper

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Dear Editor(s) of the National Journal of Public Health,

I would like to submit a new manuscript entitled “Risk Differences in Older Men and Women with Doctor’s Diagnosed Diabetes Mellitus (DDDM) in Urban Indonesia: 2013 Riskesdas Data” for consideration by the National Public Health Journal’s next edition.

I confirm that this work is original and has neither been published elsewhere nor currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. In this paper, I focused on the risk differences among Indonesian urban men and women with diabetes as they get older than 50 years.

I report on a much higher risk of contracting doctor’s diagnosed diabetes mellitus (DDDM) among older women aged 50-64 (30 times more likely than younger women aged 15-39 years), compared to among older men aged 50-64 (21 times more likely than younger men 15-39 years). This is a significant sex difference. The paper should be of interest to readers in the areas of promotion and prevention of diabetes diagnosed by doctors in Indonesia and other developing countries.

The study examines the prevalence of diabetes in urban Indonesia in correlation with sex, age, education, employment, wealth index and insurance coverage. Public health messages are necessary to promote changes of lifestyle and early diagnosis by doctors. Inexpensive testing of blood sugar is not yet available in many parts of Indonesia, even in urban areas. Diabetes mellitus was suspected affecting more than 35 million people in Indonesia. This non-communicable disease will be a significant burden because uncontrolled diabetes has dire consequences for people’s health and well-being. By 2030, Indonesia set a target to reduce mortality from diabetes by one third. It is important to disseminate the study findings, especially to inspire women and men to maintain their body weight at the age of 50 and over. It is also hoped that the government ensures the availability of essential medicines for early diagnoses and treatment of diabetes type 2.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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