Author's response to reviews

Title: The Four Pillars Approach in managing pregnant women with anaemia in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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Dear Editor,

With this letter we would like to submit our manuscript entitled, “The Four Pillars Approach in managing pregnant women with anaemia in Yogyakarta – Indonesia: Study protocol,” for consideration for publication in BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth.

Many studies have shown that anaemia is a major health problem among pregnant women in low income countries including Indonesia. In this study, we design the Four Pillars Approach as a multifaceted strategy to synergise the patient’s and nurse-midwives’ empowerment during pregnancy and delivery. The main objective of this study is to measure the effectiveness of the Four Pillars Approach in managing pregnant women with anaemia. The outcomes evaluated in this study will be a difference in haemoglobin level, the number of antenatal visits and skilled birth attendance at delivery. In addition we will evaluate barriers and facilitators towards implementation of this approach as well as patients and nurse midwives satisfaction.

Since anaemia is experienced by pregnant women in worldwide, and because our findings can be applied directly in the clinical setting, we believe that our manuscript will be of great interest to the nurse-midwives, clinicians, researchers, and trainees who read your journal.

This study is still on-going and we declare that no other manuscripts related to this study are under consideration at any other journals. All authors approved the manuscript and this submission.

Thank you for receiving our manuscript and considering it for review. We appreciate your time and we are looking forward to your response.

Best regards,

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Enclosure: the manuscript: “The Four Pillars Approach in managing pregnant women with anaemia in Yogyakarta – Indonesia: study protocol”. (revision)
Points of revision:

1. Abstract

   In the point of “Discussion”

   The previous one:
   If the Four Pillars Approach is effective in improving the outcomes for pregnant women with anaemia, this approach could be implemented nationwide and be taken into consideration to improve the outcome for other conditions in pregnancy, after further research.

   The new one:
   This study is still on-going, if the Four Pillars Approach is effective in improving the outcomes for pregnant women with anaemia, this approach could be implemented nationwide and be taken into consideration to improve the outcome for other conditions in pregnancy, after further research.

2. Manuscript
   a. In the point of “Discussion”
      The revision is on the last paragraph:

      The previous one:
      ......If the Four Pillars Approach is effective in improving the outcomes for pregnant women with anaemia, this approach could be implemented nationwide and be taken into consideration to improve the outcome for other conditions in pregnancy, after further research.

      The new one:
      ......This study is still on-going, if the Four Pillars Approach is effective in improving the outcomes for pregnant women with anaemia, this approach could be implemented nationwide and be taken into consideration to improve the outcome for other conditions in pregnancy, after further research.

   b. In the point of "Acknowledgment"

      The previous one:
      This project is funded by the Directorate General if Higher Education of Indonesia

      The new one:
      On behalf of Directorate General of Higher Education, the Reviewer Team of Universitas Wajah Muda has reviewed the first edition of this study protocol. To conduct this study, The Directorate General of Higher Education allowed us to use a part of the tuition fee budget of doctoral scholarship as one sources of funds (ref. no.: 369/E4.4/K/2011) during the study period (2011-2014), and provided financial support for one year from the Decentralization UGM DIPA (ref.no.: 00/5/ES.2/PI/2012) for 2013.