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Dear Editor,

With this letter we would like to submit our manuscript entitled, “A qualitative study on barriers of managing anaemia during pregnancy in Public Health Centres: perceptions of Indonesian nurse-midwives”, to BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth for publication.

Many studies have shown that anaemia is a major health problem among pregnant women in low income countries including Indonesia. As primary caregivers in Public Health Centres, nurse-midwives play an important role in early detection of anaemia during pregnancy, as well as the administration of appropriate treatment. In this study, we have interviewed 23 nurse-midwives in Yogyakarta Special Province about their experiences in managing pregnant women with anaemia.

We identified three main themes being: the lack of competence and clinical skills; cultural beliefs and low participation of family in the antenatal care programme; and insufficient facilities and support of staff in the Public Health Centres. Based on these research findings, we conclude that pregnant women with anaemia need to be managed with a more comprehensive approach synergizing the available resources, empower nurse-midwives and pregnant women in order to improve maternal well being.

We believe that our manuscript will be of interest to nurse-midwives, clinicians, researchers, and trainees who read your journal and who are involved with antenatal care programmes in low resource countries.

We declare that no other manuscripts related to this study are under consideration at any other journal. 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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