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Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled “Knowledge and behaviour of elementary school children in Jepara, Indonesia on soil transmitted helminth infections” for consideration by the Journal of Community Empowerment for Health.

Soil transmitted helminth infections are prevalent among elementary school children and can have consequences for their development and health. In this study, we aimed to determine knowledge and behaviour of elementary school children in the rural regency Jepara, Indonesia on soil transmitted helminth infections. Data was collected using a questionnaire and stool sampling. This study revealed inadequate knowledge and behaviour concerning soil transmitted helminth infections in elementary school children in Mlonggo, Jepara. Therefore, the effectiveness of the current elimination program in this area is not yet optimal. A proper health education programme to teach children about soil transmitted helminth infections and personal hygiene is necessary.

With this article we aim to raise awareness for health education in rural communities, where schools and the local Puskesmas play an important role. Therefore, we believe this article suits the focus and scope of the Journal of Community Empowerment for Health.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose. All authors have approved of and have agreed to submit the manuscript to this journal.

Thanking you,

Yours’ sincerely,

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