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Dear dr. Hanggoro Tri Rinonce,

We wish to submit an original community empowerment article entitled “Empowerment Program in Pesagi Village Community: Assistance in Compounding Innovative Peel-off Pain Reliever (UNO) Derived from Family Medicinal Plants” for consideration by Indonesian Journal of Community Engagement.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we report on one of the community empowerment programs provided by our institution, specifically in Pesagi Village, Penebel District, Tabanan, Bali. This is notable as the impact of this program has initialized the access for the community in Pesagi Village to gain more knowledge and skills in overcoming certain health-related problems.

During our preliminary survey, we found that the targeted community had encountered with common health-related issue, specifically joint pain. Given the inadequate health facilities in the addressed village, we attempted to generate practical solution considering the available potential resources around the village. We later modified an innovative dosage formulation based on family medicinal plants (TOGA) and Balinese local heritage concept of *boreh* into a peel-off preparation. The formulation was then disseminated through a series of empowerment activities which had successfully provided the community with knowledge and skills about TOGA utilization and compounding practice for independent self-medication. We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by Indonesian Journal of Community Engagement as the reported activities particularly focused on empowering the targeted community involving scientific conceptualization from the laboratory into real practice and potential sustainability.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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