

## **Cover Letter for Submission of a Paper**

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Dear Kesmas: Public Health Journal.,

We would like to submit a new manuscript entitled "Perception Of People Living With HIV/AIDS To Stigma Community About HIV/AIDS In District Sukoharjo" for consideration by the Kesmas: Public Health Journal.

We confirm that this work is original and has neither been published elsewhere nor currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we report that the majority be sar PLWHA have negative perceptions of the local communities about the stigma of HIV / AIDS, it means HIV-positive people assume that people still give a negative stigma against people living with HIV / AIDS. This is important because an increase in cases of HIV / AIDS in Sukoharjo district from year to year in all ages. In addition, people living with HIV/AIDS who have a negative perception of community stigma about HIV/AIDS may inhibit HIV/AIDS prevention and eradication programs.

This paper is interesting to readers in the health sector, especially organizations / NGOs concerned with HIV / AIDS. This study explains that the main factors that lead to HIV / AIDS is free sex behavior and housewives case happened because of her husband contracted through sexual intercourse. Most respondents are new patients (<5 years) so people living with HIV often suffer from psychological problems, especially anxiety, depression, guilt, anger and the urge to commit suicide. These psychological problems are usually experienced in the first years of people living with HIV so that if there is still a negative stigma in the community about HIV / AIDS it can worsen the condition of people living with HIV. Public perception of PLHIV stigma about HIV / AIDS is still negative, it means that people living with HIV feel that people still have a bad stigma against PLWHA. Less perceptions of community stigma about HIV / AIDS can affect the social life of PLWHA and the progression of the disease. The stigma of society towards people living with HIV makes them treated differently / discriminated by society. Stigma also hinder people living with HIV to conduct social activities for people living with HIV be shut down and tend to be willing to interact with family, friends and neighbors. PLWHA perceptions against social stigma about HIV / AIDS is known that only the age and education were associated significantly. Someone perceptions of them influenced by the attitude of the individual concerned to the object of perception, motives and desires unfulfilled that is within oneself, experiences and expectations. One's experience is related to one's age. The older the age of a person the more life experience. The older the age of people living with HIV, the perception of people living with HIV / AIDS to the stigma of people about HIV / AIDS more positive. This can be explained because the experience of life he lived in problems solved including in the stigma of society about HIV / AIDS. From this research it is found that most of respondent education level of higher education, middle and low have negative perception toward society stigma about HIV / AIDS. It can be explained that the perception of people living with HIV / AIDS on community stigma about HIV / AIDS is probably due to their lack of knowledge about HIV / AIDS transmission. Correct knowledge about HIV / AIDS is very influence emergence of stigma in society about HIV / AIDS and this is because they do not know how the mechanisms of transmission of HIV / AIDS.

The novelty of this study is to find out how the perception of people living with HIV / AIDS in the community related to HIV / AIDS disease and what affect the perception of people living with HIV. We

hope that readers will be interested in this manuscript for this study explains what he felt when first diagnosed HIV-positive people living with HIV / AIDS and how the perception of people living with HIV against bad stigma that exist in the community about PLWHA.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Titik Haryanti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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