

Comparison of POCT and Hematology Analyzer Methods for Hemoglobin Level Examination in Second Trimester Pregnant Women at Tumpang Health Center

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Abstract

Introduction: Hemoglobin is a component of the protein molecule in erythrocyte cells that distributes oxygen (O₂) throughout the body. Hemoglobin contains iron which makes blood red. HB levels are a supporting examination that helps establish a diagnosis as a reflection of the body's reaction to a disease and as an indication of the progress of therapy for anemia sufferers and other diseases. **Objective:** To find out the comparison of HB levels using the POCT and Hematology Analyzer methods. **Method:** This type of research is descriptive research with a cross sectional design. The sample collection technique used the Accidental Sampling technique with a sample population of 22 pregnant women in the second trimester at the Tumpang Community Health Center. **Results:** The results of research on hemoglobin levels using the POCT method and Hematology Analyzer using the dependent T test showed a significant comparison of p value 0.01 (>0.05). The average POCT Hb level result was 1.55 g/dl and the average hematology analyzer Hb level result was 1.82 g/dl. The Hematology Analyzer method is more accurate because the average result obtained is higher than POCT. **Conclusion :** Suggestions for further research can be used Different samples and a larger number of samples require comparative examination of HB levels using other methods sahli, cyanmethemoglobin, and tallquist.

Keywords: Hemoglobin levels, POCT method, Hematology Analyzer method

1. Introduction

Hemoglobin is a component of the red blood cell protein molecule that functions to distribute oxygen (O₂) throughout the body¹. Hemoglobin contains iron, which gives blood its red color. Hemoglobin levels are an additional diagnostic test that reflects

the body's response to disease and shows progress in treating anemia and other diseases².

The risks arising from inaccurate determination of hemoglobin levels can result in errors in diagnosing a disease and affecting treatment methods for patients³. According to (Seyra and 2024) As many as 47.40% of pregnant women worldwide suffer from anemia. This figure is higher in developing countries, where 52% of pregnant women suffer from this condition, while in developed countries the prevalence of anemia in pregnant women is 23%. In Indonesia, 37.1% of the total pregnant women suffer from anemia, with a fairly comparable proportion between rural (36.4%) and urban (37.8%) areas. The high prevalence of anemia has a significant impact on the health of the baby and can result in a less than ideal birth weight⁴.

Measurement of hemoglobin levels with the POCT method is carried out using a strip test. The advantages of the POCT tool are that the use of instruments is very practical, easy and efficient. The disadvantage of the POCT tool is that the types of examinations that can be examined are limited⁵.

Hemoglobin examination can also use the hematology analyzer

method. The advantage of the examination is that it can be done quickly and the disadvantage is that it requires periodic checks⁶. Anemia in pregnant women increases the risk of low birth weight, bleeding before and during childbirth, and can even cause death for both mother and child if the pregnant woman experiences severe anemia⁷.

Based on the results of research conducted by⁸ entitled "Differences in the results of hemoglobin level examinations between the POCT method and the cyantmethemoglobin method in pregnant women", it was found that there was no statistically significant difference between the average results of hemoglobin level examinations using the POCT method of venous blood and the cyantmethemoglobin method of venous blood⁹. Based on the problems above, the researcher is interested in taking the title "Comparison of Hemoglobin Level Examination Using POCT and Hematology Analyzer Methods in Pregnant Women in the Second Trimester at the Tumpang Health Center".

2. Research Methods

The type of research conducted in this study is descriptive research. The purpose of this study was to determine the comparison of

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hemoglobin level examination by POCT and hematology analyzer methods with a Cross Sectional research design. The population in this study were pregnant women in the second trimester who underwent hemoglobin level examinations and the number of samples used by the researcher was 22 samples of pregnant women in the second trimester who underwent hemoglobin level examinations at the Tumpang Health Center. The time of the study was conducted in May 2024. The selection of this sample was based on the inclusion criteria, namely: Pregnant women in the second trimester who underwent hemoglobin level examinations at the Tumpang Health Center and pregnant women who were willing to be respondents in this study. The exclusion criteria were: Pregnant women who were unwilling to check Hb and were unwilling to be respondents. The comparison of the two methods was for the POCT method using a strip test tool and the Hematology Analyzer method using a hematology analyzer tool.

3. Results and Discussion

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B. Intribulleton of Factors Affectedcting Hemoglobyn Levels in Pregnant womanthis theSeeTri conditionmester

Table1. Frewhatncty of Pregnant womann's Agein theSeeTri conditionmester Based on Consumptionon of Blood-Boosting Tablets

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	No	Yess	Total	those who do not
Age Youenagers (15-25)	6 (67%)	5 (38%)	11(50%)	
Adults (26-45)	3 (33%)	8 (62%)	11(50%)	
Total	9(100%)	13(100%)	22(100%)	

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 Table2. Frewhatncty of Pregnant womann's Agein theSeeTri conditionmester Based on theDurationon of Consumptionon of Blood-Boosting Tablets

Consumptionon Duration		No	1 month	3 months	Total
Age	Youenagers(15-25)	7 (70%)	1 (17%)	3 (50%)	11(50%)
	Adults(26-45)	3 (30%)	5 (83%)	3 (50%)	11(50%)
	Total	10(100%)	6(100%)	6(100%)	22(100%)

Theintribulleton shows theresultans of theDurationon of consumptionon of blood-boosting tablets by pregnant womann who arenot 7 (70%) 7 people, 1 month as many as 1 (17%) 1 person and 3 months as many as 3 (50%) 3 people.

Table3. Frewhatncty of Pregnant womann's Agein theSeeTri conditionmester Based on menoodlesa

Anenoodlesa		No	Yess	Total
Age	Youenagers(15-25)	7 (44%)	4 (67%)	11(50%)
	Adults(26-45)	9 (56%)	2 (33%)	11(50%)
	Total	16(100%)	6(100%)	22(100%)

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Table4. Frewhatncty of Pregnant womann's Agein theSeeTri conditionmester Based on meat and VegetableConsumptionon

Meat and VegetableConsumptionon		No	Yess	Total
Age	Youenagers(15-25)	1 (100%)	10(48%)	11(50%)
	Adults(26-45)	0 (0%)	11(52%)	11(50%)
	Total	1 (100%)	21(100%)	22(100%)

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consumemeat and vegetables, 1 (100%) is 1 person and 10 (48%) are10 people.

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 Meanwhile, in adulthood, pregnant women who did not consume it were 0 (100%) and those who did not consume it were 11 (52%) 11 people.

Table 5. Frequency of Pregnant Women's Age in the SeeTri Condition Based on Grain Consumption

Consumption of Grains		No	Yes	Total
Age	Youngers (15-25)	5 (83%)	6 (38%)	11 (50%)
	Adults (16-45)	1 (17%)	10 (62%)	11 (50%)
	Total	6 (100%)	16 (100%)	22 (100%)

In the study, the results of grain consumption show that pregnant women in adolescence consume as many as 5 (83%) 5 people and

as many as 6 (38%) 6 people. While in adulthood pregnant women who do not consume as many as 1 (17%) 1 person and yes as many as 10 (62%) 10 people.

Table 6. Results of the Hb Level study using the POCT and Hematology Analysis methods

No	Hb levels	POCT Hb Level		Hb HA level	
		Presosee you lateron		Presosee you lateron	
		Frequency	Frequency	Frequency	Frequency
1	Normal	12	55%	16	73%
2	Low	10	45%	6	27%
3	High	0	0%	0	0%
	Total	22	100%	22	100%

Table 7. Dependent T-Test Between Comparison of Hb Levels of POCT and Hematology Analysis Methods

Piered Samples Test									
	Piered Inferences						Significance		
	Mea n	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference		t	df	One- Sided Signifi- cance	Two- Sided Signifi- cance
				Lower	Upper				
Pie 1	POCT HB Levels - HB Analyzer Levels	-.273	.456	.097	-.475	-.071	- 2.80 6	.005	.011

The results of the Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test in the first study showed that the P-Value is less than 0.05, which means that there was a statistically significant comparison between

the two methods in examining hemoglobin levels between the POCT Method and the Hematology Analysis Method.

Table 8. Results of Hb Level Examination using POCT and Hematology Analyzer methods

Name	POCT	HA	Difference
A1	11.6 g/dL	11.3 g/dL	0.3
A2	11.9 g/dL	11.2 g/dL	0.7
A3	11.3 g/dL	11.5 g/dL	0.2
A4	10.9 g/dL	11.2 g/dL	0.3
A5	10.0 g/dL	9.9 g/dL	0.1
A6	9.9 g/dL	10.8 g/dL	0.9
A7	11.6 g/dL	11.8 g/dL	0.2
A8	12.2 g/dL	11.5 g/dL	0.7
A9	9.0 g/dL	9.2 g/dL	0.2
A10	12.7 g/dL	12.9 g/dL	0.2
A11	12.1 g/dL	12.6 g/dL	0.5
A12	13.1 g/dL	12.8 g/dL	0.3
A13	12.1 g/dL	11.9 g/dL	0.2
A14	11.7 g/dL	12.0 g/dL	0.3
A15	12.8 g/dL	13.6 g/dL	0.8
A16	9.7 g/dL	9.6 g/dL	0.1
A17	12.3 g/dL	12.5 g/dL	0.2

A18	11.2g/dL	10.9 g/dL	0.3
A19	10.1g/dL	11.0 g/dL	0.9
A20	9.3g/dL	8.8 g/dL	0.5
A21	13.2g/dL	12.7 g/dL	0.5
A22	11.1g/dL	11.4 g/dL	0.3

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), normal Hb levels in pregnant women differ according to the third trimester of gestation natural age:

First trimester: 11.6 – 13.9 g/dL

Second trimester: 9.7- 14.8 g/dL

Third trimester: 9.5- 15.0 g/dL

Low hemoglobin levels in pregnant women can cause bleeding, because hemoglobin is the composition of red blood cells that function to distribute oxygen throughout the body. And regarding in reduced hemoglobin will cause anemia. Pregnant women sometimes experience hypertension, which is an increase in blood volume but the number of erythrocytes remains, causing the blood condition to become this nearer¹⁰.

From the results of other studies, it is stated that there is a relationship between the incidence of anemia in pregnant women in the third trimester and the amount of Fe consumed during pregnancy, pregnant women who consume at least 90 Fe tablets during

pregnancy can reduce the incidence of anemia¹¹. Therefore, the provision of iron tablets is also important for female workers of production to anticipate the increase in hemoglobin levels¹².

Anemia is a condition in which there is a reduction in red blood cells or a reduction in hemoglobin, thus reducing the ability to carry oxygen to supply the needs of the mother's and fetus's vital organs. In pregnancy, a sign of anemia is if the hemoglobin concentration is lower than 10.50 to 11.00 g/dL¹³.

Difficulties to handle and take action on anemia in pregnant women at the Overlapping Health Center are by first providing education to pregnant women about adequate nutritional intake, including iron and other important nutrients to increase hemoglobin levels. Furthermore, they are given blood-boosting tablets that must be consumed for at least 9 months before pregnancy with a target amount of 90 tablets. After that, routine check-ups are scheduled with every

month to monitor developments and responses to treatment¹⁴.

For pregnant women, consuming meat and green vegetables can help meet their needs. Green vegetables that pregnant women should consume every day are 4 servings or more, such as 2 medium carrots, 1 bowl of dark green vegetables, 1 bowl of broccoli or cooked cauliflower¹⁵.

Factors affecting the value of hematology analysis methods are poor sample homogeneity, inaccurate calibration and control, and samples with blood clots. The advantages of the POCT method are that it is easy to use, can be done by nurses and anyone, the amount of blood sample used is very small and the results are fast¹⁶.

The advantages of the hematology analysis method is that it uses electronic equipment so that the results are more objective. (Adolph 2016). The disadvantages are that this tool is expensive and difficult to maintain, standard reagents are difficult to obtain, ordering takes long, and it must be calibrated regularly every day at once again a day so that the tool can function properly¹⁷.

The results of the paired Dependent T Test of hemoglobin level examination using the POCT and

hematology analysis methods have a value (the Δ) of 0.01 (> 0.05) which means that there is no significant comparison of hemoglobin levels between the POCT method and the Hematology Analysis. The comparison of hemoglobin levels in pregnant women against the POCT and Hematology Analysis methods is caused when sampling and the time of sample examination can affect the results. While in the examination of the POCT and Hematology Analysis methods, researchers used venous blood in EDTA tubes, and should have used capillary blood without using anticoagulants so that it could affect the time of taking capillary blood with venous blood vessels, namely when taking capillaries, massage was carried out first so that cell fluid came out mixed with blood so that the blood was thinner than in the veins¹⁸. (Farida Anwari 2023)

Excessive use of anticoagulants such as EDTA can affect the results of hematology examinations, especially using POCT, resulting in a decrease in hematology parameter values and their proper values. This study found a significant comparison between the average hemoglobin levels of the POCT and Hematology Analyzer methods. The average hemoglobin levels of the Hematology Analyzer method were higher than those of the POCT method. The POCT method of hemoglobin level examination uses a simple tool so that the results can be known quickly, but the results

issued are not accurate, while the hematology analyzer method examination uses sophisticated tools, focuses on the

accuracy, quality and time of the results so that the results issued are more accurate.

4. Conclusionounce

Based on thewithpetherent T test with SPPS, thep value(thege) was 0.01 (> 0.05), which means that thereiseregnificant compareson of theresultans of thePOCT and HeMatology Analysisr methods of Hb levels in Pregnant womanthisn theSeeTri conditionmester at theOverlapping Health Center. Thecompareson between thetwo methods that is moreaccurateis theHeyMatology Analysisr method because theHeyMatology Analysisr method has hihey results compared to thePOCT method and is signifisorry for meaningful. TheaveragePOCT method Hb level result is 1.55 g / dl and theaveragehemathematics

analysisr method Hb level result is 1.82 g/ dl. In theexamination of himmoglobyn levels with thePOCT method, thehiheyest rethe sult was 13.2 g / dl and thelowest was 9.0 g/dl. With an averageof 22 starchents, thenormal POCT hemoglobynoxamination rewe are sorryre13.48 g / dl and thelow was 9.15 g / dl. In theexamination of himmoglobyn levels using theHeyMatology Analysisr method, thehiheyest rethe sult was 13.6 g/dl and thelowest was 8.8 g/dl. With an averageof 22 starchents, theit's normalmoglobyn levelexamination using theautomaticc analyzer tool was 11.77 g/dl and thelow was 9.2 g/dl.

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