

## 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 (O<sub>2</sub>) 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 methodssahli, 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 (O<sub>2</sub>) throughout the body<sup>1</sup>. 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 diseases<sup>2</sup>.

The risks arising from inaccurate determination of hemoglobin levels can result in errors in diagnosing a disease and affecting treatment methods for patients<sup>3</sup>. 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 weight<sup>4</sup>.

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 limited<sup>5</sup>.

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 checks<sup>6</sup>. 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 anemia<sup>7</sup>.

Based on the results of research conducted by<sup>8</sup> entitled "Differences in the results of hemoglobin level examinations between the POCT method and the cyanmethemoglobin 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 cyanmethemoglobin method of venous blood<sup>9</sup>. 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 Discussiounce

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		No	Yess	Total	
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. Frequency of Pregnant woman's Age in the SeeTri conditionmester Based on the Duration of Consumption of Blood-Boosting Tablets

Consumption Duration		No	1 month	3 months	Total
Age	Youngers(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%)

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Table3. Frequency of Pregnant woman's Age in the SeeTri conditionmester Based on menodles

Anenodles		No	Yes	Total
Age	Youngers(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. Frequency of Pregnant woman's Age in the SeeTri conditionmester Based on meat and Vegetable Consumption

Meat and Vegetable Consumption		No	Yes	Total
Age	Youngers(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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		No	Yess	Total
Age	Youenagers(15-25)	5 (83%)	6 ( 38%)	11(50%)
	Adults(16-45)	1 (17%)	10 (62%)	11(50%)
	Total	6(100%)	16(100%)	22(100%)

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Table6. Resultans of the Hb Level study ageng the POCT and HeMatology Analysisr methods

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

Table7. Depetherent T-Test Between Compareson of Hb Levels of POCT and HeMatology Analysisr Methods

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		Piered Inferences						Significance		
		Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference		t	df	One-Sided p	Two-Sided p
					Lower	Upper				
Pier 1	POCT HB Levels - HB Analyzer Levels	-.273	.456	.097	-.475	-.071	-2.806	21	.005	.011

The results of the Independent T Test in the two methods 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 Analyzer Method.

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

Name	HB Results	HB Results	Difference
	POCT	HA	
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	9.9g/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	12.7g/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	12.1g/dL	11.9 g/dL	0.2
A14	11.7g/dL	12.0 g/dL	0.3
A15	12.8g/dL	13.6 g/dL	0.8
A16	9.7g/dL	9.6 g/dL	0.1
A17	12.3g/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 Organisation (WHO), normal Hb levels in pregnant woman differ according to the trimester of gestation at 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 woman can

cause bleeding, because hemoglobin is the component of red blood cells that function to distribute oxygen throughout the body. And regarding in reduced hemoglobin will cause menodlesia.

Pregnant woman sometimes experience hemolysis, which is an increase in blood volume but the number of erythrocytes from decrease, causing the blood condition to become thinner<sup>10</sup>.

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

pregnancy can reduce the incidence of menodlesia<sup>11</sup>. Therefore, the provision of iron tablets is also important for female workers of production vegetable to anticipate the increase in hemoglobin levels<sup>12</sup>.

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 if the hemoglobin concentration is lower than 10.50 to 11.00 g/dl<sup>13</sup>.

Difficulties to handle and take action on anemia start in pregnant woman at the Overlapping Health Center are by first providing education to pregnant woman about adequate nutrition and 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 very

month to monitor developments and responses to treatment<sup>14</sup>.

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 cauliflower<sup>15</sup>.

Factors affecting the evaluation of hematological 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 is very small and the results are fast<sup>16</sup>.

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 so long, and it must be calibrated routinely every day at least once a day so that the tool can function properly<sup>17</sup>.

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

Hematology Analysis methods have a p-value (t-test) of 0.01 ( $> 0.05$ ) which means that there is a significant comparison of hemoglobin level examination 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 method of sample examination can affect the results. While in the examination of the POCT and Hematology Analyzer 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 veins<sup>18</sup>. (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. Conclusion

Based on the independent T test with SPSS, the p value (p) was 0.01 (> 0.05), which means that there is a significant comparison of the results of the POCT and Hematology Analyzer methods of Hb levels in Pregnant women in the Second Trimester at the Tumpang Health Center. The comparison between the two methods that is more accurate is the Hematology Analyzer method because the Hematology Analyzer method has higher results compared to the POCT method and is significant for meaningful. The average POCT method Hb level result is 1.55 g / dl and the average hematology

analyzer method Hb level result is 1.82 g/ dl. In the examination of hemoglobin levels with the POCT method, the highest result was 13.2 g / dl and the lowest was 9.0 g/dl. With an average of 22 subjects, the normal POCT hemoglobin examination results are 13.48 g / dl and the low was 9.15 g / dl. In the examination of hemoglobin levels using the Hematology Analyzer method, the highest result was 13.6 g/dl and the lowest was 8.8 g/dl. With an average of 22 subjects, the normal hemoglobin level examination using the automatic analyzer tool was 11.77 g/dl and the low was 9.2 g/dl.

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