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The existence of livestock as a dominant risk factor of pneumonia among Indonesian children aged 12-59 months

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Abstract

The study aimed to determine the risk factors of pneumonia among children under-5 years old. A case control study was carried out among the mothers having under five years children who were admitted and recorded in medical record in IMCI Clinic, Kebon Jeruk Sub District, West Jakarta in 2018. A simple random sampling technique was used to select 60 children with pneumonia and 120 children with non-pneumonia diseases. The results shows the existence of livestock is a dominant risk factor of pneumonia in children under-five. An increasing trend of pneumonia was observed among children aged 12-59 months, who live near the highway, non-exclusive breastfeeding, expose to indoor smoking parents, and low family income.

Keywords: Risk factors, pneumonia, children under-five, the existence of livestock

1. Introduction

Pneumonia is the single largest infectious cause of death in children worldwide. Pneumonia killed 808 694 children under the age of 5 in 2017, accounting for 15% of all deaths of children under five years old (WHO 2019) ^[13]. Pneumonia is a preventable and curable disease in industrialized countries, but it remains deadly in some developing countries, where in 2015 it caused 1 in 6 child deaths. Pneumonia caused 16 per cent of all deaths among children under 5 in 2016 alone (UNICEF 2017) ^[10].

Indonesia was included in the Top 15 countries with the highest number of pneumonia deaths in children under 5 in 2015. Based on UNICEF data, there were 25,000 children under 5 years old in Indonesia die of pneumonia in 2015 (UNICEF 2016) ^[12]. The mortality rate due to children pneumonia in Indonesia was 0.08% in 2014 and experienced a significant increase in 2015 at 0.16% and decreased in 2016 at 0.11% but increased again in 2017 at 0.30% (Ministry of Health RI, 2018). In 2017, there were 2,106 pneumonia cases in children under five (West Jakarta District Health Office, 2018). The study aimed to determine the risk factors of pneumonia among children under-5 years old in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) Clinic in Kebon Jeruk, West Jakarta in 2018.

Materials and Methods

A population-based case-control study was conducted in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) Clinic in Kebon Jeruk Sub District, West Jakarta from August to September 2018. Informed verbal consent was obtained from each respondent prior to collecting data. The subjects were assured of the confidentiality of their information and they were assured that they would be allowed to refuse to participate in the study at any time if they wished. The

mothers who recorded in a medical record as a patient with sick children aged 12 month – 5 years were considered the study population for this research. Sixty children age 5 years and under who were admitted into the Clinic and recorded in medical records with pneumonia but with no underlying chronic illnesses such as Asthma, Heart disease, and Down Syndrome, were enrolled in the study as cases. Controls included children who were admitted to the ward during the study period with other diseases but no pneumonia and no under-lying chronic illnesses and recorded in medical records.

A semi-structured interview with the mother of each child was used for data collection. The subjects were selected by using a simple random sampling technique. The collected data were reviewed daily for completeness and accuracy. Edited data were entered into the Statistical Package for Social Science Software (SPSS). Odds ratios (OR), 95% confidence intervals (CI) and p-values for unadjusted and adjusted models were estimated. A p-value of < 0.05 was considered significant in discussions of factors related to the odds of having pneumonia. This study received research permission from the Postgraduate School of University of Muhammadiyah Prof. Dr. HAMKA, Jakarta. In addition, informed consent was also given to mothers of children under five who were respondents in this study.

Result and Discussion

Table 1 shows that the majority of the case (63.3%) and control children (36.7%) were in the 12-24 months age group. Pneumonia was common in boys (63.3%) in case groups and girls (55.5%) in control group; and the majority of the children were born in a normal weight. As much as 68.3% of the house's ventilation and 63.3% of family density in the case (pneumonia) group was not eligible

(poor). As much as 68.3% and 51.7% of cases (pneumonia) group were live near the livestock cage and near the

highway, respectively. Most of mothers has high education level, low knowledge level about health and not working.

Table 1: Association between Risk Factors and Pneumonia among under-five children

Risk Factors	Pneumonia		Non-pneumonia		P-value	OR (95% CI)
	n	%	n	%		
Age						
12-24 months	38	63.3	44	36.7	0.001*	2.983 (1.568-5.676)
25-59 months	22	36.7	76	63.3		
Sex						
Boys	38	63.3	54	45.0	0.031*	2.111 (1.117-3.989)
Girls	22	36.7	66	55.0		
Low Birth Weight						
Yes	10	16.7	9	7.5	0.103	2.467 (0.944-6.445)
No	50	83.3	111	92.5		
Exclusive Breastfeeding						
No	33	55.0	31	25.8	0.000*	3.509 (1.827-6.738)
Yes	27	45.0	89	74.2		
Immunization Status						
Incomplete	11	18.3	5	4.2	0.004*	5.163 (1.704-15.648)
Complete	49	81.7	115	95.8		
Family Density						
Not eligible	38	63.3	35	29.2	0.000*	4.195 (2.176-8.086)
Eligible	22	36.7	85	70.8		
Ventilation						
Poorly-ventilated	41	68.3	36	30.0	0.000*	5.035 (2.578-9.835)
Well-ventilated	19	31.7	84	70.0		
The Highway Existence						
Near	31	51.7	31	25.8	0.001*	3.069 (1.601-5.883)
Far	29	48.3	89	74.2		
The Livestock Existence						
Near	41	68.3	35	29.2	0.000*	5.241 (2.678-10.256)
Far	19	31.7	85	70.8		
Mother's Education Level						
Low	25	41.7	21	17.5	0.001*	3.367 (1.678-6.757)
High	35	58.3	99	82.5		
Mother's knowledge Level						
Low	50	83.3	79	65.8	0.023*	2.595 (1.193-5.642)
High	10	16.7	41	34.2		
Mother's Occupation						
Working	16	26.7	29	24.2	0.855	1.141 (0.562-2.318)
Not Working	44	73.3	91	75.8		
Family's Income						
Low	30	50.0	24	20.0	0.000*	4.000 (2.036-7.859)
High	30	50.0	96	80.0		
Indoor smoke exposure						
Exposed	52	86.7	56	46.7	0.000*	7.429 (3.251-16.972)
Not exposed	8	13.3	64	53.3		
Attending 'Posyandu'						
Non Routine	25	41.7	29	24.2	0.025*	2.241 (1.156-4.345)
Routine	35	58.3	91	75.8		

*significant (p<0.05)

Table 2 shows the existence of livestock in household increased the odds of having pneumonia significantly, with the risk 6.4 times greater than who did not have livestock (95% CI: 2.484-16.615, p=0.000). An increasing trend of pneumonia was observed among children aged 12-59

months, who live near the highway, non-exclusive breastfeeding, expose to indoor smoking parents, and low family income (p<0.05). As confounder variables were family density, sex, mother's knowledge, attend to health services and ventilation.

Table 2: Multivariate analysis of Risk Factors and Pneumonia among Under-five Children

Risk Factors	P value	Odd Ratio	95% CI for Exp (B)	
			Lower	Lower
Age	0.057	2.409	0.976	5.949
Exclusive breastfeeding	0.002	4.699	1.772	12.456
Live near the highway	0.019	3.009	1.197	7.568
The existence of livestock	0.000	6.425	2.484	16.615
Indoor smoke exposure	0.002	5.824	1.957	17.337
Family income	0.008	3.839	1.425	10.342
Family density	0.665	1.283	0.415	3.967
Sex	0.224	1.787	0.702	4.554
Mother's knowledge	0.177	2.215	0.697	7.038
Attending 'Posyandu'	0.119	2.169	0.819	5.746
Ventilation	0.129	2.403	0.775	7.455
Constant	0.000	0.000		

This study proves that there is a significant relationship between age and children pneumonia. The results of this study are similar to other previous ones that there was a significant relationship between age and children pneumonia (Abuka 2017, Lima *et al.* 2015, and Gritly 2018) [1,8,5]. Sex has a significant relationship in this study. This is similar to a research conducted in Sudan hospitals, where significantly the number of pneumonia patients is higher in boys than in girls (Gritly *et al.* 2018) [5].

Exclusive breastfeeding is a risk factor for pneumonia in this study. This was also proven by studies in Ethiopia and in India which found that there was a significant relationship between exclusive breastfeeding and pneumonia (Abuka 2017 and Srivastava *et al.* 2015) [1, 15]. Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life serves to increase the child's immune system. WHO recommendations said infants must be exclusively breastfed during the first six months of life to achieve optimal growth, development and health. After that, to meet growing nutritional needs, infants must obtain adequate and safe complementary food, while continuing to breastfeed for up to two years or more (WHO 2019) [3].

The study also revealed that family density has a significant relationship with children pneumonia. Studies of children pneumonia in Nigeria showed that the possibility of ARI in children who sleep with two adults was lower than those who sleep with more than two adults (AOR 1.739, CI 1.123-2.694, p <0.05) (Solomon *et al.* 2018) [14]. This was also proven by other studies that showed a correlation between occupancy density and children pneumonia (Lima *et al.* 2016, Fekadu *et al.* 2014, Srivastava *et al.* 2015, and Mirji *et al.* 2014) [8, 4, 15, 9].

The livestock existence is a dominant risk factor of pneumonia among children. The other risk factor which contribute to pneumonia among children is the condition of ventilation. Ventilation has a function to control air circulation hence maintaining good air quality in the room and ensure that the air in the room is safe for respiratory system. Poor ventilation can cause an increase in indoor humidity due to the evaporation process (CDC 2013) [6]. The result of this study was also similar to the study in Ethiopia, which showed a significant association between ventilation and the incidence of children pneumonia (P = <0.05, OR = 2.64 95% CI 1.31-5.3) (Abuka 2017) [1].

This study also revealed that socio-economic factors such as

mother's education, mother's knowledge, and family income have significant relationship with the incidence of pneumonia. Mothers who have low education level, low knowledge level and low family income increased the odds of having pneumonia significantly. Other studies have also found that there was a significant relationship between the mother's education and pneumonia (Gritly *et al.* 2018, Aftab *et al.* 2016, Nirmolia *et al.* 2018, Solomon *et al.* 2018, and Mirji *et al.* 2014) [5, 2, 11, 14, 9]. Low incomes are generally closely related to many health problems faced, this is due to the inability and ignorance in overcoming such problems especially in health (Gritly *et al.* 2018, and Fekadu *et al.* 2014) [5, 4].

The result of this study indicate that exposure to household smoke increases the incidence of pneumonia in children. This is similar to other previous studies which found a significant relationship between smoking habits at home with children pneumonia (Lima *et al.* 2016, and Solomon *et al.* 2018) [8, 14]. A study in Nepal found that there was a tendency for an increased risk of pneumonia in children under five if both parents smoked (OR 2.21) (Karki *et al.* 2014) [7].

Posyandu (Integrated Health Services Post) is a community based vehicle to improve child survival and development. It is a monthly clinic for children and pregnant mothers. This study showed that attending Integrated Health Services Post (Posyandu) 'non routine' was significantly associated with a two-fold increased odds of having pneumonia. The Posyandu is held at the village to enable the community to access basic health services and provides antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, immunization, nutrition, and diarrhea prevention. The role of Posyandu as primary health care services in implementing early detection and intervention for children health status.

Conclusion

The existence of livestock was a dominant risk factor of pneumonia among under-five children in Kebon Jeruk Sub-District, West Jakarta. Pneumonia are preventable through health promotion, preventive activities and effective child health programs. Reliable longitudinal studies, interventions, and programs to educate parents in prevention are important for reducing mortality and morbidities related to acute respiratory illnesses in Jakarta.

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