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Risk Factors for Psychosocial Disorders in Children with Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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BACKGROUND: Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) is a chronic disease that requires lifelong medical therapy; thus, it has become a psychosocial stressor associated with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders in children and adolescents. The COVID-19 pandemic is also an additional stressor in addition to chronic physical illness, biological factors, cognitive factors, environment, age, parental education, parents' occupations, and family income.

AIM: Thus, in this study, we aim to analyze the risk factors for psychosocial disorders among children with CAH.

METHODS: This research was a cross-sectional study conducted from January to April 2021 at the Pediatric Endocrinology Outpatient Clinic in Dr. Soetomo General Hospital in Surabaya. Data were collected through interviews, questionnaires, and medical records and then analyzed through univariate and bivariate analyzes using Chi-square test (Fisher's exact test).

RESULTS: In total, 30 children were enrolled in this study, among which 8 (26.7%) had emotional disorders, 5 (16.7%) had behavioral disorders, and most (83.3%) did not have hyperactivity/attention disorders. It was found that 8 children (26.7%) had problems with peer relationships, whereas most (83.3%) did not experience prosocial disorders. Family income ($p = 0.032$, $CI = 95\%$) and hyperactivity ($p = 0.019$, $CI = 95\%$) were found to be significantly correlated to conduct problems.

CONCLUSIONS: Family income, behavioral disorders, and hyperactivity/attention disorders were identified as risk factors for psychosocial disorders in children with CAH during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction

Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) is a chronic disease that requires lifelong medical therapy; it can possibly cause psychosocial problems such as cognitive disorders, behavioral problems, depressive tendencies, somatic disorders, and attention disorders [1], [2]. Psychosocial problems in children and adolescents are deemed to be quite serious because they negatively impact their development, productivity, and quality of life [3]. In addition to chronic physical illness, psychosocial problems in children and adolescents are also influenced by biological/physical factors, cognitive factors, environment, parental age, parental education, parental occupation, and family income [4].

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there are massive restrictions on social activities, such as schools being conducted online from home. There is limited access to health services and disruption of medicine distribution, thus making it difficult to visit the hospital and take medication regularly. All of these are additional stressors that may worsen psychosocial

disorders in children with chronic diseases such as CAH [5].

Therefore, in this study, we aim to determine the risk factors for psychosocial disorders in children with CAH during the COVID-19 pandemic. Early detection and intervention for these risk factors have been determined to help prevent psychosocial disorders.

Materials and Methods

The study population included pediatric patients who had previously been diagnosed with CAH and underwent outpatient treatment at the Pediatric Endocrinology Outpatient Clinic in Dr. Soetomo General Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic from January 1 to April 30, 2021. The sampling method used was simple random sampling. Sample size was calculated using Rosner with α of 5% [6]. The questionnaire used was strength and difficulties

questionnaire (SDQ) which developed by Goodman with sensitivity of 85% and specificity 80% [7]. The SDQ was validated into Indonesian language by Tjhin Wiguna and Yohana Hestyanti in 2005, which consisted of 25 points subdivided in five domains: Emotional symptoms, prosocial behavior, interpersonal relationships, conduct problem symptoms, and hyperactivity [8]. Ethical clearance was obtained from Ethical Committee Board of Dr Soetomo Hospital. Before participating in this study, all respondents given the information for consent orally and in writing. Informed consent was signed by parents who approved to participate in the study and return to researchers. The inclusion criteria in this research were patients aged 3–17 years. The exclusion criteria were CAH patients who were critically ill or receiving intensive care at the pediatric intensive care unit, patients with a nuclear family history (father/mother/siblings) of mental disorders, and patients who regularly used psychotropic drugs. The independent variables were father's age, mother's age, father's education level, mother's education level, father's occupation, mother's occupation, and family income. The dependent variables were psychosocial problems, emotional problems, conduct problems, hyperactivity, peer problems, and prosocial.

Data were collected through online interview using phone, filling out the SDQ, and some from medical records. Descriptive analysis was conducted to describe the frequency distribution of each variable. Bivariate analysis was performed to determine the relationship between variables, using the Chi-square test with $p < 0.05$ to consider as a statistically significant. All statistical analyzes were conducted using software Statistical Package for the Social Science version 17.0.

Results

The characteristics of CAH patients are shown in Table 1, while the results of the SDQ are presented in Figure 1. Based on the results of bivariate analysis, family income was found to be significantly correlated to conduct problems ($p = 0.032$ and $CI = 95\%$), as well as hyperactivity ($p = 0.019$ and $CI = 95\%$). No significant relationship was noted between parental age, parental education, and parental occupation with behavioral disorders and hyperactivity/attention. Parental age, education, occupation, and income had no significant correlations with psychosocial disorders, emotional disorders, and relationship disorders with friends.

The descriptive analysis in this study is shown in Table 1.

The distribution of SDQ results is shown in Figure 1.

Table 1: Patient characteristics

Characteristics	Value n = 30 (%)
Age	
3–10 years old	23 (76.7)
11–17 years old	7 (23.3)
Father's age	
<40 years old	17 (56.7)
≥40 years old	13 (43.3)
Sex (n)	
Male	11 (36.7)
Female	19 (63.3)
Father's education level	
Elementary to high school	14 (46.7)
Higher than high school	16 (53.3)
Father's occupation	
Employees	19 (63.3)
Professional	11 (36.7)
Mother's age	
<38 years old	13 (43.3)
≥38 years old	17 (56.7)
Mother's occupation	
Employed	8 (26.7)
Unemployed	22 (73.3)
Mother's education level	
Elementary to high school	13 (43.3)
Higher than high school	17 (56.7)
Family income	
<IDR 2 million	9 (30)
≥IDR 2 million	21 (70)

Data are presented as n (%). IDR: Indonesian Rupiahs.

Discussion

A significant relationship was observed between family income and behavioral disorders in children with CAH. Similarly, an Australian study found a relationship between poor family conditions and worsening mental health in children. Furthermore, Miller (2013) found a significant relationship between family income levels and mental emotional and behavioral disorders ($p = 0.010$ and $r = 0.40$). Respondents with low socioeconomic levels were significantly associated with poor mental health in children ($OR = 2.7$ and $CI = 1.6–4.4$) [9], [10].

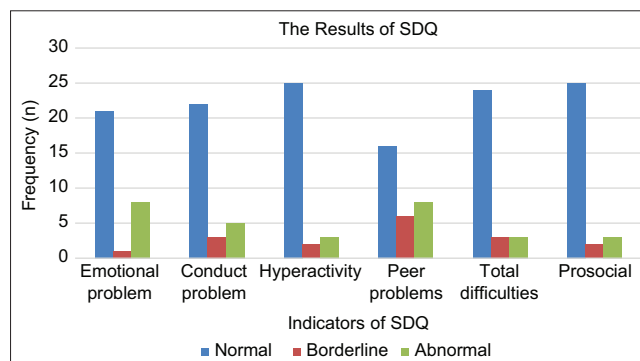


Figure 1: The distribution of SDQ results. SDQ: Strength and difficulties questionnaire

Family income was related with hyperactivity in children with CAH ($p = 0.019$). In total, 4 children (44.4%) from families with below-average income experienced hyperactivity disorders, whereas only 1 (4.8%) out of 21 children from families with above-average incomes had hyperactivity. Thus, children from families with incomes below minimum wage are more likely to experience hyperactivity, whereas those from families with incomes above the minimum wage are not. Mental disorders that are most strongly associated

with low-income families are hyperactivity and defiant behavior in children, whereas disorders such as anxiety and depressive states have no significant relationship [11].

As per our findings, it was also determined that most of the children (83.3%) did not experience hyperactivity. The forms of hyperactivity displayed by CAH children in this study were restlessness, overreacting, inability to stay still for a long time, and constantly moving restlessly and squirming. Nevertheless, most children had good attention spans and were able to complete tasks or homework. If this hyperactive behavior is not handled properly, it could eventually cause obstacles to adjusting social behavior and academic abilities in the home and school environment. As a result, the development of children is not optimal with the emergence of behavioral disorders in the future. This disorder can also hinder the development of language skills. Furthermore, children with hyperactivity may also have difficulty in controlling emotions; they can get frustrated and angry more easily compared with normal children [12].

Out of the 30 children with CAH, 8 (26.7%) were found to have experienced emotional disorders. Similarly, studies by Kung and Wiguna, 2010 stated that as many as 42.2% of children who came for the treatment at the pediatric and adolescent outpatient clinic of Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital experienced emotional disorders [13]. The forms of emotion reported were nervous feelings or difficulty in parting with parents or caregivers in new situations as well as losing self-confidence easily. The emotional characteristics and patterns described by children included fear, worry, shame, and anxiety. There were also fearful characteristics, such as retreating and withdrawing, as well as imagined pain (i.e., false complaints), such as headaches and stomach pains [14].

There were five children (16.7%) found to have conduct problems, whereas three children (10%) had borderline conduct problems. Often, this manifested as difficulty in controlling anger. The symptoms of children experiencing behavioral disorders included a tendency to intimidate others, fight, use weapons, commit sexual violence, damage the property of oneself and others, start fights, lie, go out at night, run away from home, skip from school, steal, and physically abuse other people or animals. These conduct problems can have a variety of adverse effects on children that can negatively impact them in the future. Conduct problems occurring at a young age are suspected to increase the risk of mental and behavioral disorders in middle age, so it is very important to detect and treat problems as early as possible [15].

Moreover, 8 children (26.7%) had peer problems, while 6 (20%) were declared borderline in this aspect. These problems included a tendency to be alone, play alone, and having an easier time in

making friends with adults than with other children. This is in line with the theory put forward by Hosokawa, wherein low family income was directly related to conflicts in marriage and parenting practices. This also significantly affected the children's mental health functions, manifesting as impaired social abilities and behavioral problems. On the other hand, high levels of family income are associated with more constructive marital conflict; these are subsequently more widely used in positive parenting practices, resulting in better mental health functioning of children [16], [17].

A family's parenting style affects the emotional development of children. If a child grows up in a family with positive emotions, the child's emotional development will be positive. On the other hand, if the parents express negative emotions, such as venting anger with an aggressive attitude, irritability, disappointment, and pessimism in dealing with problems, then the child's emotional development will be negative [17]. The results of the bivariate analysis showed that no dependent variables were associated with the occurrence of emotional disorders in children with CAH.

Most children with CAH (83.3%) did not experience prosocial behavior problems. In this study, children with younger parents had a greater tendency to experience higher prosocial disorders. This is allegedly related to the ability and experience in educating children. Supposedly, more mature parents would be better at educating their children.

Finally, parents with a higher education level had a higher incidence of prosocial disorders among their children. This contradicts a study in Munich, Germany, mentioning that low parental education is the strongest risk factor for poor mental health in children [10]. The results of this study indicate that none of the dependent variables have a relationship with prosocial disorders in children with CAH.

The limitations of this study are single center and there was no previous data on psychosocial disorders in children with CAH before the pandemic. Another limitation, this study has not analyzed the correlation of psychosocial disorders and the quality of life. The researchers also declared that there was no conflict of interest in this study.

Conclusion

Family income is related to behavioral disorders and hyperactivity in children with CAH during the COVID-19 pandemic. These findings can be taken into consideration for routine screening and early intervention. However, more follow-up research on other factors with a wider population is needed to affirm the results of this study.

Ethical Clearance

We sought approval of this research from the Clinical Research Unit of Dr. Soetomo General Hospital Surabaya, Indonesia, as our Ethical Committee Review Board. The ethical clearance was issued by the Clinical Research Unit of Dr. Soetomo General Hospital Surabaya (number 1023/KEPK/III/2019).

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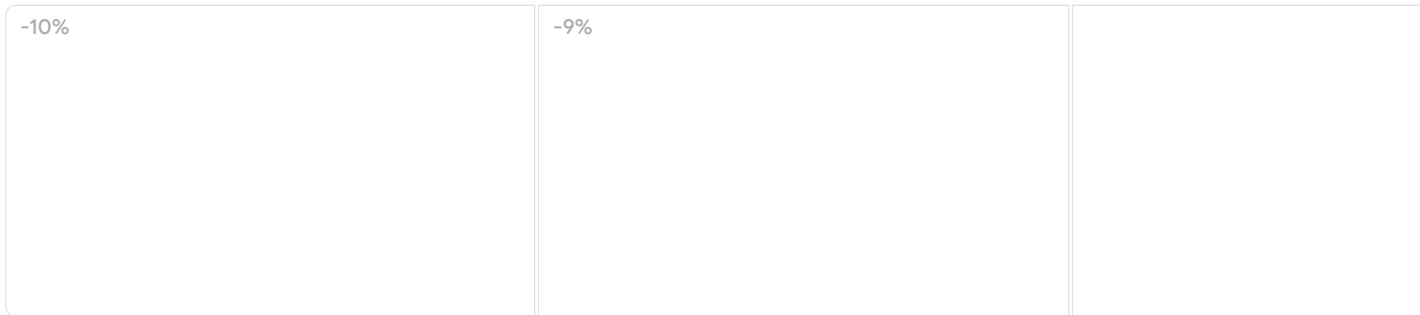
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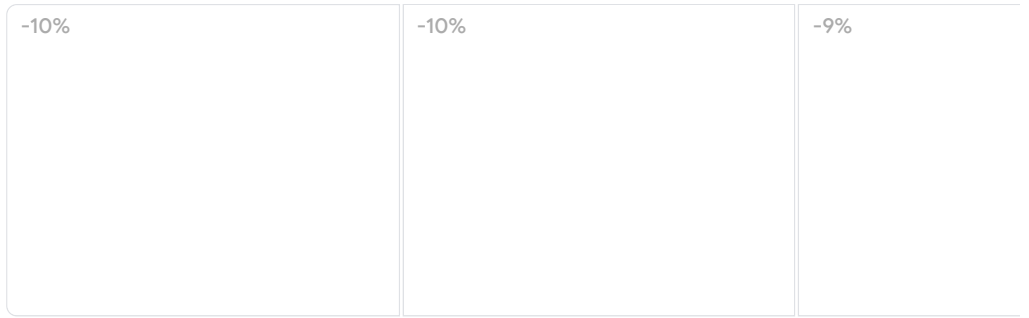
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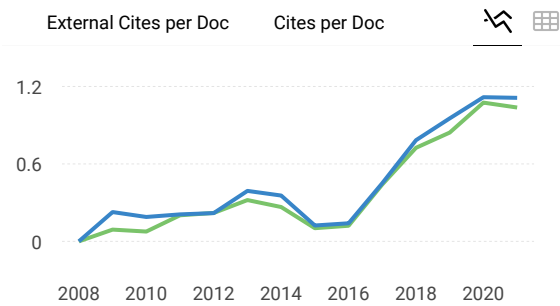
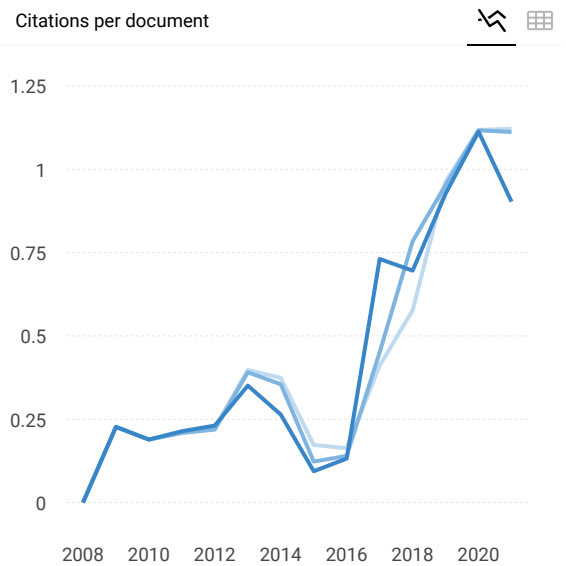
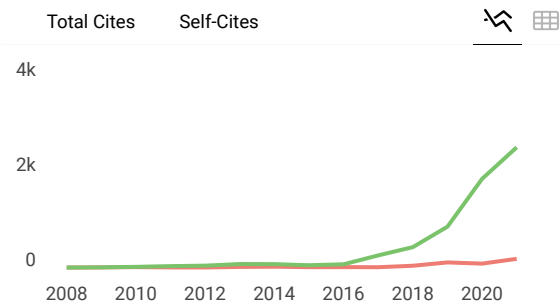
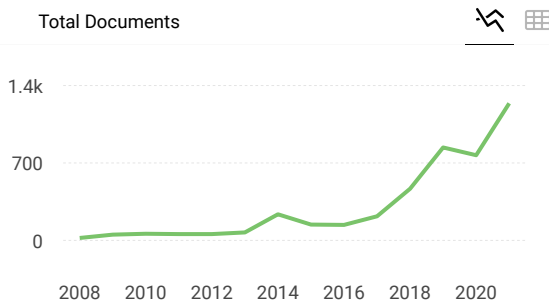
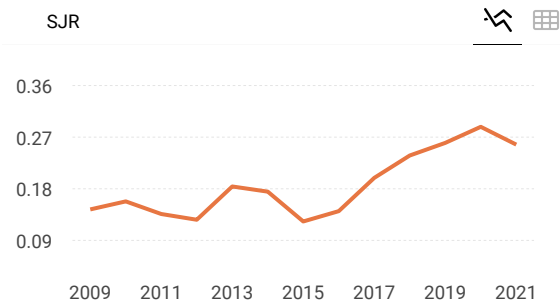
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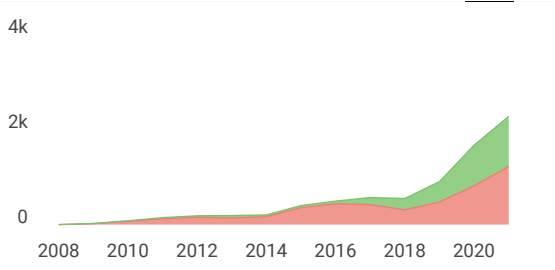
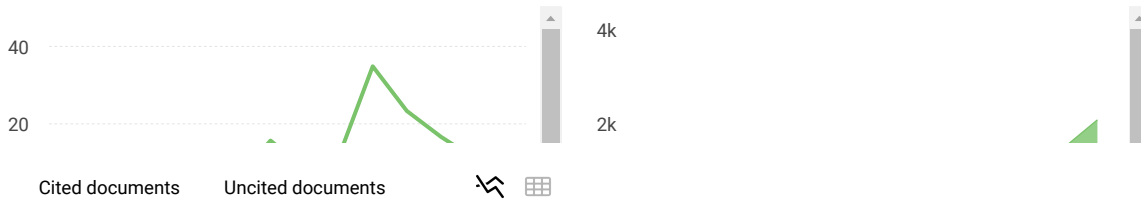
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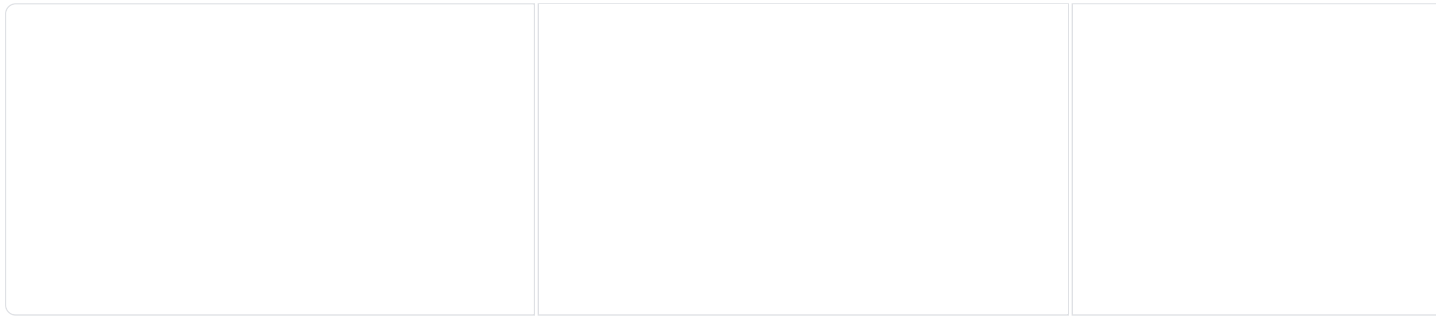
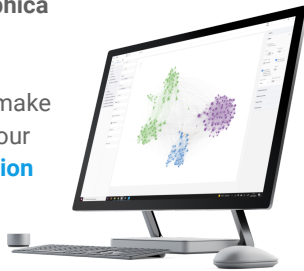
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Regards

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A **Ahmed Samir** 4 months ago

Dear Dr Ahmed
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E **Efrida Efrida** 5 months ago

Dear Scimago team and Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski

I am the author of a paper named "Adiponectin is a single parameter that most correlates with Castelli Risk Index-II on Laboratory Woorkers who had Vitamin D Deficiency at M. Djamil General Hospital West Sumatera", Manuscript ID = OJS9522,. the paper was accepted on April 2022 by Open Access Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences, also the payment of the regular publication fee was done on April 2022.

7 months till now and the paper is not yet published.

We have sent emails to the Chief Editor, Prof dr. Mirko Spiroski, but we have not received any information.

Appreciate your advice

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G **Guspianto** 6 months ago

Dear Scimago team and Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski

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We have sent many emails to the Chief Editor, Prof dr. Mirko Spiroski, but we have not received any information.

Appreciate your advice.

reply



Melanie Ortiz 6 months ago

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W WAHYU DN 7 months ago

hello,

Open Access Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences discontinued status at Scopus due to issues with the publication concern in August. what about journals that are in the review process.

thanks

reply

S Salma A 7 months ago

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G Ghada Elgarawany 8 months ago

Dear Scimago team,

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Me and the corresponding author have sent many emails to the Chief Editor, Prof dr. Mirko Spiroski,



S **Soha** 6 months ago

Dear dr ghadai have the same problem as yours with my paper i would appreciate it for you to tell me if you figured to solve the publishing issue ..thank you

H **Hamid Khaleel AL-tameemi** 7 months ago

Dear Author,
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G **Geralt of Rivia** 10 months ago

Dear colleagues

Just inform you

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A **Ardia** 9 months ago

Dear Geralt

How about a paper that is published before June 2022? Will it publish in Scopus or not?
Thank you for your information...



Melanie Ortiz 9 months ago

SCImago Team

Dear Ardia,

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Best Regards, SCImago Team



Melanie Ortiz 9 months ago

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Dear Geralt, thanks for your participation! Best Regards, SCImago Team

M **moonlight** 12 months ago

Dear editors,

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D **drg. Rachmady nofriansyah** 12 months ago

Hi team how to do submit manuscript in here?

reply



Melanie Ortiz 12 months ago

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Dear Drg. Rachmady , thank you very much for your comment, we suggest you look for the author's instructions/submission guidelines in the journal's website. Best Regards,
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J **Junita Indarti** 1 year ago

Dear Prof Mirko Spiroski

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But after that there has been no answered from OAMJMS, and it's been a month since my article status is still copyediting.

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reply

M **Mei neni** 1 year ago

I am a corresponding author of the manuscript entitled "Needs of Parents of Children with Cancer for a Parent Supportive Meeting" that was accepted on OAMJS on 27 December 2021 (oamjms.2021.8042), and I have paid the APC on 30 December. However, until now, I have not been informed of the current status. I have sent an email to Chief Editor, Prof dr. Mirko Spiroski 4 times and also sent messages by the online system, but unfortunately, until now, I have not received any information.

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best regard

Mei Neni Sitaesmi



Dear Junita,
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H **Hotma Rumahorbo** 1 year ago

I am the author of an article in the Open Access Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences who has received a letter that the article has been accepted for publication. We received the letter on August 24, 2021, and I have already transferred the bank transfer the funds amounting to the publication fee (400 euros) on August 26, 2021. I have sent the proof of transfer. On October 16, 2021, I received a letter that my payment had not been received and requested online payment within 2 days, otherwise, the publication of the article was canceled. I immediately wrote to the editor-in-chief and assistant editor (October 17, 2021), stating that I had transferred the payment on August 26 and included proof of the transfer. I have also gone to the bank where the delivery was sent to clarify the transfer problem. According to the bank, there is no problem, the funds have been sent. I was given proof that the funds had been sent and I immediately sent the bank statement to the editor-in-chief via email. However, until now I have not received any information, even though I have written to provide information.

Through my letter, maybe someone can share their experiences on how to solve problems like this? because I was confused about how to ask for clarification, the letter was not answered.

thank you

reply

A **asep** 1 year ago

Dear Hotma
I think your manuscript has been published by Journal of Macedonia...Just they needed time to process it

C **chris** 1 year ago

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Melanie Ortiz 1 year ago

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Thank you in advance.

Bests, Kuat

reply

T **Tommy** 2 years ago

Hi I am experiencing the same thing,

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S **Satriya Pranata** 2 years ago

please ask directly to the university (Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje) where Dr Spiroski works via email. This is very influential on his credibility as a scholar and his place of work must be aware of this problem because many people have experienced the same thing, not only you. good luck



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A **Andy** 2 years ago

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Best regards

Andy

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Mirko Spiroski 2 years ago

Dear Andy,

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Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski



Ivana 2 years ago

Hi Andi,

I also experience the similiar thing with my submisson. I could not login and no email replies
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Best regards,

Ivana

| **Ivanova Gergana** 2 years ago

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H **Hardi Chan** 2 years ago

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Best Regards. SCImago Team



Y **Yousra Aly** 2 years ago

Good evening sir,

I am Yousra Aly . I am one of the authors of the article: A promising Probiotic irriigant: An in vitro study.published in open access Macedonian journal of medical sciences 2019 Feb 15; 7(3):407-411.

We found that within the article the revision date was written 1 Dec 2019 instead of 2018 as well as the acceptance date was written 2 Dec 2019 instead of 2018 , which is so confusing

Kindly; would you adjust it and send me a copy as soon as possible

Best regards

Yousra Aly

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A **Andi Sadapotto** 2 years ago

Dear Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski,

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Thank you for your concern.

reply

A **Agus Supinganto** 2 years ago

I Agus Supinganto has submitted the Implementation Implementation of Health Examination for Elector Recruitment Processes in the West Nusa Tenggara Province, "Manuscript ID = OJS4586" and has paid the publication fee on April 1, 2020 and the transfer slip has been sent directly to you and uploaded on the website OAMJMS. I have received the email for proofreading but I can't go to the website for proofreading. when will the article be available online?



Be thankful.



Melanie Ortiz 2 years ago

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Best Regards, SCImago Team



Melanie Ortiz 2 years ago

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M Majdah 3 years ago

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reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

Dear Majdah,
thank you for contacting us.
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Best Regards, SCImago Team

S Sura Khairialdeen Mohialdeen 3 years ago

Dear Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski,

I had submitted my revised manuscript titled: Inflammatory Markers in Pre-eclampsia to Open Access Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences via the online submission system at 25/3/2020. I would be grateful if you could let me know whether there has been any further progress on my submission.

I resend the revised manuscript again here. thank you for all



S **Sultan** 3 years ago

Just a follow-up, the journal is vanished and so do the Editor-in-Chief emails. They are no longer available.

Absolutely weird to happen in Science and research.

reply



Annisa 3 years ago

i emailed scientific foundation spiroski yesterday and they said they are migrating website content to a new server

S **Sneha Vaswani** 3 years ago

Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski,

I Sneha Vaswani has submitted case report titled " Conservative management of the horizontal root fracture in the middle third using fiber post as an intraradicular splint." I have received acceptance letter for my manuscript (manuscript ID: OJS 4865) on 30 July 2020 and have paid the publication fee on 4th August 2020 and the transfer slip has been directly sent to you and uploaded on the OAMJMS website. I have received the email for proofreading but I couldnt login into website for proofreading. I would ask, when would the article be available online?

Waiting for your reply.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely,

Sneha Vaswani

reply

A **Annisa** 3 years ago

Hi Ms Vaswani, did they just contact you recetly? Because i couldnt send email since they remove the website



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

Dear Sneha,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below

Best Regards, SCImago Team

SCImago Team



R **ROHINI KARAD** 3 years ago

Dear Prof Dr. Mirko Spiroski,

My name is Dr. Rohini Karad. I have submitted the manuscript entitled "Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopic evaluation of sealer penetration in root canals of teeth with the butterfly and non butterfly effect: An in-vitro study.". The manuscript ID : OJS 5168. I havent recieved any update since i have submitted the paper. I have emailed you several times but did not get a response. Is there any alternative where i can contact ?

Waiting for your reply.

Kind regards.

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Rohini,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below

Best Regards, SCImago Team

R **Rawad Tarek** 3 years ago

Please I can't reach the website of the journal for author's guide to publish in your journal.

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Rawad,

Thank you for contacting us. Please see comments below

Best Regards, SCImago Team

R **Raghad E. Naji** 3 years ago

Dear publisher

I'm thankful for the opportunity to send my research to your journal. Whoever, if i want to open an account in your journal so i can send my research but the trouble there is no instruction in your home page about opining an account.

Pls. would you help me ?

reply



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S **Sultan Alshahrani** 3 years ago

Their website is broken. No reply to my emails.

reply

R **Rindu** 3 years ago

I Can't access the journal, i've tried to send a email to chief editor but have not received an answer..i need confirmation, please scimagojr team, could you please to help me/us?



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear users,

Thank you for contacting us.

We inform you that all the information referring to the website of this Journal has been temporary erased on our website (you'll see "Information not localized") due to the fact that it is not available anymore. Unfortunately, we can not help you regarding the different questions related to the manuscripts sent to this journal. SJR is committed to help decision-making through scientometric indicators.

Best Regards,
SCImago TEAM

A **Aisyah Shofi** 3 years ago

I can't acces website of OAMJS what should we do? there is no another contact of that journal except Prof spiroski, either he never reply my message. Since last year it was Q2 and accredited with scopus, i have no idea, is it predator journal?

My manuscript was accepted last June, and until now there is such an information when the manuscript would be published.

| **Iin Ernawati** 3 years ago

SCImago Team

**Melanie Ortiz** 3 years ago

Dear Sultan,

Thank you for contacting us. We will revise the information related to the journal's website as soon as possible.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

**Researcher 1** 3 years ago

I received the acceptance letter almost one year ago and paid for fast track. Now, it has been 9 months and the manuscript stuck in the copyediting phase. No response at all from the editor in chief. Strangely enough, there is only one email to Dr. Spiroski that you only can contact. No one else could be in touch. I sent him too many emails and never replies back. Now, I am confused, how can I withdraw my paper, how would they reply to me, can they get my money back??? Will never try to publish there again.

reply

A Andy Zulfiqqar 3 years ago

hello prof. spiroski. my name is andy zulfiqqar, we submitted 2 of manuscript on last december and accepted on february. therefore we completed the payment on the same day on both manuscript, one of manuscript was FAST-TRACT! and our payment already confirmed by your admin on 3rd day our payment. however, the editing programs has took 4 months, and we got declined email that declared that we can not full filled the payment.

we already sent our confirmation both on system and by an email, we sent you follow up email. but it's already 2 weeks neither our phone call and email that replied both your account and your supporting contact staff.

we urgently need your confirmation.

Best Regards

Andy Zulfiqqar

reply

SCImago Team

**Melanie Ortiz** 3 years ago

Dear Andy,

thank you for contacting us.

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W **Wishahi** 3 years ago

Dear Prof Dr. Mirko Spiroski,

My name is Prof. Dr. Mohamed Wishahi. In November 2019, we submitted our manuscript entitled "Ultrastructure pattern of smooth muscles of ureteropelvic junction obstruction in adults: An evidence for surveillance rather than pyeloplasty: Ureteropelvic junction by in adults". The manuscript ID is OJS4005.

Our manuscript was accepted on 07.03.2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic we paid the publication fees on April 21, 2020 by SWIFT. I emailed you the transfer document On the same day. And bank statement showed that the money was transferred to FOUNDATION SPIROSKIRAJKO ZHINZIFOV NO 48, Consequently, on the journal website the status of our paper changed to "editing process and later Editor decision"

Surprisingly, on July 3, 2020, all the co-authors received an email that the decision was to decline the publication because we had not paid.

Immediately, I re-sent my email of April 21, 2020 together with the transfer document. Since then I have not received any answer from your side. I have tried to call you several times on the telephone given in your email contact – but no response.

Please, clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr.med. Mohamed Wishahi

reply

A **Anas Munir** 3 years ago

Dear Sir,

You might have been scammed. The journal has been covered by the Science Integrity Digest in the article titled: "A Dermatology journal issue that might make your skin crawl" on 29th July as a potential predatory journal, publishing papers without peer review and unsubstantiated evidence. It is not even a member of Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE) officially and the peer review process is extremely unclear.

I suggest you to keep making contact with the "editors" in hope that they return your money either or publish your paper.

Best of luck.



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Anas, thanks for the info! Best Regards, SCImago Team



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team



editorial staff , so they could inform you more deeply.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

K **Khairun Nisa Berawi** 3 years ago

Is the OAMJMS still scopus index for this year?

thank you

reply

S **sri maya** 3 years ago

Dear Prof Dr. Mirko Spiroski,

My name is dr. Sri Maya. I am a pediatrician in Indonesia. On 12th August 2019, I submitted my manuscript entitled "Growth, Development and Quality of Life in Children with Congenital Heart Disease". The manuscript ID is 4047.

My manuscript had been accepted and I was given 7 days to pay for the publication fees on March 2020. Unfortunately, I missed the deadline because I was in Tapanuli, a remote area in Sumatra island.

I apologise for this mistake due to the circumstances, I asked that you kindly allow me the opportunity to extend payment dateline now so that my article could be published in OAMJMS. I believe that many of our peers in the medical field could benefit from my article.

Please confirm that this arrangement can still be made so that I can process the required payment as soon as possible.

I've tried to reach you by email several times but haven't been replied until today.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Sri Maya



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Sri Maya,

thank you for contacting us.

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Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

time per year) of a database (Scopus) which is changing every day.
Best Regards, SCImago Team

M **mustaqim** 3 years ago

why Database connection failed!

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Mustaqim,

Could you please expand a little bit your comment? Best Regards, SCImago Team

R **Researcher** 3 years ago

I'd like to know when the next issue will be published knowing that the last one was published in Junary-February??

Thank you.

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Sir/Madam,

thank you for contacting us.

Unfortunately, we cannot help you with your request, we suggest you visit the journal's homepage or contact the journal's editorial staff , so they could inform you more deeply.

Best Regards, SCImago Team

S **Sohel** 3 years ago

Dear Prof.Dr.Mirko Spiroski,

I have found that there are many manuscripts published in your journal in OAMJMS in August but till now they have not found in PM/PMC. Now, is this journal excluded from the PM/PMC database? Please provide information regarding this issue.

Regards,

Sohel Rana

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

Dear Soheli,
thank you for contacting us.
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Best Regards, SCImago Team

P **Prof Radovenski** 3 years ago

When will appear the 2 issues from September in PMC!
Is there a delay

reply



Melanie Ortiz 3 years ago

Dear Radovenski,
thank you for contacting us.
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Best Regards, SCImago Team

B **B Ivanova** 3 years ago

Please, let us know why there is a delay in the indexation of the August issue of OAMJMS? This seems to be very strange? Is the pubmed indexation of the journal interrupted already or discontinued?

When YES- state this officially on the journal homepage?

Please, do not send me separate emails and answer public so that we all know what's going on

Kind regards

B Ivanova

reply



you to contact Scopus directly:

https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14883/kw/scimago/supporthub/scopus/

Best Regards, SCImago Team

S **Susy** 4 years ago

Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski,

I have received acceptance letter for my manuscript (manuscript ID: OJS 2824) and have paid the publication fee at the same day 2 days ago and the transfer slip has been directly sent to you . I would ask, when would the article be available online? Thank you.

Regards:

Susy

reply

N **Nahed soliman** 4 years ago

Dear Dr Mirko

You sent acceptance to me without revising the PDF proof .I need to know more about the publication fee. What is the difference between regular article fee and copy rights editing
Thanks you

reply

R **Rodiah** 4 years ago

Dear SCImago team and Prof Mirko Spiroski

Hi..Iam Rodiah R Lubis, my article was published in OAMJS, May 18 2018, title "The Correlation Between Daily Lens Wear Duration and Dry Eye Syndrome". I've been waiting for my name listed in Author preview scopus for 6 months, but still can't find my article listed. Some of my friends whose articles were published in September in your journal have listed their articles in the author preview scopus. Why is my article that was published 4 months earlier still not listed in scopus. Is there anything else that I haven't fulfilled so that my name is listed

Thank you Sir/Madame and I will wait for your answer

Regards,

Rodiah

reply



Dear Prof.Dr.Mirko Spiroski

Dear Sir, my article has been published in your journal at 25 September 2018. But It is not indexed in scopus. My experience in your journal it was very fast indexed in scopus. thank you Sir and I will wait for your answer.

reply



Elena Corera 4 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Rusdiana,

articles published in 2018 are not over yet (we are in September). 2018 indicators will not be available until June 2019. We cannot see what will happen in the future with this journal. SCImago receives the data from Scopus / Elsevier annually and does not have the authority to include, exclude or modify the data provided by Scopus.

Best Regards,
SCImago Team

R **Rodiah R Lubis** 4 years ago

Hi, My name is Rodiah R Lubis, my article has been published in OAMJMS, May 18, 2018 with title: "The Correlation Between Daily Lens Wear Duration and Dry Eye Syndrome", but I still can't find my name listed in Scopus author preview yet, and it almost 6 months since the publication. Kindly informed me why it takes so long.

Thank you,
Best regards,

Rodiah R Lubis

reply



Elena Corera 4 years ago

SCImago Team

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SCImago Team



N **Nevena Todorova** 5 years ago

reply

**Elena Corera** 5 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Nevena,
thank you very much for your comment, unfortunately we cannot help you with your request. We suggest you consult the Scopus database directly. Remember that the SJR is a static image of a database (Scopus) which is changing every day.
Best regards,
SCImago Team

E Elham M. Youssef 5 years ago

Hi, My name is Elham M. Youssef
I highly appreciate the time and effort for reviewing my manuscript. However, I have been sending several e-mails with the swift document of the publication fees the last couple of weeks but did not get any response.
I wonder if somebody help.
Manuscript number 1816-6534.
Entitled "Investigating of Moringa Oleifera Role on Gut Microbiota Composition and Inflammation Associated with Obesity Following High Fat Diet Feeding.
Kind Regards.

reply

P Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski 5 years ago

Dear Elham,

As you know, your paper is published and you can find it on the following links:

- <https://www.id-press.eu/mjms/article/view/oamjms.2018.313>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6108815/>
- <http://europepmc.org/articles/PMC6108815/>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30159057>

and will be visible very soon in many other databases.

Best regards,
Prof. Dr Mirko Spiroski
Editor-in-Chief
OAMJMS

**Elena Corera** 5 years ago

SCImago Team

Dear Elham, we suggest you contact the journal directly. Best Regards, SCImago Team



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