

ABSTRACT

Relationship Between Blastocystis Sp and Nutritional Status Among Children In Mandangin Island, Sampang Subdistrict, Sampang District, East Java

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Background : *Blastocystis sp* is one of the most common protozoa found in human intestinal tract with distribution throughout the world. Prevalence differs in each country, but in developing country the prevalence are 30%-50%, meanwhile in Indonesia prevalence reaches 60%. *Blastocystis sp* could be agent that emerges some symptoms in patients which are infected by *Blastocystis sp* and there is literature which reports there is a correlational between *Blastocystis sp* infection and nutritional status.

Objectives : to evaluate the relationship between *Blastocystis sp* infection and nutritional status among children in Mandangin Island, Sampang Subdistrict, Sampang District, East Java.

Methods : cross-sectional design analytics was used in this study, primary data used for stool analysis and height and weight measurement, which was carried out among children aged 6-12 years in Mandangin Island in July 2017. From purposive sampling method obtained 62 samples, which sorted out to 52 samples, then divided into 2 groups; groups that were infected with *Blastocystis sp* and groups that were not infected with *Blastocystis sp*. Then compared the nutritional status between the two groups using anthropometry indexes, which are weight for age, height for age, and body mass index for age, then analysed with z-score according to WHO references.

Results : statistical analysis revealed that the antropometric indexes for nutritional status (weight for age, height for age, and body mass index for age) did not differ significantly ($p > 0,05$) between the infected group and the control group.

Conclusions : according to this study there is not any correlation between *Blastocystis sp* infection and nutritional status in children at Mandangin Island.

Keywords : *Blastocystis sp*, nutritional status, children