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- A statement specifying that informed consent for participation in the present research was obtained (not just asked for) must be included in the methods
- Please move the ethics approval statements (including approval numbers) to the methods section of the manuscript

Reviewer #1: Dear Authors

Thank you for addressing many of my comments on your first draft. The paper is much improved and reads well. As I mentioned previously, this is an important paper and it fits the SRHM special issue on UHC and Sexual and Reproductive Rights. I have some recommendations for minor revisions that will make the paper even stronger.

The Introduction includes a clear identification of the problem and you say what you will do in the paper. Important statistics and other information have been added since the 1st draft.

The Methodology section is much more informative than in the first draft. The pilot, field research and data analysis are clearly explained with sufficient detail to assess reliability and validity of research and to evaluate your use of a Feminist Participatory Approach that is well suited to your research goals. You still do not provide any rationale for why Palembang was selected for this study.

I recommend that you include a rationale for your site selection of Palembang in your Methodology section.

The Results and Discussion reflect the comprehensive analysis described in the Methodology section. The analysis is well structured and convincing and important issues are identified that demand the attention of policy makers and health providers. Central to your analysis is the comment made on p. 12 line 5: 'Men's support is key to women's reproductive health and the prevention of STIs and HIV transmission from mother to child.' You also make an excellent point about testing for men and how and why this is apparently not even considered by healthcare workers, including the obstetrician Dr Didi. I'm not sure you provide enough evidence to back the statement that STI is always considered the woman's fault. Is this related to Islam? To the idealized image of the Ibu Rumah Tangga - and where does that idealized image come from?

I recommend you strengthen the evidence for STIs always being considered the woman's fault in Indonesia.

I recommend that you include a direct quotation from Nika - perhaps at p. 14 lines 8-17.

I have the following suggestions to improve the text:

p.3 lines 21 - 27: suggested rewording to clarify the contrast between Indonesia and Sub-Saharan Africa that the authors draw attention to- original is unclear:

'Mothers and children have long been the populations at highest risk of HIV in Indonesia leading to a focus on prevention of mother-to-child transmission. This is in contrast to 21 sub-Saharan African countries where HIV is prevalent within their general population.'

p.3 lines 51-55: please state date of Muhaimin and Besral (9) study (2011), the date of their predicted estimates and the date of your study so the reader can make sense of this statement. How do you explain the gap between the study estimate of 9,000 and your estimate of 1,000 new HIV cases in children each year?

p. 4 line 10: suggested edit 'several international conventions'

p. 4 line 23: define generalized and concentrated epidemics

p.4 line 39: what do you mean by a service? At a puskesmas? At a district hospital? 30 sound like a very small number for a country the size of Indonesia. Perhaps you could indicate the number of sub-districts providing these services?

p.4 line 40: Are the 547 VCT services part of the 30 PMCMT services?

p.4 line 42: promoted by whom? At the global level or in Indonesia?

p.5 line 4: So in all provinces? Perhaps say 'in all 34 provinces'

p. 5 line 21: Are you referring only to bidan? What about dukun bayi? Do/can they play a role in referral?

p. 5 line 25: aren't midwives healthcare providers? Or do you mean specifically providers of VCT?

p. 5 line 52: isn't HIV a sexually transmitted infection? Do you mean 'other sexually transmitted infections? Or do you mean 'not on mother-to-child transmission of HIV'?

p. 5 line 54: For clarity, instead of 'This study implies....' I suggest 'Our study regarded participants as experts....'

Reviewer #3: Please see comments in the uploaded manuscript. I think the MS is improved in terms of evidence and methodology, but there are still a few things to improve and consider. I think it needs some sort of discussion to wrap up rather than going straight to recommendations. Why don't reproductive rights guide the HIV response in Indonesia?

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Findings and Discussion - I appreciate your inclusion of 2 more case studies including the voices of 2 more of your interviewees. I appreciate the inclusion of the poignant and cutting direct quotation from Nika.

This section is also strengthened by the inclusion of the relevant Indonesian laws in the context of the violation of specific rights. This clarifies that the problem lies less with the legal framework and more with its interpretation and implementation.

The Recommendation section is now much clearer. Particularly important is the reference to the normalization of institutionalized stigma.

Overall, you make good use of high quality data to make some very important points about the context of HIV testing in Indonesia and what needs to be done to improve access for women.

Please see track changes for suggested important edits to improve clarity.

Thank you for your hard work,

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Keywords:	HIV tests, women, human rights violation, universal health coverage, Indonesia
Abstract:	<p>The 2014 health reforms in Indonesia advocated for increased universal health coverage (UHC) for all Indonesians. The reforms also made provision for integrated HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) programmes, with HIV testing to be available at community health centres and hospitals for pregnant women and women of childbearing age. These reforms aimed to increase HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV. The question remains, though, as to whether the implementation of HIV testing has been effective and met women’s needs, especially those of child-bearing age. Of particular focus in this article is what barriers women face accessing HIV testing. The article shows that a key barrier is social and institutional stigma. This article presents findings from the experiences of 18 HIV-positive women.</p> <p>This article examines barriers to pregnant women’s access to HIV tests and these barriers all relate to women not having a right to reproductive health. This article highlights key reproductive health rights and violations noted in the Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) Charter, which is relevant to HIV testing in pregnancy. Five commonly reported rights violation include: women unable to access information; not being able to make independent informed decisions; no right to confidentiality and privacy; ongoing discrimination; and no right to timely HIV testing. The findings show that policy makers must make change to ensure health services are improved, that there is an increase in the training of health professionals, and that women’s socio-cultural and political contexts be taken into consideration.</p>
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improvements that I think it needs are more evidence, more diverse evidence, and some clearer presentation/structuring in the findings section. I feel like part of the data might be missing, so it is hard to review the manuscript.

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<p>1. The biggest problem with this paper is the lack of consistency between the stated approach (Feminist Participatory Action Research) and the presentation of the method, findings, discussion and conclusions. A feminist approach would suggest the female participants in the research are given a voice, yet we do not hear any direct quotations from any of the women interviewed.</p>	<p>Thank you we simplified the methodology approach, feminist approach and added reference for the larger study that used Feminist Participatory Action Research. Some direct quotation from the women have been added, as per request</p>
<p>2. The second problem is that, although the paper is quite well written, I found the text confusing and difficult to read in places. Sentence construction should be simplified. A common pattern is as follows: A + B maps onto C + D The reader is not sure if A maps to C and B maps to D or if both A + B map to both C + D or some other combination. Example 1 (p. 4 line28-34): "The 2014 ICPD country report noted the need for Indonesia to increase contraceptives and significantly scale up PMTCT services, to decrease the risks of maternal mortality and morbidity from complications during pregnancy and delivery, and halt the spread of HIV among women (8, 14, 16)." Are the contraceptives expected to decrease maternal mortality...and the PMTCT services to halt the spread of HIV? Or will both do both? Given the focus of the paper on PMTCT services and halting the spread of HIV I suggest omitting the reference to contraceptives and focus only on the impact of PMTCT services. Example 2 (p.9 lines 37 - 41): "We chose Anti's and Lela's stories as recalled by an obstetrician, and Nika's story as she told it, in focus groups and informal interviews." Does the reference to focus groups and interviews refer to all 3 stories or only to Nika's story? I suggest two sentences, one for Anti's and Lela's stories and one for Nika's story.</p>	<p>Thank you. We have revised it to ensure the patterns of the writing and deleted unnecessary information.</p>

<p>3. More attention needs to be paid to agency. In several places agency is misplaced. For example: "An STI diagnosis also limits health workers' ability to exercise their professionalism by providing information about the importance of HIV testing...."</p> <p>This implies the diagnosis has agency to limit health workers. The statement is ambivalent - who/what is providing information about HIV testing - the STI diagnosis or the health worker?</p> <p>I suggest you rephrase to state what it is that limits the health workers - the policy? The culture? The training?</p>	<p>Thank you for the comments, we have rephrased the sentences, as per request.</p>
<p>4. The structure of the paper is clear and logical</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback</p>
<p>5. Recommendations should be more specific and actionable</p>	<p>Thank you, we have revised recommendation.</p>
<p>METHODOLOGY</p>	
<p>1. Justification - much of the rationale for using Feminist-Participatory Action Research is in the last 2 paragraphs of the Introduction. Some justification is needed in the Methodology section. Why is it important to acknowledge the women as experts and real knowers of their own situations and contexts? Why do you mention social transformation? Is that your objective? If so, be explicit and tell us.</p>	<p>Thank you we have simplified the methodology for this paper, and referred the larger study for the more information about the methodology.</p>
<p>2. You state briefly what a FPAR approach is, but you do not provide evidence that you actually followed this. You state: "The research questions acknowledge the importance of women in presenting critical insights of their lives, and hence, that they are the actors for any social transformation in current practice." (p.6 lines 19 - 22). You do not tell us how development of your research questions, selection of participants, conduct of interviews and focus groups, analysis and writing up were influenced by the FPAR approach. In what ways was the research methodology participatory? What role did the participants play in research design, implementation, analysis or writing up? How did you create a safe space for open dialogue? (p.6 lines 28-29)</p>	<p>Thank you, we have referred the larger study for the more information about the methodology.</p> <p>We also add information how to create a safe space for open dialogue.</p>
<p>3. I do not think that you fulfill the promise of FPAR in your presentation of Findings and Discussion. I did not get a strong sense that I was hearing the voices of Anti, Lela and Nika. We hear a little more of Dr Didi's voice and the dilemmas he experiences. But for the most part you tell their stories and then interpret them using an externally imposed lens that you have chosen - that of sexual and reproductive rights as developed by the UN.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We have revised the Discussion chapter and added the women's voices.</p>
<p>What you present appears to be a fairly typical PhD dissertation research design where the principal author conducted interviews and focus groups and then used her own theoretical framework to interpret the data. If this is not the case we need more evidence.</p>	<p>Yes, you are right. It is a part of PhD dissertation research design of the first author under intensive</p>

	supervisions of the second and third authors.
FINDINGS and DISCUSSION	
<p>4. The authors present three case studies relating to married women's access to HIV testing. The discussion focuses on the outcomes of the three cases: In the first case the mother, Anti, has an HIV test but the husband objects verbally; in the second case the mother, Lela, is denied an HIV test by her husband; and in the third case the mother, Nika, and her husband and children are ostracized from the village when Nika's HIV status is revealed through gossip. The authors claim that "This article, however, focuses mainly on the narratives produced by the 18 HIV+ women and a few health workers" (p. 6 line 56)"</p> <p>In fact, only one of the three narratives is from one of the 18 participants. We therefore get very little access to the narratives of the 18 HIV+ women. The first two "narratives" are reported speech apparently drawn from an interview with a physician referred to as Dr Didi. These narratives include short quotations from the husbands of the women who are the subjects of the stories. Neither Anti nor Lela speak in these narratives, rather they are presented as patients who came for services.</p> <p>Similarly, in the third narrative, also presented in reported speech, the only direct quotation is from Nika's husband and we do not hear Nika's voice at all. This does not seem to reflect a feminist approach.</p>	<p>Thank you, we have added two more stories of the women (Bunga and Oneng), besides Nika and referred two other stories of the women in our other articles.</p> <p>We also added more women's quotation voices.</p>
<p>5. Nika's is a case where her confidentiality is violated and she is not adequately informed about the HIV test. The presentation of this case is preceded by some general comments about the research participants. I think the paper would be strengthened by more specific references to findings from some of the other participants that reinforce the arguments being made, including direct quotations giving voice to some of these participants. You could refer to Table 3 in this discussion.</p>	<p>Thank you, we have revised the consents of the first reviewer.</p>
<p>6. Some interesting findings are presented in table 2 but these findings are not well integrated into the text. There should be more discussion of the findings presented in the table.</p>	<p>Thank you, we have revised it and depict Table 2 (now Table 3) in the opening paragraph of Findings and Discussion</p>

Conclusions and Recommendations	
Final paragraph needs reworking. I suggest omitting the first sentence and starting with "There is a need...services to ensure improved access. The following sentence needs to be broken up, perhaps using bullets or numbers The final sentence - you need to explain what you mean by im/moral health care. Your recommendations are vague - what specifically could HIV programmers do to fulfil rights of women, health workers, men etc	Thank you, we have revised it
References Inclusion of recent material is good. Some references are rather old. Reference (9) referred to in the Introduction is dated 2011 and refers to data from 2003 - 2010 yet it is used in reference to estimates of incidence of HIV in babies. It seems likely incidence has changed since 2010. lease add comments you don't mind the author seeing.	Thank you, we have revised it and deleted some old references.
Recommend publication of the paper with revisions	Thank you for the chance for us, particularly for the first author who still learn how to write the paper in a high-rank journal, like RHM.

Reviewer one comments in the document	Action
Recommend publication of the paper with revisions. Please see attached document with my review.	Thank you so much and thank you for your comments.
Abstract I suggest omitting because it is not clear and complicates the sentence – do you mean ensuring the training is respectful or ensuring health professionals are trained to provide respectful services It is not clear in the paper how you mean to address the local customs – or do you just mean that providers should be aware of them?	We have made it clearer. Thank you for your feedback.

Table 1: These notes are very interesting but under-used in the article. Perhaps a paragraph discussing the context of these women’s lives before presenting the case studies would be useful.	As per the comments from reviewer 1, thank you, we have added the information
Table 2: Again, the information in this table is underused in the text and analysis. These are very strong findings.	Thank you, we have revised it
INTRODUCTION Line 13 Tell us the point of the paper earlier. We do not know why we are being provided with this background.	Thank you for pointing this out. We have added it
Line 15-Paragraph 1 “unlike” in what way? This paragraph is confusing – it is not clear why Indonesia was selected for PMTCT. You need to contextualize your numbers: 50% of new cases of HIV – how many cases of HIV are there in Indonesia?	Thank you for the comments, we have added the information in Table 1
Line 27-Paragraph 1: We need to know (i) population of Indonesia (ii) incidence and prevalence of HIV in different regions (urban, rural, by province) and populations (male, female, age groups, high risk groups). Number of pregnancies and births. This data could be in tabular form.	Thank you for the comments, we have added the information in table 1.
Line 51-Paragraph 3 This article is dated 2011 and refers to data from 2003 – 2010. This seems too out of date for you to use it as a basis for estimating future costs	Thank you, we decided to delete for the cost.
Line 11-Paragraph 4: Rephrase “An agreement of some sort key”	Thank you for the comments, we have revised it.
Line 23-Paragraph 4: What is distinctive about Papua and West Papua if your point applies to 30/34 provinces?	We have revised it, as per request
Line 29-Paragraph 4: What is the relationship between contraceptives and PMTCT?.	Thank you for the comments, we deleted contraceptives
Line 40-Paragraph 5: Types of services or numbers of services?	We have specified on antenatal HIV testing
Line 12: Challenging for whom? Health care workers? Mothers?	For mothers, thank you we have added the information

Line 39: What is the gap?	As per the comment, we have clarified the gap, in the final paragraphs in the introduction section.
Line 41: How? Is this part of the method?	Thank you, we have moved to methodology section as per the comment.
Line 45: Who has this belief? Services don't have beliefs, people do.	Thank you we have revised it, as per request
Line 54: What implies this? You need to provide evidence for this claim.	Thank you for the feedbacks, we added gap.
Line 1: I do not see this view manifested in the findings, discussion and recommendations. I do not hear the voices of the women participants.	Thank you for pointing this out. We have added some direct quotation from the women to support this findings.
METHODOLOGY	
Line 33: Selection of Participants would be a more fitting title	Thank you very much, as per request
Line 47: Concerns about HIV+ women?	Thank you for the feedbacks, we have make this clear by pointing out HIV+ women. We also did triangulation with health workers and NGO workers for understanding more women's experiences.
Line 55: This is not reflected in the presentation of findings. 2/3 case studies were from an interview with a physician	Thank you for the comments. What are our understanding about the methodology that we applied in this research that Feminist PAR focus not only on women's voices but also women's experiences that retold by other

	parties, like an obstetrician who treated HIV-positive women.
Line 17: Several were in polygamous marriages – is this significant?	Thank you. We have mention it now there are 3 men who did polygamous. We referred a story of women in polygamous marriage in another published article by the authors.
Line 24: What kind of implication is this? How sure can we be that the stillborn babies died from an opportunistic infection given that stillborn occurs in non-HIV babied as well. Perhaps a reference is needed.	We have revised it and add reference (Londi et al, 20110
Line 5: Is Palembang especially suited to this research? Or only selected because the first author is from there? More justification of the site selection is needed. Why was Palembang selected?	We have clarified the information.
Line 13: I would number these for clarity (i) NZ pilot (ii) Palembang pilots	We have clarified the information.
Line 37: Did you notice a difference in results depending on where the interviews and focus groups were held? What was the rationale for selecting sites for interviews and focus groups? Were the sites chosen by the participants?	Thank you. We have added information.
Line 44: Better than what?	Thank you, we have deleted it.
Line 50 This is great but under-used in your presentation of findings – we do not have access to this data.	Thank you, we have deleted it and referred to our larger study.
Line 14: I am not sure that regular meetings can ensure accuracy – do you mean consistency?	Thank you, we have revised it as per request.
Line 22: Did you use any data analysis software?	Thank you. We have added information in data analysis section. We did the coding manual.
FINDING AND DISCUSSION	

A deductive framework; Inductive identification of themes – perhaps make this explicit to demonstrate FPAR approach	Thank you, we have make it clearer.
But we don't hear it as she told it – I suggest adding some direct quotes!	Thank you, we have added some direct quotes
<p>Stories of Anti and Lela's</p> <p>I suggest you begin with an overview para summarizing the findings in Table 2 and 3 before going to your particular case studies. I think this would strengthen your arguments as you would not be relying so much on 3 cases.</p>	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
RECOMMENDATION	
'Findings revealed' or 'in this paper I have presented analyses'	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
I suggest you omit or relocate "along with other reprod health concerns" – this is confusing.	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
You do not provide a historical perspective so we don't know if they "continue" we only know how they were at the time of your research – unless to reference other work stating they existed in previous eras	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
I suggest 'at least for HIV services' as the reader has no way to compare with other services.	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
Did you provide evidence for this? Who was the HIV specialist? Dr Didi?	Thank you we have deleted it
Rephrase – what exactly is it that limits the health workers? I don't think it is the diagnosis.	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
Specify what these rights are	Thank you we have revised it
Can you be more specific? What aspects of women's lives? Relationships with their husbands?	Thank you we have revised it as per request.
How could they be addressed in programming?	Thank you we have revised it as per request.

Country specific programmes. Define im/moral healthcare.	Thank you we have deleted it and refer to the original paper.
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Reviewer two comments	Actions
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2. Indonesia, despite its achievements with improved availability of reproductive health services since 1994 and the consequent decline in the total fertility rate, has not yet managed to stabilise the spread of HIV, with some provinces now having a generalised epidemic; Papua and West Papua and the majority provinces in Indonesia (over 30 out of 34 provinces) now have concentrated epidemics among key populations such as injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, and female sex workers (14, 15). – Maybe this is just a wording issue – Papua and West Papua do have a generalised epidemic.	Thank you we have revised, as per request.
3. This study examines barriers to pregnant women’s access to HIV tests and treatment, by examining key reproductive health rights and violations. -This is not a major issue, but to note that the paper focuses on testing rather than treatment, or so it would seem	Thank you we have revised, as per request.
4. Although Butt (32) considered HIV-positive women’s voices, they did not specifically focus on PITC and PMTCT services; furthermore, Bennett (33) particularly focussed on sexually transmitted infections	Thank you we have revised, as per request.

<p>and not on HIV.</p> <p>-There is an article by Munro and McIntyre 2016 in Culture, health and sexuality – though it focuses on West Papua it does look at barriers to PMTCT</p>	
<p>5. In the methodology participant observation is mentioned – any more details on what was observed, where, etc?</p>	<p>Thank you we have deleted it and referred to our larger study for further information about the methodology</p>
<p>6. “participatory visual methods”, including the creation of song lyrics and dramas as a means of expression or presentation of their ideas and narratives.</p> <p>- These don’t seem to be actually in the paper and its not clear how they were transcribed</p>	<p>Thank you we have deleted it and referred to our larger study for further information about the methodology</p>
<p>7. Five main themes of rights violations emerged: rights to information, rights to independent informed decision making, rights to confidentiality, rights to respectful services, and rights to relevant and timely services (see Table 2).</p> <p>Findings are presented according to the domains used in the Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) Charter and Reproductive and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR).</p> <p>The findings, to me, skip straight to applying a framework or rights model without presenting data, reflecting on that data. I think its ok to say that the themes that emerged were accounts of rights violations (though the authors may want to consider whether that is all that emerged or if there are other aspects), but it seems awkward to me at least to apply these domains from the outset.</p>	<p>Thank you for the comment. We have make it clearer.</p>
<p>8. In this study, in the experiences of the 18 HIV+ female participants, not a single case emerged in which clinicians proactively requested potentially HIV affected family members to have an HIV test</p> <p>-What are the laws and norms around partner notification in this context. Is this statement more about how doctors did not tell husbands to get a test, or did not tell wives to get a test? Would this be considered breaking confidentiality because it indirectly reveals the HIV status of one partner to the other?</p>	<p>Thank you we added the information.</p>

<p>9. Case study 1: Anti and Lela: HIV testing procedures for married women and the dilemma about their implementation Dr Didi recalled a similar story. Lela asked Dr Didi for an HIV test as she was suspicious that her husband was having extramarital relationships. She was also worried about her reproductive health as she had three previous miscarriages. However, her husband did not permit Lela to undertake the HIV test. Lela's husband, a high-profile local member of parliament, insisted that "never in my life... I am not badly behaved." Case study 2: Lela's story: Rejection by her husband for having HIV testing procedures</p> <p>Is there any more evidence to add that comes from a different participant that shows the complexities of providing testing or women accessing testing due to their husband's? This is from the doctor as participant, not the women.</p> <p>2 . Not clear about the formatting here – in my experience a case study is a longer presentation of information. In this section, there is one very short 'case study' and then there is also a title that doesn't seem to have a case study under it. – Lela's story seems to be missing so it's a bit hard to review the analysis/findings without this</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you, we have referred to our larger study and our other published articles. 2. We have separated the stories in paragraph to make it clearer
<p>10. Women are required by law to obtain spouse's, parent's or guardian's consent for some sexual and reproductive health services, even if they are diagnosed with an STI (40).</p> <p>– I think a better reference would be preferable here. I'd like to see more specific evidence pertaining to Indonesia and what the laws are</p>	<p>Thank you for the comment. We have make it clearer.</p>
<p>11. Their stories highlight three main reasons that women encounter non-consented care issues, and disrespectful PITC services: 1) difficulties implementing HIV testing; 2) unequal rights in decisions relating to their own reproductive and sexual health; and 3) the silenced voices of health professionals. It is not clear whether women needed the approval of their husbands, partners, parents or health authorities because they were married, or simply because they were women.</p> <p>I feel like more evidence is needed of non-consented care issues and disrespectful services.</p>	<p>Thank you we added Anti and Lela's stories as a part of triangulation procedures.</p> <p>We added two more stories of women, Bunga and Oneng, besides Nika, and referred two</p>

<p>This analysis also seems a bit upside down – perhaps it is the presentation – is it meant to convey that difficulties with testing, unequal rights, and silences among health professionals <i>lead to</i> care issues (whatever these are) and disrespectful services?</p> <p>Overall, the section on Anti and Lela needs more evidence to back up the claims being made. I think given the feminist methodology it makes more sense to include women’s narratives here rather than what the male doctor has conveyed. This doesn’t feel sufficient to me. The doctor does provide an insight, but it’s not enough on its own to make claims about the women or other women’s experiences.</p>	<p>other women’s stories in our published articles.</p>
<p>12. Case study 3: Nika’s experience: Trauma and humiliation following an HIV test at a local <i>puskesmas</i> during pregnancy</p> <p>– I don’t understand if this is a sub-heading or a dot point, or why it is in this position in the paper</p>	<p>Thank you, we have revised it to make it clearer.</p>
<p>13. Future HIV training needs to somehow emphasise the need for respect and protection of patients’ confidentiality within the social norm of <i>kepo</i> in Indonesia.</p> <p>– could perhaps elaborate on this – if cultural norms test confidentiality rules how will training help?</p>	<p>We have elaborated it in the text as per request</p>
<p>14. In the section on health workers – is there a bit too much use of one doctor’s perspectives in the paper? Could this be balanced out with other data? A paper that mainly presents an insider account of these complexities from a doctor would be fine and useful, but this paper is packaged up as something else – an account of women’s stories</p>	<p>Thank you, we have added two stories of HIV-positive women</p>
<p>15. Strong socio-cultural and religious stigmas against women with HIV, expressed in words such as “sinful” and “immoral”, extend to all HIV related services (32, 49, 54, 55). Institutionalised stigmas surrounding HIV</p> <p>– is there any data from this study that could be presented in the paper to demonstrate this?</p>	<p>Thank you, we have added direct quotation from Nika about this concern.</p>

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ABSTRACT¹

The 2014 health reforms in Indonesia advocated for increased universal health coverage (UHC) for all Indonesians. The reforms also made provision for integrated HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) programmes, with HIV testing to be available at community health centres and hospitals for pregnant women and women of childbearing age. These reforms aimed to increase HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV. The question remains, though, as to whether the implementation of HIV testing has been effective and met women's needs, especially those of child-bearing age. Of particular focus in this article is what barriers women face accessing HIV testing. The article shows that a key barrier is social and institutional stigma. This article presents findings from the experiences of 18 HIV-positive women. To triangulate findings, interviews were conducted with 26 health workers, 9 Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) workers and 12 HIV stakeholders.

This article examines barriers to pregnant women's access to HIV tests and these barriers all relate to women not having a right to reproductive health. This article highlights key reproductive health rights and violations noted in the Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) Charter, which is relevant to HIV testing in pregnancy. Five commonly reported rights violation include: women unable to access information; not being able to make independent informed decisions; no right to confidentiality and privacy; ongoing discrimination; and no right to timely HIV testing. The failure of Indonesia to protect these rights directly contributes to women being denied HIV testing.

Findings from this study show the need for increased HIV testing services for pregnant women, and asserts that health personnel and programme policy makers be held accountable for the protection and fulfilment of women's rights in respect to HIV testing. **The findings show that policy makers must make change to ensure health services are improved, that there is an increase in the training of health professionals, and that women's socio-cultural and political contexts be taken into consideration.**

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Key words: HIV tests, women, human rights violation, universal health coverage, Indonesia

INTRODUCTION

The 2014 health reforms in Indonesia advocated for increased universal health coverage (UHC) for all Indonesians, including the provision of integrated HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) programmes, with HIV testing to be available at community health centres and hospitals for pregnant women and women of childbearing age (1-3). Annually in Indonesia, 40% of new HIV cases occur in women of childbearing age (4). These women fall outside prescribed high risk groups [i.e. commercial sex workers (CSWs), injecting drug users (IDUs) and men who have sex with men (MSM) (Table 1)]. The steep increase in HIV prevalence among women in the general population in the last decade is a proxy indicator for HIV transmission to children, and HIV policies and programmes cannot remain ignorant of HIV transmission in women, especially among pregnant women (5). [Table 1 around here]

Pregnancy occurs among women living with HIV (WLWH) (5, 9), and as such infants are vulnerable to HIV transmission from their mothers, through pregnancy, delivery, and/or breastfeeding [Indonesian Ministry of Health (MoH) (10, 11)]. An HIV prevalence of 0.4% in pregnant women explains that approximately 25,000 women, out of six million pregnant women, are HIV positive at any one time in Indonesia (12). Of concern is that pregnant women often find out their HIV status in the late stage, resulting in late treatment for preventing mother to child transmission (PMTCT) (11, 13). Without timely and effective HIV treatment during pregnancy, a half of HIV positive pregnant women will give birth to HIV positive babies (14, 15). Further, without Antiretroviral therapy (ARV) those infants will likely die before their second birthday (11, 16). Less than 10% of pregnant women in Indonesia access PMTCT services (10) and missed opportunities for early HIV screening and treatment for pregnant women remain a huge challenge.

The promotion and protection of women's rights to healthcare, including early HIV screening and timely and relevant HIV treatment, is central to the UHC goal (17, 18). At the global level, women's rights to healthcare is well recorded in a number of international covenants including the 1985 International Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action ICPD (PoA) in 1994 (19). At the national level, the Indonesian government passed a number of regulations between 2013 and 2017, including the 2014 UHC

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to include integrated HIV testing in antenatal clinics and ARV treatment for women and children in PMTCT programmes (20-22). Other regulations include compulsory HIV screening in Antenatal care (ANC) services; Provider-Initiated HIV Testing and Counselling (PITC); comprehensive PMTCT and guidance to services; and the fiscal responsibilities for all parties and ministries involved (1, 23, 24). With continuing high HIV prevalence in a number of provinces, like Papua (a generalised epidemic) and Jakarta, Bali, East Java, West Java and Riau (concentrated epidemics) amongst MSM, CSWs, IDUs, Indonesia needs to significantly scale up its HIV screening and ARV treatment in PMTCT (11, 25, 26). Nevertheless, widespread inequalities in accessing health services remain (20). For example, in Palembang, our study field, compulsory HIV screening in ANC was only introduced in 2017; at the time of this study in early 2017, there were only 16 VCT centres, mostly located in hospital-based settings, with only three in *puskesmas* (local community health clinics) settings. At the end of 2017, all 41 *puskesmas* in Palembang provided HIV testing as a part of PMTCT services, and 12 new VCT centres were established (27).

While Indonesia has implemented policies on HIV testing, uptake remains poor. There are various challenges, such as poor referral mechanisms (2, 28). For instance, when a pregnant woman gets referred, she may find it difficult to travel to the VCT clinic (e.g. the clinic is too far, or the clinic's opening hours do not work for women) (2, 28, 29). At the same time, women living with HIV are highly stigmatized in Indonesian societies, making healthcare providers feel hesitated or reluctant to refer women to have HIV test; they do not want to shame or insult their clients (28, 30).

In the remainder of this article, we examine challenges that pregnant women face in accessing HIV testing during pregnancy using a framework of women's sexual and reproductive rights. The Respectful Maternity Care Charter (RMCC) introduced in Indonesia and worldwide by the White Ribbons Alliance, adopting 10 universal human rights indicators for women's and newborns' rights in maternity health care. The RMCC was chosen as the best platform for our examination because it allows analysis of the rights violation women faced in accessing HIV tests in Indonesia (31, 32). Some of the 10 universal rights include: 1) rights to information; 2) right to independent informed decision-making; 3) rights to privacy and confidentiality; 4) right to respectful services (non-discrimination and dignity and care); and 5) right to timely treatment and attainable health care.

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This article offers a systematic analysis of barriers women face in Indonesia in accessing an HIV test. A clear understanding of these barriers will provide a platform for the development of policies and programmes that will support women. For example, our findings can inform policies and programmes that aim to: raise awareness of women's rights; guarantee health care delivery; increase capacity for health advocates to participate in human rights processes; and support health care professionals in providing respectful care and holding the government to account to fulfil these rights (31). While there has been a number of studies on barriers to HIV testing and HIV positive women, such as Badriah, Tahangnacca (29), Butt (33), Lumbantoruan, Kermode (34), and Munro and McIntyre (35), studies on the examination of how women's sexual and reproductive rights have been violated in respect to accessing HIV tests has been overlooked.

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Commented [A2]: I would say that what is different is that this paper is analyzing the barriers using a rights framework. These earlier studies would reveal rights violations, but that was not their analytical focus. They have been analysed to reveal other aspects.

METHODOLOGY

This study acknowledges HIV positive women as experts in respect to their own HIV journeys. Women in this research were central to the production of knowledge and understanding of existing policies and practices regarding HIV testing. Following Brinton M. Lykes and Alison Crosby (2014), women in this study were given a safe and collective space, and trustworthy partnerships with the researchers, to have an open dialogue and critical discussion on matters relevant to HIV testing (36). The voices of HIV positive women were honoured, as well as those of other participants, like health workers, NGO workers and policy makers, to triangulate knowledge of how women were accessing HIV testing during pregnancy (27).

Selection of participants

Participants in this study, included 18 HIV positive women, aged 21-47 years, and 26 health providers (12 midwives, 11 medical doctors, 2 obstetricians and 1 paediatrician), 12 policymakers, and 9 NGO peer-support workers. Participants were recruited through purposive sampling. The inclusion criteria of the HIV-positive women were: 1) of reproductive age; 2) living in Palembang, South Sumatra; and 3) available to join a series of FGDs (Focus Group Discussions) or interviews. An advertisement was sent to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and health services workers and included at local VCT clinics. For other groups, a formal letter of invitation was sent to each targeted institution related to HIV programmes for women. This article, however, focuses mainly on the narratives produced by the 18 HIV+

women and a few health workers, to best illustrate examples of the violations of women's reproductive health rights in respect to accessing HIV testing.

Ethical issues, including asking for consent to use interview/FGD transcripts from participants, respecting participants' rights to privacy and confidentiality, and minimising risks for both the participants and the researcher were discussed. Protection of participants from any deceit, harm, and coercion was taken seriously in this research; it was essential to be able to keep to the cultural values, social, and ethnic diversities of the participants.

The women's context of life

Table 2 presents the demographic and reproductive status of the 18 HIV positive women who participated in this study. Twelve were married and six were widowed. Of those 12 who were married, eight were in their second marriage. Of these eight, all of their first husbands had died due to HIV. Of the 12 women who were married, four had husbands who were confirmed as HIV negative.

All 18 women were aware of their vulnerability to HIV. Twelve women believed that they were infected by their husbands who were either former IDUs (n=6), and/or frequent customers of commercial sex workers (n=5), and/or living in a polygamous marriage (n=3), and/or having sex with men (n=1). All 18 women, except two, were not aware of their having high risk sexual behaviour. Two women had histories of IDUs and having multiple sexual partners without practicing safe sex (Table 2).

The women had between one and six children and had lived with HIV for at least two years (based on the CD4 level -the level of white blood cells- at first HIV test) (37). Three women had HIV positive children. Two had experienced stillbirths but they were not aware of what had caused it. Four women had their children taking ARV - prophylactic treatment to reduce MTCT and they were all under 18 months old.

Most of these women had completed at least 12 years of schooling and they were stay-home housewives or *ibu rumah tangga*. Most were of low socio-economic background and had become the breadwinner of their families. Only 7 of these women owned houses; 6 shared accommodations with parents or siblings, and 5 were renting the place. [Table 2 around here]

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Field research

The field research, in Palembang, South Sumatra, was conducted over four months from February to July 2017, and included a series of group discussion, interviews, and participant observations by the first author (NA). The first author was born and raised in Palembang and she has had a number of years of working with various organisations working with IDUs and HIV in this city. Being aware of the sensitive nature of research with women living with HIV and having a former connection with relevant persons and institutions working with HIV programmes would enhance the success of the field research. All interviews and communications with participants were conducted in Bahasa Indonesia and local Palembang dialect.

Prior to the field research, two pilot trials were conducted to examine the relevance of the research plan, recruitment of participants, research instruments and any local norms and customs that the researchers should respect. These trials were conducted in Auckland (New Zealand) and in Palembang (Indonesia). The Auckland trial included group discussions with two groups of Indonesian women living and or studying in Auckland. The trial in Palembang included two HIV positive women, in a few meetings. The research plan, interview schedules was finalised following these two trials.

Of the 18 HIV positive women in this study, 11 formed two focus groups: Group A (5 members) and Group B (6 members). Women chose their own groups with no input from the researchers. Up to six focus group sessions of two hours each, were conducted with each group. Up to 12 group discussions were carried out over a two-month period. The remaining seven women opted for individual interviews. Each woman was visited one to three times, depending on their availability. Each visit lasted for about an hour. Some also asked for follow-up online communication using Facebook and WhatsApp. Places for interviews and group discussion were on the discretion of participants, and included participants' house, office, community health centres, hospitals, restaurants, and parks. All interactions with women, were conducted in a 'safe physical environment' chosen by the women. This allowed for all participants to have more control of their space and place where they felt safe and comfortable, at the same time, maintaining their confidentiality and privacy [see for example Ponc, Reid & Frisby (38), Najmah (27)].

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Data analysis

The focus group discussions, interviews and visual outcomes were transcribed verbatim. Field notes were recorded in both Bahasa Indonesia and English. All visual and digital productions were presented with Bahasa Indonesia captions. The interpretations of the women's reflections, and presentations were coded in their original language by the first author. The second author (SA) was also born in Indonesia and speaks fluent Bahasa Indonesia. SA had nearly 30 years of working in the area of gender health and SRH rights particularly in Indonesia, and other parts of the Asia and Pacific region. The first two authors worked closely together on the Indonesian transcription throughout the coding stages, making meaning of the contexts presented by the women, and developing themes from the coding, before translating relevant quotes into English. The third author [SGD] was born in Australia and has worked for over 15 years in research projects in Indonesia, relating to gender and identity.

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To ensure consistency, regular fortnightly meetings were conducted between the authors to discuss emerging themes, categorisation, and links between codes and meanings, to enhance data interpretation. Transcriptions produced during the focus groups and interviews were cross-checked with field notes and visual images. Five main themes of rights violations emerged: right to information, right to information and informed decision making, right to confidentiality and privacy, right to dignity and care, and right to timely services (Table 3). Thematic analysis was performed by applying the steps of coding set out by Saldana (39) across different themes of women's sexual and reproductive rights iterated in the RMC Charter.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Table 3 depicts domains of disrespect and abuse and associated human rights violations against participants living with HIV. Out of 18 women, 12 felt they were lacking information with regards to HIV result of their husband, their children or their own. Of these 12 women, 5 had never been aware of any available HIV testing nor that had they ever received any information that raised their awareness to the importance of HIV testing. These 5 women only found out about their HIV in late stages, after the death or illness of their husbands, children, or they themselves had fallen ill. Six of 18 women reported their privacy and confidentiality were breached by health workers, when their HIV testing results were shared with other health workers, family members, or neighbors without their permission. Next section, we present stories of Bunga, Oneng, Nika, retold by HIV-positive women through interviews and/or FGDs

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1 Anti and Lela, retold by a health worker (an obstetrician) through interview. [Table 3 around
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3 4 5 **Stories of Bunga and Oneng: Not getting the right information**

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7 Oneng (41 years old, low-income family, a widow living in an urban area), and Bunga (30
8 years old, middle-income family, second marriage, living in an urban area) shared stories
9 during focus group discussions and interview respectively. All HIV-positive women in this
10 study were dependent on their husband's income during a matrimonial relationship, including
11 Oneng and Bunga. From their stories, we learned about the manifestation of the breach of
12 women's right to information, confidentiality and privacy and how these rights are intertwined.
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Bunga recalled her caesarean operation was cancelled in a private hospital, and she was referred to a public hospital. Upon her arrival at the public hospital, one of the doctors asked her husband "do you know why your wife was referred to us?". My husband said that the doctor at the private hospital was only saying that our baby was in a breech position. The doctor replied "No, your wife is HIV positive and Hepatitis B positive" (Bunga). In shocked, Bunga cried for three days while she was waiting for caesarean surgery's schedule in this public hospital.

Oneng's story was about her shock after being told by her doctor that her youngest daughter was HIV positive:

Angrily, I asked the doctor 'How come my daughter got this HIV?' The doctor replied *Bu* (Mam), you should know better than me how HIV was transmitted to your daughter (Oneng).

Both Bunga and Oneng were shocked when they received the news of their positive HIV test. Both were made aware of their HIV status in late stages, only after Bunga's got HIV test before she delivered her baby or after Oneng's child had become sick. In both cases, the doctors were not coming straightforward with their information, instead they referred their patients (Bunga) to another hospital without giving the right information for referral, while Oneng was offered for an HIV testing after her youngest daughter got ill and diagnosed with HIV. It was one year after Oneng's husband passed away due to diseases related to AIDS. In other women's stories, husband's family, such as mother's in law, brother's in-law who may have been informed HIV status of their husbands in health settings, but they chose not to disclose HIV status of her

1 husband to the women [read Bulan's story -46 years old, middle-income family, 2nd marriage-
2 polygamous from urban area- in Najmah, Davies, Andajani (40)]

3 4 5 **Story of Nika: Breach of privacy and confidentiality**

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7 Nika (22 years old, low-income family, first marriage, living in a rural area) recalled how a
8 midwife had disclosed her HIV status to her (Nika's) neighbours during series of FGDs. In
9 2016, Nika was referred by her midwife to have a blood test. Not until later did Nika learn that
10 she was also tested for HIV. The results came back, and she was HIV positive. To her horror
11 and surprise, news about her HIV status spread vastly in her neighbourhood. A midwife who
12 was her next-door neighbour and worked at the local *puskesmas*, gossiped about Nika's HIV
13 status with neighbours. Angry neighbours then forced Nika and her husband (Maman) and two
14 children to move out of the village. The family then rented a small one-room accommodation
15 in Palembang city. Nika believed that she and her family were victims of social gossiping and
16 social stigma.

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18 **Social stigma ... had cornered me ... failed me... punished me ... as if I were**
19 **not a good woman... not a good mother... watch your mouth... those people**
20 **working in health ... get the right education (Nika).**

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22 Maman often expressed his regrets, telling Nika,

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24 **Had I known that you were asked to have an HIV test in that *puskesmas***
25 **(community health centre), I would have had forbidden you to take it (Nika).**

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27 Maman continued to support Nika and Nika adhered to ARV treatment. Their baby was given
28 prophylactic treatment after birth. Nika decided to have a tubectomy following the birth of her
29 third child because it was the only way doctors would allow her to access PMTCT services and
30 a caesarean delivery.

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32 Nika's story revealed negative and traumatic experiences that she and her family went through
33 following an HIV test. Nika's privacy was breached by her midwife. Nika's experience was
34 later shared with groups of healthcare workers such as NGO workers, midwives, medical
35 doctors, and HIV policymakers, to illustrate the violation of Nika's rights to confidentiality
36 and privacy in HIV testing. Upon discussing Nika's story, opinions of health workers and
37 policy makers were somehow divided. One group believed that the 'breach of privacy' was
38 'normal' as health workers, in the spirit of solidarity, want to protect her peers to be cautious
39 of HIV positive patients. This opinion could reflect a manifestation of institutionalized stigma

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against people living HIV, within Indonesia health services. The other group was supportive of the patients' right to confidentiality and privacy. Ministry of Health Regulations, No. 74/2014 on Guidelines for HIV Testing and Counselling (VCT), notes that it is unethical to disclose patients' information without patients' approval' (41). Violations of patients' confidentiality in HIV testing have also been reported in Sub-Saharan Africa and some Asian countries, such as Vietnam and India (42-44). Moral judgement, socio-cultural stigma are argued to be roots of the violation of patients' right to confidentiality and privacy as well as the right for getting correct information (33, 45) (also read Mira's story in Najmah, Davies and Andajani (46)).

Stories of Anti and Lela: Needing a husband permission to HIV testing

Anti and Lela were patients of Doctor Didi (a pseudonym), a senior male obstetrician in a private hospital in Palembang. Anti visited his clinic after experiencing a yellow and white milky discharge from her vagina. She was initially treated by another physician for her STI and referred to Didi for a follow-up HIV test. Anti came to him with her husband. He recalled seeing Anti looking very weak. Following an individual consultation for HIV and suggested for Anti to have an HIV test. Anti's husband was very upset and insisted that "it was impossible for his wife to have HIV". Didi explained to him that it was important to have the HIV test done so Anti could get the right treatment. Anti's husband finally agreed and Anti' test was negative. In a separate occasion, disgusted at Didi, Anti's husband said: I told you so! It is not possible for my wife to get infected with HIV",

In another story, Lela came to doctor Didi's practice to ask for an HIV test. She was suspicious that her husband was having an extramarital affair. She was concerned of her sexual reproductive health as she had three previous miscarriages. Lela's husband refused to give a permission for Lela for the test. Lela's request for HIV testing was then denied. Lela's husband, a high-profile local member of parliament, told Lela and Didi: "Never in my life I would let you have that [HIV] test ... I am not naughty".

The Ministry of Health Regulation No. 74/2014 on Guidelines of HIV Testing and Counselling reiterates that HIV tests and counselling should consider the principles of providing informed consent, maintaining confidentiality, offering counselling and HIV testing, and providing HIV treatment and prevention services. Denial of Lela's request for HIV testing, however, was associated with fears from health professional to causing marriage break ups, disharmonies,

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insults, and shame to their patients and consequently to lose their patients, as reported elsewhere (28). Here, Didi were faced with dilemmas. He recognized the right of his patients to HIV testing and understood that by law the women needed not permission from the husbands. However, he was also aware that he could jeopardize his reputation and that of his institution, if women were given HIV test without husbands' permission. Didi recalled an experience of one of his colleagues who were blackmailed after performing an HIV test without the patient's husband's permission.

Women's subordination in marriage is a key reason why women are denied a right to healthcare (47, 48). Anti and Lela were aware of their health needs, yet were powerless to take control of, or exercise, their rights. Their ability to make informed decision was impeded by patriarchal values that position married women as subordinate to their husbands. The limitations of this study include a small sample size. Further the study was just conducted in one field site location. Further studies can both expand the sample size and the location.

RECOMMENDATION

A primary finding of this study is that the violation of women's reproductive rights in respect to HIV testing contribute to barriers to access HIV services in Indonesia. Violations of women's rights to information, informed decision-making, privacy and confidentiality, and timely service were evident in this study. Existing socio-cultural and ideological values, such as HIV stigma against people living with HIV, the normalization of institutional stigma, and patriarchal values intersected to contribute to difficulties for women to access HIV testing in the general population.

Overcoming rights violation requires acknowledgment that rights violation exist, and making government accountable to the address those human rights violations. Multiple and inter-sectoral approaches are needed at individual and interpersonal level, institutional and public policies. First, at the individual and interpersonal level, women and partners need to be aware of women's rights to information, informed decision, privacy and confidentiality, non-discrimination, timely and best health care. Second, training of healthcare professions need to highlight the connection between HIV testing services and human rights guarantees. Third, human rights activists, programme leaders and policy makers, need to build capacities for advocates for a right-based approach in HIV testing. Fourth, monitoring and evaluation of HIV testing in Indonesia, must accommodate relevant human rights indicators that serves a

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1 foundation for holding government accountable to the fulfilment of women's rights to health
2 in HIV testing. Lastly, a supportive healthy working environment is central to ethical
3 professionalism in HIV testing services and to reduce institutionalised stigmatization. For
4 example, an open discussion within health care delivery, recognition of the need to use simple,
5 relevant, non-loaded language in HIV testing services, could be a good step in reducing HIV
6 stigma across health services.
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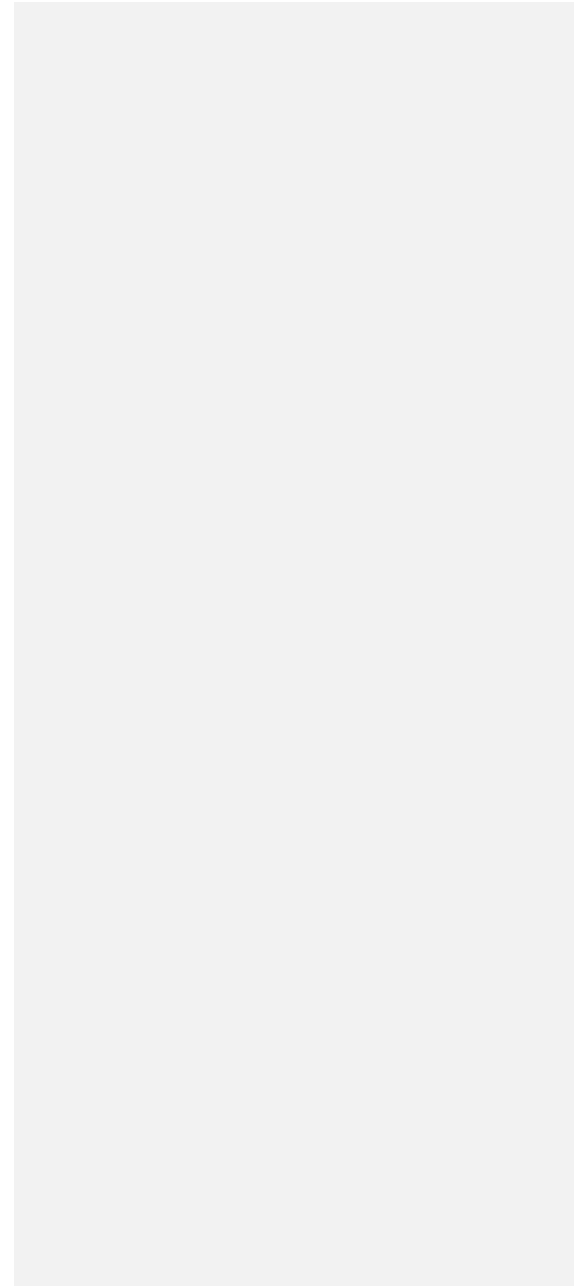
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Table.1: HIV prevalence in different groups in Indonesia (population of 270 million)

	Prevalence Risk	Estimated number PLWHIV ¹⁾ /high risk groups ²⁾
General population		
All adults aged 15 and over	0.4 %	1,080,000 ¹⁾
Women	0.3 %	810,000 ¹⁾
Men	0.5%	1,350,000 ¹⁾
High-risk group		
IDUs	28.8 %	33,500 ²⁾
MSM	25.8 %	4,300 ²⁾
FSW	7.2 %	6,800 ²⁾
Transgender	24.8 %	38,900 ²⁾
Men access prostitutes	-	5,244,064 ²⁾

Source: (6-8)

Note: ²⁾ estimated number of high risk groups to contracted HIV (not all HIV-positive); Prevalence risk of HIV in the general population in Papua > 4 %.

Table.2: Demographic profile and HIV related status of the 18 HIV+ participants

No	Pseudonym	First CD4* (cells/mm ³)	Year of HIV diagnosis	Age	Marital status	PMTCT access**	HIV status of husband	Number of children alive	Education level	Notes
1	Mira	350	2015	21	Married	Yes	Positive	2	Senior High School	1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st child HIV free; 2 nd child took prophylaxis, vaginal delivery, confirmed HIV free in December 2017;
2	Bulan	40	2013	46	Widow	No	Positive	1	Senior High School	Bisexual husband Divorced from 1 st husband; 2 nd husband deceased, was HIV+;
3	Nika	292	2016	22	Married	Yes	Negative	3	Elementary School	2 nd marriage, polygamous. 1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd child HIV free;
4	Alung	100	2012	37	Married	No	Negative	3	Elementary School	3 rd child taking prophylaxis. 2 nd marriage as a 2 nd wife; One HIV+ child and one deceased child.
5	Rini	400	2011	41	Widow	No	Positive	3	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+.
6	Mawar	300	2011	41	Married	No	Negative	2	Senior High School	2 nd marriage; polygamous; 1 st deceased husband was HIV+; 2 nd husband HIV neg.; Former IDU.
7	Mela	300	2014	42	Widow	No	Positive	3	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+; Husband was an IDU.
8	Nina	329	2012	32	Married	No	Negative	3	Senior High School	2 nd marriage; monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, was HIV+; 1 st husband was an IDU; 2 nd husband HIV neg.
9	Mano	300	2016	25	Widow	No	Positive	1	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+; One child was HIV neg.; Former prostitute.
10	Oneng	155	2016	41	Widow	No	Positive	6	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+; Children 1-5 were HIV neg.;

11	Sinta	-	2012	41	Widow	No	Unknown	1	Senior High School	Sixth child was HIV+. Deceased husband never took an HIV test. Former IDU.
12	Mona	500	2012	30	Married	Yes	Negative	2	University	2 nd marriage, monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, was HIV+; 1 st husband was an IDU; 2 nd husband HIV neg.; 1 st child was HIV free; 2 nd child taking prophylaxis.
13	Putri	292	2007	35	Married	Yes	Positive	2	Senior High School	1 st marriage; monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd children were HIV free; (2 nd child taking prophylaxis); Husband was former IDU.
14	Maya	400	2015	33	Married	No	Negative	3	Elementary School	1 st husband divorced, was HIV neg.; 2 nd husband HIV neg.;
15	Oda	290	2017	30	Married	No	Negative	3	Senior High School	Former prostitute. 1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd children were HIV free; 3 rd child was HIV+.
16	Xani	300	2007	35	Married	Yes	Positive	3	University	1 st marriage, monogamous. Husband was former IDU.
17	Bunga	350	2017	30	Married	Yes	Negative	1	Senior High School	2 nd marriage, monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, unknown HIV status; 1st child taking prophylaxis.
18	Mulan	400	2012	28	Married	Yes	Negative	1	Senior High School	2 nd marriage, polygamous; 1 st husband deceased, HIV+; 1 st child died of pneumonia, a sign of HIV; 2 nd child taking prophylaxis; 2 nd husband was former IDU.

Notes:

* CD4 (cells/mm³): CD4 cell count, the level of white blood cells, is frequently used to measure how long someone has been infected with HIV. PLWHIV who had a CD4 of less than 200 cell/mm³, 200-350 cells/mm³ and over 350 cells/mm³ were estimated to have contracted HIV about eight, four and one year prior, respectively (37)

**PMTCT access relates to comprehensive PMTCT services, including antenatal HIV testing, antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy and after delivery, prophylaxis treatment for babies born to HIV-positive mothers, and formula feeding

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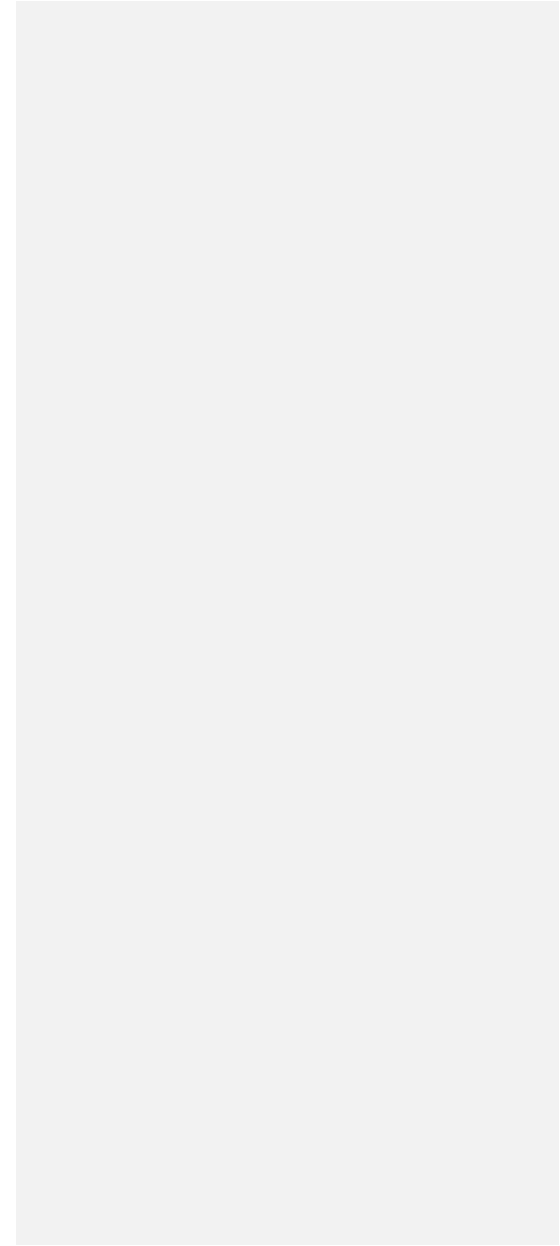


Table 3. Associated human rights' violations in HIV testing HIV of 18 HIV-positive women

Pseudonym	Violations of human rights in reproductive health and HIV services				
	Rights to information ¹	Rights to informed decision-making ¹	Rights to confidentiality ²	Rights to dignity and non-discrimination ³	Rights to timely and best services ⁴
Mira			v	v	v
Bulan	v				v
Nika	v	v	v	v	
Alung	v				v
Rini	v				v
Mawar	v			v	v
Mela	v				v
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Oneng	v			v	v
Sinta	v		v	v	
Mona			v	v	
Putri			v	v	v
Maya	v				v
Oda				v	v
Xani				v	v
Bunga	v	v		v	
Mulan	v				v

Notes:

¹ Rights to information may include rights to informed consent, reasons for referral, reasons for denied services, information on choices of services available, and the rights to bring support person/s to services.

² Right to confidentiality and privacy

³ Right to equality, freedom from discrimination, equitable care & right to dignity and respect

⁴ Right to timely healthcare and to the highest attainable level of health

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Abstract:	<p>The 2014 health reforms in Indonesia advocated for increased universal health coverage (UHC) for all Indonesians. The reforms also made provision for integrated HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) programmes , with HIV testing to be available at community health centres and hospitals for pregnant women and women of childbearing age. These reforms aimed to increase HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV. The question remains, though, as to whether the implementation of HIV testing has been effective and met women's needs, especially those of child-bearing age. Of particular focus in this article is what barriers women face accessing HIV testing. The article shows that a key barrier is social and institutional stigma. This article presents findings from the experiences of 18 HIV-positive women.</p> <p>This article examines barriers to pregnant women's access to HIV tests and these barriers all relate to women not having a right to reproductive health. This article highlights key reproductive health rights and violations noted in the Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) Charter, which is relevant to HIV testing in pregnancy. Five commonly reported rights violation include: women unable to access information; not being able to make independent informed decisions; no right to confidentiality and privacy; ongoing discrimination; and no right to timely HIV testing. The findings show that policy makers must make change to ensure health services are improved, that there is an increase in the training of health professionals, and that women's socio-cultural and political contexts be taken into consideration.</p>
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connections that facilitated the research. She is also fluent in the local language."

p. 4 line 23: define generalized and concentrated epidemics

Answer :

We have now added: "A concentrated HIV epidemic means HIV has spread rapidly in one or more defined sub-populations but is not well-established in the general population. A generalised epidemic is where most new infections are from heterosexual contact in the general population."

I would say that what is different is that this paper is analyzing the barriers using a rights framework. These earlier studies would reveal rights violations, but that was not their analytical focus. They have been analysed to reveal other aspects.

Answer:

We have now added

All except one participant identified themselves as housewives (ibu rumah tangga). At the time of this study, one woman, Mona was working full time. The term ibu rumah tangga, in Indonesian context, is a generic term used to refer to married women who were either fully financially dependent on their husbands or those who involved in informal sectors. For example, participants who worked as an hourly paid housemaid (cleaning other people's houses) or running a small warung (a bric-brack stall) had called themselves as ibu rumah tangga. Although 17 participants declared themselves as ibu rumah tangga, seven were fully financially dependent on their husbands and 10 had worked in informal sector, having an online business and opening a small stall. Six participants who were widows also regarded themselves as ibu rumah tangga even when they were the primary income-earner or the breadwinner of their families.

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<p>I recommend you strengthen the evidence for STIs always being considered the woman's fault in Indonesia.</p>	<p>We have added references to Bennett 2015 and Najmah 2019.</p>
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<p>p. 4 line 10: suggested edit 'several international conventions'</p>	<p>Changed.</p>
<p>p. 4 line 23: define generalized and concentrated epidemics</p>	<p>We have now added: "A concentrated HIV epidemic means HIV has spread rapidly in one or more defined sub-populations but is not well-established in the general population. A generalised epidemic is where most new infections are from heterosexual contact in the general population."</p>
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<p>p.4 line 40: Are the 547 VCT services part of the 30 PMCMT services?</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>
<p>p.4 line 42: promoted by whom? At the global level or in Indonesia?</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>
<p>p.5 line 4: So in all provinces? Perhaps say 'in all 34 provinces'</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>
<p>p. 5 line 21: Are you referring only to bidan? What about dukun bayi? Do/can they play a role in referral?</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>
<p>p. 5 line 25: aren't midwives healthcare providers? Or do you mean specifically providers of VCT?</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>
<p>p. 5 line 52: isn't HIV a sexually transmitted infection? Do you mean 'other sexually transmitted infections'? Or do you mean 'not on mother-to-child transmission of HIV'?</p>	<p>We have deleted this part now.</p>

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p. 10 line 39: Case Study 1: refers to Anti only, not to Lela - perhaps omit Lela from this heading.	We have deleted this passage.
p. 11 line 4: direct quotation requires page number in the in-text citation.	Thank you we have added this.
p. 13 line 31: 'One of the tests was for HIV' - was is omitted from author's text	Corrected thank you.
p. 13 line 54: I suggest omitting 'Of course' as Maman's behavior could not be assumed.	Deleted
p. 15 line 12: define 'anamnesis'	Deleted
p. 17 line 25: country specific what? Guidelines? Regulations?	Clarified.
Reviewer #3	
Married women? Women in Sumatra or western Indonesia? Because of the differences in implementing testing locally is this too general? It is also a small qualitative study - is it systematic and was it intended to exhaustively examine all the possible barriers? It seems to me it was	We have clarified that it refers to women in Palembang.

more exploratory and reports on issues that emerged from women's experiences	
I would say that what is different is that this paper is analyzing the barriers using a rights framework. These earlier studies would reveal rights violations, but that was not their analytical focus. They have been analysed to reveal other aspects.	Thank you for distilling this. We have now: Previous studies on barriers to HIV testing in women, such as Badriah, Tahangnacca (27) in Jakarta; Butt (31), Lumbantoruan, Kermode (32), and Munro and McIntyre (33) in Papua, would have revealed examples of human rights violations. Yet those studies did not use the framework of sexual and reproductive rights as their analytical focus.
Perhaps some explanation of the category of 'housewife' is needed, given that they are also the breadwinner in the family	We have now added All except one participant identified themselves as housewives (<i>ibu rumah tangga</i>). At the time of this study, one woman, Mona was working full time. The term <i>ibu rumah tangga</i> , in Indonesian context, is a generic term used to refer to married women who were either fully financially dependent on their husbands or those who involved in informal sectors. For example, participants who worked as an hourly paid housemaid (cleaning other people's houses) or running a small <i>warung</i> (a bric-brack stall) had called themselves as <i>ibu rumah tangga</i> . Although 17 participants declared themselves as <i>ibu rumah tangga</i> , seven were fully financially dependent on their husbands and 10 had worked in informal sector, having an online business and opening a small stall. Six participants who were widows also regarded themselves as <i>ibu rumah tangga</i> even when they were the primary income-earner or the breadwinner of their families.
Section should state exactly how many focus groups were conducted not 'up to'	We have now added: "Six focus group sessions of two hours each, were conducted with each group. Twelve group discussions were carried out over a two-month period."
This has not been introduced as a method of data collection in the earlier section	'Visuals methods' has been deleted.
See question from first review about partner disclosure policies in this context - are providers supposed to make spouses aware, or is it up to the spouse and the doctor is supposed to keep it confidential?	We have included discussion on this now, thank you!
Its also important that this seems to be about lack of informed consent for the testing and this idea that provider initiated testing means compulsory testing without	We have included discussion on this now, thank you!

informing the person.	
Section below should be clear who has provided the information. Is it according to the doctor, Anti visited the clinic after experiencing discharge?	Yes, it is according to the doctor.
This section ends rather abruptly with the limitations of the study. Suggest to include a 'discussion' that connects back to literature raised in the introduction	We have extended this now, thank you!

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ABSTRACT

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This article examines barriers to pregnant women's access to HIV tests, showing that barriers relate to women not having reproductive health rights. This article highlights reproductive rights and violations noted in the Respectful Maternity Care Charter, relevant to HIV testing in pregnancy. Five reported rights violations include: women unable to access information; not being able to make informed decisions; no right to confidentiality and privacy; ongoing discrimination; and no right to timely HIV testing. The failure of Indonesia to protect these rights contributes to women being denied HIV testing.

Findings show the need for increased HIV testing services for pregnant women, and asserts that health personnel and programme policy makers need to be held accountable for the protection and fulfilment of women's rights in respect to HIV testing. The findings show that policy makers must make changes to ensure health services improve, that there is an increase in the training of health professionals, and that women's socio-cultural and political contexts be considered.

Key words: HIV tests, married women, human rights violation, reproductive rights, universal health coverage, Indonesia

INTRODUCTION

The 2014 health reforms in Indonesia advocated for increased universal health coverage (UHC) for all Indonesians, including the provision of integrated HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) programmes, with HIV testing to be available at community health centres and hospitals for pregnant women and women of childbearing age (1-3). Annually in Indonesia, 40% of new HIV cases occur in women of childbearing age (4). These women fall outside prescribed high risk groups [i.e. commercial sex workers (CSWs), injecting drug users (IDUs) and men who have sex with men (MSM) (Table 1)]. The steep increase in HIV prevalence among women in the general population in the last decade is a proxy indicator for HIV transmission to children,

and HIV policies and programmes cannot remain ignorant of HIV transmission in women, especially among pregnant women (5).

[Table 1]

Pregnancy occurs among women living with HIV (WLWH) (5, 6), and as such, infants are vulnerable to HIV transmission from their mothers, through pregnancy, delivery, and/or breastfeeding [Indonesian Ministry of Health (MoH) (7, 8)]. An HIV prevalence of 0.4% in pregnant women explains that approximately 25,000 women, out of six million pregnant women, are HIV positive at any one time in Indonesia (9). Of concern is that pregnant women often find out their HIV status in the late stage, resulting in late treatment for preventing mother to child transmission (PMTCT) (8, 10). Without timely and effective HIV treatment during pregnancy, half of HIV positive pregnant women will give birth to HIV positive babies (11, 12). Further, without Antiretroviral therapy (ARV), those infants will likely die before their second birthday (8, 13). Less than 10% of pregnant women in Indonesia access PMTCT services (7), and missed opportunities for early HIV screening and treatment for pregnant women remain a huge challenge.

The promotion and protection of women's rights to healthcare, including early HIV screening and timely and relevant HIV treatment, is central to the UHC goal (14, 15). At the global level, women's rights to healthcare is well recorded in a number of international conventions including the 1985 International Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action ICPD (PoA) in 1994 (16). At the national level, the Indonesian government passed a number of regulations between 2013 and 2017, including the 2014 UHC to include: integrated HIV testing in antenatal clinics and ARV treatment for women and children in PMTCT programmes (17-19). Other regulations include compulsory HIV screening in Antenatal care (ANC) services; Provider-Initiated HIV Testing and Counselling (PITC); comprehensive PMTCT and guidance to services; and the fiscal responsibilities for all parties and ministries involved (1, 20, 21). With continuing high HIV prevalence in a number of provinces, like Papua (a generalised epidemic) and Jakarta, Bali, East Java, West Java and Riau (concentrated epidemics) amongst MSM, CSWs, IDUs, Indonesia needs to significantly scale up its HIV screening and ARV treatment in PMTCT (8, 22, 23). A concentrated HIV epidemic means HIV has spread rapidly in one or more defined sub-populations but is not well-established in the general population. A generalised epidemic

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is where most new infections are from heterosexual contact in the general population (24). Nevertheless, widespread inequalities in accessing health services remain (17). For example, in Palembang, our study field, compulsory HIV screening in ANC was only introduced in 2017; at the time of this study in early 2017, there were only 16 VCT centres, mostly located in hospital-based settings, with only three in *puskesmas* (local community health clinics) settings. At the end of 2017, all 41 *puskesmas* in Palembang provided HIV testing as a part of PMTCT services, and 12 new VCT centres were established (25).

While Indonesia has implemented policies on HIV testing, uptake remains poor. There are various challenges, such as poor referral mechanisms (2, 26). For instance, when a pregnant woman gets referred, she may find it difficult to travel to the VCT clinic (e.g. the clinic is too far, or the clinic's opening hours do not work for women) (2, 26, 27). At the same time, women living with HIV are highly stigmatised in Indonesian societies, making healthcare providers feel hesitant or reluctant to refer women to have HIV test; they do not want to shame or insult their clients (26, 28).

In the remainder of this article, we examine barriers and challenges that pregnant women face in accessing HIV testing during pregnancy using a framework of women's sexual and reproductive rights. The Respectful Maternity Care Charter (RMCC) was introduced in Indonesia and worldwide by the White Ribbons Alliance, adopting 10 universal human rights indicators for women's and new-borns' rights in maternity health care. The RMCC was chosen as the best platform for our examination because it allows analysis of the rights violation women faced in accessing HIV tests in Indonesia (29, 30). Some of the 10 universal rights include: 1) rights to information; 2) right to independent informed decision-making; 3) rights to privacy and confidentiality; 4) right to respectful services (non-discrimination and dignity and care); and 5) right to timely treatment and attainable health care.

In this article, we focus on common sexual and reproductive rights violations reflected in the experiences of 18 HIV positive women participants when accessing HIV testing in Palembang, South Sumatra. These women had [either](#) ~~ever~~ been married or were married to heterosexual men, at the time of the study. A clear understanding of these barriers will provide a platform for the development of policies and programmes that will support women. For example, our findings can inform policies and programmes that aim to: raise awareness of women's rights; guarantee health care delivery; increase capacity for health advocates to participate in human rights processes; and support health care professionals in providing respectful care and holding the

1 government to account to fulfil these rights (29). Previous studies on barriers to HIV testing in
2 women, such as Badriah, Tahagnacca (27) in Jakarta; Butt (31), Lumbantoran, Kermode
3 (32), and Munro and McIntyre (33) in Papua, would have revealed examples of human rights
4 violations. Yet those studies did not use the framework of sexual and reproductive rights as
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8 9 10 **METHODOLOGY**

11 This study acknowledges HIV positive women as experts in respect to their own HIV journeys.
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13 Women in this research were central to the production of knowledge and understanding of
14 existing policies and practices regarding HIV testing. Following Brinton M. Lykes and Alison
15 Crosby (2014), women in this study were given a safe and collective space, and trustworthy
16 partnerships with the researchers, to have an open dialogue and critical discussion on matters
17 relevant to HIV testing (34). The voices of HIV positive women were honoured, as well as
18 those of other participants, like health workers, NGO workers and policy makers, to triangulate
19 knowledge of how women were accessing HIV testing during pregnancy (25).
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27 *Selection of participants*

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29 Participants in this study included 18 HIV positive women, aged 21-47 years, and 26 health
30 providers (12 midwives, 11 medical doctors, 2 obstetricians and 1 paediatrician), 12
31 policymakers, and 9 NGO peer-support workers. Participants were recruited through purposive
32 sampling. The inclusion criteria of the HIV-positive women were: 1) of reproductive age; 2)
33 living in Palembang, South Sumatra; and 3) available to join a series of FGDs (Focus Group
34 Discussions) or interviews. An advertisement was sent to Non-Governmental Organisations
35 (NGOs) and health services workers and included at local VCT clinics. For other groups, a
36 formal letter of invitation was sent to each targeted institution related to HIV programmes for
37 women. This article, however, focuses mainly on the narratives produced by the 18 HIV+
38 women and a few health workers, to best illustrate examples of the violations of women's
39 reproductive health rights in respect to accessing HIV testing.
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51 Ethical issues, including asking for consent to use interview/FGD transcripts from participants,
52 respecting participants' rights to privacy and confidentiality, and minimising risks for both the
53 participants and the researcher, were discussed. Protection of participants from any deceit,
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1 the cultural values, social, and ethnic diversities of the participants. Informed consent was
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4 Ethics approval was obtained from the Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee
5 (AUTEK) on 7 March 2017 (Reference No. 17/22) and from the the Research Ethics
6 Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, of Sriwijaya University (Reference No.
7 39/keprsmhfkunsri/2017) on 15 March 2017.
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11 *The women's context of life*
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13 Table 2 presents the demographic and reproductive status of the 18 HIV positive women who
14 participated in this study. Twelve were married and six were widows. Of those 12 who were
15 married, eight were in their second marriage. Of these, 8 ~~were in their~~ second marriage, six had
16 former husbands having died from HIV and two had divorced from their first husband, before
17 they were diagnosed with HIV.
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19 All 18 women were aware of their vulnerability to HIV. Twelve women believed that they
20 were infected by their husbands who were either former IDUs (n=6), and/or frequent customers
21 of commercial sex workers (n=5), and/ or living in a polygamous marriage (n=3), and/ or
22 having sex with men (n=1). All 18 women, except two, were not aware of their having high
23 risk sexual behaviour. Two women had histories of IDUs and having multiple sexual partners
24 without practicing safe sex.
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26 The women had between one and six children and had lived with HIV for at least two years
27 (based on the CD4 level -the level of white blood cells- at first HIV test) (35). Three women
28 had HIV positive children. Two had experienced stillbirths but they were not aware of what
29 had caused it. Four women had their children taking ARV - prophylactic treatment- to reduce
30 MTCT and they were all under 18 months old.
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32 All except one participant identified themselves as housewives (*ibu rumah tangga*). At the time
33 of this study, one woman, Mona was working full time. The term *ibu rumah tangga*, in
34 Indonesian context, is a generic term used to refer to married women who were either fully
35 financially dependent on their husbands or those ~~who~~ involved in informal
36 employment sectors. For
37 example, participants who worked as an hourly paid housemaid (cleaning other people's
38 houses) or running a small *warung* (a bric-brack stall) ~~had called~~ referred to themselves as
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40 *tangga*. Although 17 participants declared themselves as *ibu rumah tangga*, seven were fully
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1 financially dependent on their husbands and 10 had worked in informal sector, having an online
2 business and opening a small stall. Six participants who were widows also regarded themselves
3 as *ibu rumah tangga* even when they were the primary income-earner or the breadwinner of
4 their families. Seven participants owned their houses; 6 lived in shared accommodation with
5 their extended families (in-laws and siblings). Five rented a small room or a small house. The
6 participants had completed at least 12 years of schooling.

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14 *Field research*

15 The field research, in Palembang, South Sumatra, was conducted over four months from
16 February to July 2017, and included a series of group discussion, interviews, and participant
17 observations by the first author (NA). Palembang was selected because the first author was
18 born and raised in Palembang and she has worked for had a number of years of working with various
19 organisations working with IDUs and HIV in this city. She has good community connections
20 that facilitated the research. She is also fluent in the local language. Being aware of the sensitive
21 nature of research with women living with HIV and having a former connection with relevant
22 persons and institutions working with HIV programmes would enhance the success of the field
23 research. All interviews and communications with participants were conducted in Bahasa
24 Indonesia and local Palembang dialect.

25 Prior to the field research, two pilot trials were conducted to examine the relevance of the
26 research plan, recruitment of participants, research instruments and any local norms and
27 customs that the researchers should respect. These trials were conducted in Auckland (New
28 Zealand) and in Palembang (Indonesia). The Auckland trial included group discussions with
29 two groups of Indonesian women living and or studying in Auckland. The trial in Palembang
30 included two HIV positive women, in a few meetings. The research plan and interview
31 schedules were finalised following these two trials.

32 Of the 18 HIV positive women in this study, 11 formed two focus groups: Group A (5
33 members) and Group B (6 members). Women chose their own groups with no input from the
34 researchers. Six focus group sessions of two hours each, were conducted with each group.
35 Twelve group discussions were carried out over a two-month period. The remaining seven
36 women opted for individual interviews. Each woman was visited one to three times, depending
37 on their availability. Each visit lasted for about an hour. Some also asked for follow-up online

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1 communication using Facebook and WhatsApp. Places for interviews and group discussion
2 were on the discretion of participants, and included participants' house, office, community
3 health centres, hospitals, restaurants, and parks. All interactions with women were conducted
4 in a safe, physical environment chosen by the women. This allowed all participants to have
5 more control of their space and be in a place where they felt safe and comfortable, while at the
6 same time, maintaining confidentiality and privacy [see for example Ponc, Reid & Frisby (36),
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13 *Data analysis*

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16 Narratives from interviews and group discussions were transcribed verbatim. Field notes were
17 recorded in both Bahasa Indonesia and English. The interpretations of the women's reflections,
18 and presentations were coded in their original language by the first author. The second author
19 (SA) was also born in Indonesia and speaks fluent Bahasa Indonesia. SA had nearly 30 years
20 of working in the area of gender health and SRH rights particularly in Indonesia, and other
21 parts of the Asia and Pacific region. The first two authors worked closely together on the
22 Indonesian transcription throughout the coding stages, making meaning of the contexts
23 presented by the women, and developing themes from the coding, before translating relevant
24 quotes into English. The third author [SGD] was born in Australia and has worked for over 15
25 years in research projects in Indonesia, relating to gender and identity.
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29 To ensure consistency, regular fortnightly meetings were conducted between the authors to
30 discuss emerging themes, categorisation, and links between codes and meanings, to enhance
31 data interpretation. Transcriptions produced during the focus groups and interviews were cross-
32 checked with field notes and visual images. Five main themes of rights violations emerged:
33 right to information, right to information and informed decision making, right to confidentiality
34 and privacy, right to dignity and care, and right to timely services (Table 3). Thematic analysis
35 was performed by applying the steps of coding set out by Saldana (37) across different themes
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52 **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

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54 Table 3 depicts domains of disrespect and abuse and associated human rights violations against
55 participants living with HIV. Out of 18 women, 12 felt they were lacking information with
56 regards to HIV results of their husband, their children or their own. Of these 12 women, 5 had
57 never been aware of any available HIV testing nor had they ever received any information that
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1 raised their awareness to the importance of HIV testing. These 5 women only found out about
2 their HIV in late stages, after the death or illness of their husbands, children, or they themselves
3 had fallen ill. Six participants experienced breach of their privacy and confidentiality, when
4 their HIV testing results were shared with other health workers, family members, or neighbours
5 without their permission. In the next section, we present stories of Bunga, Oneng, Nika, shared
6 during interviews and/or FGDs.
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11 According to Indonesian MoH Regulations, it is not ethical to disclose patients' information
12 without their approval (38). Patients may request for an HIV test voluntarily. A health worker
13 or counsellor can also initiate and send a patient for an HIV test, known as 'providers' initiated
14 test'. In either case, patients have the rights to counselling and informed consent. Failures of
15 the health providers to explain the following rights to the patients, is considered a breach of
16 patient's rights to informed consent [Permenkes number 74 in 2014, Guidelines of HIV test and
17 counselling] (38).
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27 **Stories of Bunga and Oneng: Not getting the right information**

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29 Oneng (41 years old, low-income family, a widow living in an urban area), and Bunga (30
30 years old, middle-income family, second marriage, living in an urban area) shared stories
31 during focus group discussions and interview, respectively. Both Oneng and Bunga were
32 financially dependent on their husband. From their stories, we learned about the breach of
33 women's right to information, confidentiality, and privacy and how these rights are
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44 Bunga recalled her caesarean operation was cancelled in a private hospital, and she was referred
45 to a public hospital. Upon her arrival at the public hospital, one of the doctors asked her
46 husband "did you know why your wife was referred to us?". Bunga's husband said that the
47 doctor at the private hospital was only saying that their baby was in a breech position. The
48 doctor replied "No, your wife is HIV positive and Hepatitis B positive" (Bunga). In shock,
49 Bunga cried for three days while she was waiting for caesarean surgery's schedule in this public
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Angrily, I asked the doctor 'How come my daughter got this HIV?' The doctor replied
Bu (Mam), you should know better than me how HIV was transmitted to your daughter
(Oneng).

Both Bunga and Oneng were shocked when they received the news of their positive HIV test.
Both were made aware of their HIV status in late stages, only after Bunga's HIV test before
she delivered her baby or after Oneng's child had become sick. In both cases, the doctors were
not coming straightforward with their information; instead they referred their patients (Bunga)
to another hospital without giving the right information for referral, while Oneng was offered
for an HIV testing after her youngest daughter got ill and diagnosed with HIV. ~~This occurred was~~ one year
after Oneng's husband passed away due to diseases related to AIDS. In other women's stories,
the husband's family, such as mother-in-law and brother-in-law who may have been informed
HIV status of their husbands in health settings, but they chose not to disclose the HIV status of her
husband to the women [read Bulan's story - she was 46 years old, middle-income family, 2nd
marriage-polygamous from urban area- in Najmah, Davies & Andajani (39)]

Story of Nika: Breach of privacy and confidentiality

Nika (22 years old, low-income family, first marriage, living in a rural area), during an FGD,
retold to her peers, how a midwife had disclosed her HIV status to Nika's neighbours. In 2016,
Nika was referred by her midwife to have a blood test in a *puskesmas*, including an HIV test,
without Nika's consent. Nika did not know she was tested for HIV and to her horror the test
result was positive and the news about her HIV status spread vastly in her neighbourhood.

At first, I thought, I was just having a normal blood test. After I took the test, a health
worker told me: 'please wait outside'. I was waiting for hours until the last patient had
gone home. 'What happened with me? I asked myself wearily. I asked another health
worker. She said 'No worries, just sit down, and a nurse will come to get you soon.'
Finally, a counsellor came and told me that my HIV test was positive. To my shock -
and three days later, a midwife, who was my neighbour and work in that *puskesmas*,
was gossiping with my neighbours about my HIV status. My family and I were
expelled from our village straight away.

Angry neighbours then forced Nika and her husband (Maman) and two children to move out
of the village. The family moved to Palembang city and rented a small one-bedroom or *kos*-

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kosan (4x5 m2), with shared washing rooms. Nika said that she and her family were victims of social gossiping and social stigma.

Social stigma _ had cornered me _ failed me _ punished me _ as if I were not a good woman _ not a good mother _ watch your mouth _ those people working in health _ get the right education (Nika).

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Maman often expressed his regrets, telling Nika,

Had I known that you were asked to have an HIV test in that *puskesmas* (community health centre), I would have ~~had~~ forbidden you to take it (Nika).

Maman continued to support Nika and Nika adhered to ARV treatment. Their baby was given prophylactic treatment after birth. Nika decided to have a tubectomy following the birth of her third child, suggested by her doctor. Nika consented.

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Nika's story revealed negative and traumatic experiences that she and her family went through following an HIV test. Nika's privacy was breached by her midwife. Nika's experience was later shared with groups of healthcare workers such as NGO workers, midwives, medical doctors, and HIV policymakers, to illustrate the violation of Nika's rights to confidentiality and privacy in HIV testing. Upon discussing Nika's story, opinions of health workers and policy makers were somehow divided. One group believed that the 'breach of privacy' was 'normal' as health workers, in the spirit of solidarity, want to protect her peers to be cautious of HIV positive patients. This opinion could reflect a manifestation of institutionalised stigma against people living HIV, within Indonesian health services. The other group was supportive of the patients' right to confidentiality and privacy. Ministry of Health Regulations, No. 74/2014 on Guidelines for HIV Testing and Counselling (VCT), notes that it is unethical to disclose patients' information without patients' approval', including to their spouse (38). Violations of patients' confidentiality in HIV testing have also been reported in Sub-Saharan Africa and some Asian countries, such as Vietnam and India (40-42). In these studies, moral judgement and cultural stigma are argued to be roots of the violation of patients' right to confidentiality and privacy as well as the right for getting correct information (31, 43) (also read Mira's story in Najmah, Davies and Andajani (44)).

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Stories of Anti and Lela: Needing a husband permission to HIV testing

Stories of Anti and Lela were retold by a specialist obstetric gynecologist, who participated in

59 an interview. Anti and Lela were patients of Doctor Didi (a pseudonym), a senior male

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obstetrician in a private hospital in Palembang. Anti visited his clinic after experiencing a yellow and white milky discharge from her vagina. She was initially treated by another physician for her STI and referred to Didi for a follow-up HIV test. Anti came to him with her husband. He recalled seeing Anti looking very weak. Following an individual consultation for HIV, Didi suggested that Anti have an HIV test. Anti's husband was very upset and insisted that "it was impossible for his wife to have HIV". Didi explained to him that it was important to have the HIV test done so Anti could get the right treatment. Anti's husband finally agreed and Anti' test was negative. In a separate occasion, disgusted at Didi, Anti's husband said: I told you so! It is not possible for my wife to get infected with HIV",

In another story, Lela came to doctor Didi's practice to ask for an HIV test. She was suspicious that her husband was having an extramarital affair. She was concerned [about](#) her reproductive health as she had three previous miscarriages. Lela's husband refused to give permission for Lela for the test. Lela's request for HIV testing was then denied. Lela's husband, a high-profile local member of parliament, told Lela and Didi: "Never in my life I would let you have that [HIV] test - I am not naughty".

According to the Indonesian Ministry of Health Regulation No. 74, HIV tests and counselling, including voluntarily or provider initiated testing, should respect and protect patient's rights to informed consent, confidentiality across all services; -HIV testing, counselling, and HIV prevention and treatment (38). There is no requirement for a healthcare worker to seek permissions for any of those services to patients' partners.

Of interest here, often women would feel ashamed when presenting themselves to doctors' clinic with symptoms of STIs. Due to shame, the woman may choose to suffer in silence until the condition gets worse or becomes unbearable. Here, the comment made by Lela's husband that 'I am not naughty' indirectly suggested that Lela could be the one having sexual affairs and to be blamed. Studies by Bennett (2015) and Najmah (2019) also found the reluctance of doctors to offer test for STIs or HIV to women's husbands, due to fears of causing marriage breakups and exposing shaming to the couples [27, 47].

Denial of Lela's request for HIV testing, however, was unacceptable. It was associated with fears from a health professional to causing marriage break ups, disharmonies, insults, and shame to their patients and consequently to lose their patients, as reported elsewhere (26). Here, Didi was faced with dilemmas. He recognized the right of his patients to HIV testing and

1 understood that by law the women ~~did not need~~~~needed not~~ permission from the husbands. However, he was
2 also aware that he could jeopardize his reputation and that of his institution, if women were
3 given H N test without husbands' permission. Didi recalled an experience of one of his
4 colleagues who was blackmailed after performing an H N test without the patient's husband's
5 permission.
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10 **Women's subordination in marriage is a key reason why women are denied a right to healthcare**
11 **(47, 48). Anti and Lela were aware of their health needs, yet were powerless to take control of,**
12 **or exercise, their rights. Without obtaining husbands' permission, married women, like Anti**
13 **and Lela, were denied to access to HIV testing. Their ability to make informed decisions was**
14 **impeded by patriarchal values that position married women as subordinate to their husbands.**
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16 **Further research can extend our conclusions by incorporating the voices of more women and**
17 **the limits of rights they have to access healthcare. We anticipate women according Indonesia**
18 **will have similar stories to tell.**
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26 **RECOMMENDATYON**

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28 A primary finding of this study is that the violations of women's reproductive rights in respect
29 to HIV testing contribute to barriers to access HIV services in Indonesia. Violations of
30 women's rights to information, informed decision-making, privacy and confidentiality, and
31 timely service were evident in this study. Existing socio-cultural and ideological values, such
32 as HIV stigma against people living with HIV, the normalization of institutional stigma, and
33 patriarchal values intersected to contribute to difficulties for women to access HIV testing in
34 the general population.
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43 Overcoming rights violation requires acknowledgment that rights violation exist, and making
44 government accountable to address those human rights violations. Multiple and inter-sectoral
45 approaches are needed at individual and interpersonal level, institutional and public policies.
46 First, at the individual and interpersonal level, women and partners need to be aware of
47 women's rights to information, informed decision, privacy and confidentiality, non-
48 discrimination, timely and best health care. Second, training of healthcare professions need to
49 highlight the connection between HIV testing services and human rights guarantees. Third,
50 human rights activists, programme leaders and policy makers, need to build capacities for
51 advocates for a right-based approach in HIV testing. Fourth, monitoring and evaluation of HIV
52 testing in Indonesia, must accommodate relevant human rights indicators that serves a
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1 foundation for holding government accountable to the fulfilment of women's rights to health
2 in HIV testing. Lastly, a supportive healthy working environment is central to ethical
3 professionalism in HIV testing services and to reduce institutionalised stigmatization. For
4 example, an open discussion within health care delivery, recognition of the need to use simple,
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Table

Table.1: HIV prevalence in different groups in Indonesia (population of 270 million)

	Prevalence Risk	Estimated number PLWHIV ¹⁾ /high risk groups ²⁾
General population		
All adults aged 15 and over	0.4 %	520,000 ¹⁾
Women	0.3 %	220,000 ¹⁾
Men	0.5%	420,000 ¹⁾
High-risk group		
IDUs	28.8 %	33,500 ²⁾
MSM	25.8 %	754,300 ²⁾
FSW	7.2 %	226,800 ²⁾
Transgender	24.8 %	38,900 ²⁾
Men access prostitutes		5,244,064 ²⁾

Source: (6-8)

Note: ²⁾ estimated number of high risk groups to contracted HIV (not all HIV-positive); Prevalence risk of HIV in the general population in Papua > 4 %.

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Table.2: Demographic profile and HIV related status of the 18 HIV+ participants

No	Pseudonym	First CD4* (cells/mm ³)	Year of HIV diagnosis	Age	Marital status	PMTCT access**	HIV status of husband	Number of children alive	Education level	Notes
1	Mira	350	2015	21	Married	Yes	Positive	2	Senior High School	1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st child HIV free; 2 nd child took prophylaxis, vaginal delivery, confirmed HIV free in December 2017;
2	Bulan	40	2013	46	Widow	No	Positive	1	Senior High School	Bisexual husband Divorced from 1 st husband; 2 nd husband deceased, was HIV+;
3	Nika	292	2016	22	Married	Yes	Negative	3	Elementary School	2 nd marriage, polygamous; 1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd child HIV free;
4	Alung	100	2012	37	Married	No	Negative	3	Elementary School	3 rd child taking prophylaxis. 2 nd marriage as a 2 nd wife; One HIV+ child and one deceased child.
5	Rini	400	2011	41	Widow	No	Positive	3	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+.
6	Mawar	300	2011	41	Married	No	Negative	2	Senior High School	2 nd marriage; polygamous; 1 st deceased husband was HIV+; 2 nd husband HIV neg.; Former IDU.
7	Mela	300	2014	42	Widow	No	Positive	3	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+; Husband was an IDU.
8	Nina	329	2012	32	Married	No	Negative	3	Senior High School	2 nd marriage; monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, was HIV+; 1 st husband was an IDU; 2 nd husband HIV neg.
9	Mano	300	2016	25	Widow	No	Positive	1	Senior High School	Deceased husband was HIV+; One child was HIV neg.;
10	Oneng	155	2016	41	Widow	No	Positive	6	Senior High School	Former prostitute. Deceased husband was HIV+; Children 1-5 were HIV neg.;

11 Sinta	-	2012	41	Widow	No	Unknown	1	Senior High School	Sixth child was HIV+. Deceased husband never took an HIV test.
12 Mona	500	2012	30	Married	Yes	Negative	2	University	Former IDU. 2 nd marriage, monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, was HIV+; 1 st husband was an IDU; 2 nd husband HIV neg.; 1 st child was HIV free; 2 nd child taking prophylaxis.
13 Putri	292	2007	35	Married	Yes	Positive	2	Senior High School	1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd children were HIV free; (2 nd child taking prophylaxis); Husband was former IDU.
14 Maya	400	2015	33	Married	No	Negative	3	Elementary School	1 st husband divorced, was HIV neg.; 2 nd husband HIV neg.;
15 Oda	290	2017	30	Married	No	Negative	3	Senior High School	Former prostitute. 1 st marriage, monogamous; 1 st and 2 nd children were HIV free; 3 rd child was HIV+.
16 ani	300	2007	35	Married	Yes	Positive	3	University	1 st marriage, monogamous. Husband was former IDU.
17 Bunga	350	2017	30	Married	Yes	Negative	1	Senior High School	2 nd marriage, monogamous; 1 st husband deceased, unknown HIV status; 1st child taking prophylaxis.
18 Mulan	400	2012	28	Married	Yes	Negative	1	Senior High School	2 nd marriage, polygamous; 1 st husband deceased, HIV+; 1 st child died of pneumonia, a sign of HIV; 2 nd child taking prophylaxis; 2 nd husband was former IDU.

Notes:

* CD4 (cells/mm³): CD4 cell count, the level of white blood cells, is frequently used to measure how long someone has been infected with HIV. PLWHIV who had a CD4 of less than 200 cell/mm³, 200-350 cells/mm³ and over 350 cells/mm³ were estimated to have contracted HIV about eight, four and one year prior, respectively (37)

**PMTCT access relates to comprehensive PMTCT services, including antenatal HIV testing, antiretroviral treatment during pregnancy and after delivery, prophylaxis treatment for babies born to HIV-positive mothers, and formula feeding

Table 3. Associated human rights' violations in HIV testing HIV of 18 HIV-positive women

Pseudonym	Violations of human rights in reproductive health and HIV services				
	Rights to information ¹	Rights to informed decision-making ¹	Rights to confidentiality ²	Rights to dignity and non-discrimination ³	Rights to timely and best services ⁴
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Bulan	v				v
Nika	v	v	v	v	
Alung	v				v
Rini	v				v
Mawar	v			v	v
Mela	v				v
Nina					v
Mano	v		v	v	
Oneng	v			v	v
Sinta	v		v	v	
Mona			v	v	
Putri			v	v	v
Maya	v				v
Oda				v	v
ani				v	v
Bunga	v	v		v	
Mulan	v				v

Notes:

¹ Rights to information may include rights to informed consent, reasons for referral, reasons for denied services, information on choices of services available, and the rights to bring support person/s to services.

² Right to confidentiality and privacy

³ Right to equality, freedom from discrimination, equitable care & right to dignity and respect

⁴ Right to timely healthcare and to the highest attainable level of health

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