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Hamzah Hasyim, PhD candidate; Pat Dale, Professor, PhD; David A. Groneberg, Professor. Dr. Dr.; Ulrich Kuch, Dr; Ruth Müller, Professor Dr. rer. nat.

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8 April 2019 at 09:41

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SUGGESTED CHANGE:

‘...Sarawak, Malaysia, malaria infection was greater in males than females, with seven-fold risk of malaria-infection [21]’

Hope that helps

Pat

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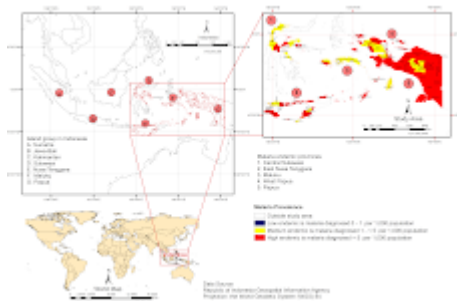


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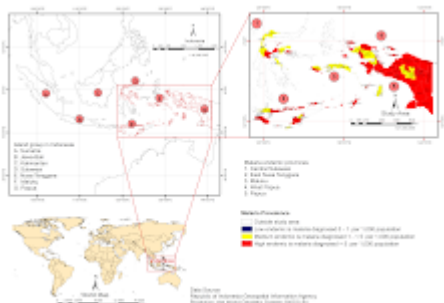




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8 April 2019 at 09:56

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If that has not changed then I do not need to look at again

All best

Pat

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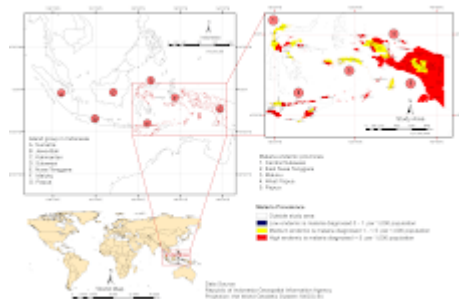
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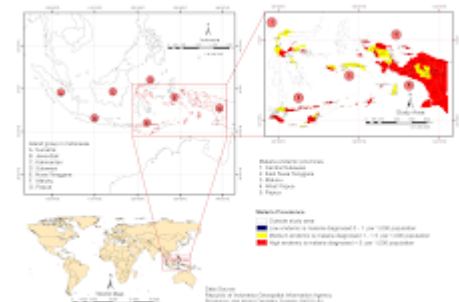






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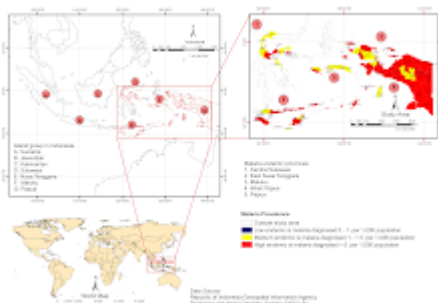
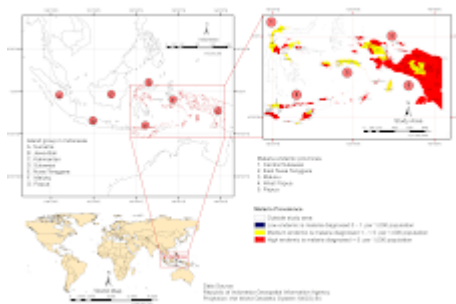




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Scope of variables

Data handling. Data were processed with Stata software as follows: For the dependent variable (malaria), healthy participants (no malaria) were coded 0 and participants who had malaria were coded 1. Likewise, for the independent variables, a “small” code was given to describe a variable as “good condition” or a “group that is not at risk”. Reference was coded as 0. Stata automatically treated the lowest code in the comparison group as a reference category. These data were collected from questionnaire *RKD 2013*.

Malaria prevalence. In this view, "having malaria" was defined as participants who had ever been recognised as having malaria by health workers. Malaria was characterised as "malaria" or "no malaria" as a binary variable. Health surveyors using a standardised questionnaire collected the data by retrospective assessment. Healthcare professionals asked the participants whether they had ever had a diagnosis of a particular disease (D: Diagnosis). The participants who said that they never had any disease diagnosed were further investigated as to whether they used to/presently experienced certain clinical symptoms of such disease (G: Symptoms). The disease of interest was malaria. Prevalence was measured for one year or less. In the present study, the sample size was 130,585 participants who lived in five out of Indonesia's 33 provinces in 2013. Malaria prevalence in 2013 was 6.0 %. The five provinces with the highest malaria prevalence are: Central Sulawesi, East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Papua, and West Papua Provinces (Figure 1).

The characteristics of participants

Gender distinctions were divided into male and female and were taken from questionnaire *b4k4*. The age of the participants was recorded in years; if the age was <1 year "00" was filled in and if the age was ≥ 97 years "97" was recorded. Age categories were set up and coded as follows: (0) "0 – 4 years"; (1) "5 – 14 years"; (2) "15 – 24 years"; (3) "25 – 34 years"; (4) "35 – 44 years"; (5) "45 – 54 years"; (6) "55 – 64 years"; (7) "65 – 74 years"; (8) "more than 75 years ". These data were taken from questionnaire *b4k7*. Education in this paper was defined as the highest level of education attained by participants. Upon completion of high school education, participants were considered as higher educated and coded = 0. Participants who had not completed high school education were seen as low educated and given a code = 1, and, if the respondent was <10 years, the code = 2. These data were collected from questionnaire *b4k8*. For further analysis, the variable 'age of participants' was coded as binary dummy variables with a code = 0 for participants more than five years of age as referent category, and code 1 for less than five years of age. Similarly, for education a code = 0 was given for participants who were considered as higher educated as a referent and a code = 1 was given for others. The primary occupation of participants was taken from questionnaire *b4k9*, and the researcher divided this variable into two groups. If the respondents were not working they were given a code = 0 and if the respondents were working the code = 1.

The behaviour of the participants. From questionnaire *b4k12*, the use of mosquito nets was categorised as follows: If participants slept under mosquito nets at night, these were given a code = 0. If participants did not use mosquito nets, then these were given a code = 1. From questionnaire *b4k13*, the variable of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) was examined. Those participants sleeping under ITNs to prevent malaria were given a code = 0, while those who did not use ITNs were given a code = 1, and those who did not answer this question were given a code = 2.

Knowledge of health services. Healthcare service access described in the Riskesdas 2013 refers to the knowledge of households about the healthcare facilities nearest to their residence. In this situation, healthcare workers asked the participants about the accessibility and utilisation of healthcare facilities such as a public hospital or government hospitals; private hospitals; primary healthcare centres (puskesmas/pustu); clinics or doctor practices; midwife practices or maternity hospitals; and integrated health posts (posyandu). The participants were also asked regarding village health posts (poskesdes), village maternity clinics (polindes). From the questionnaire, those participants who knew of the availability of the health facilities were given a code = 0, and those who did not know of the availability of the health facilities were given a code = 1. The questionnaire *b5r2k1* shows the availability of government hospitals and *b5r2k1* indicates the availability of private hospitals. Information on primary healthcare centres was obtained from questionnaire *b5r3k1*, information on clinics/practices from *b5r4k1*, and that on midwife practices or maternity hospitals from *b5r5k*. Data about health facilities such as integrated health posts, rural health posts, rural clinics, and traditional health services were obtained from questionnaire *b5r6k1*, *b5r7k1*, *b5r8k1*, and *b6cr1*, respectively. For advanced analysis, participants knowing of the availability of health services were further classified using binary dummy variables with a code = 0 for participants who knew about the availability of certain health facilities and 1 for those who did not know about such health facilities.

The kind of health care facilities and health services in Indonesia such as a public hospital or government hospitals; private hospitals; primary health care centres (puskesmas/pustu); clinics or doctor practices; midwife practices or maternity hospitals or maternity hospitals; and integrated health posts (posyandu), village health posts (poskesdes), village maternity, and village clinics (polindes) in generally. (Heywood & Harahap, 2009; Mahendradhata et al., 2017)

Environmental sanitation. Environmental sanitation included information on the primary source of water, distance to drinking water, and wastewater disposal. According to questionnaire *b8r1a*, participants who had improved drinking water were given the code = 0, and those who did not the code = 1.

The questionnaire variable *b8r1a* consist of the main clean water supply of household. This variable categorised improved when the participants use water taps, buying water from water taps, drilled well pump, well water sheltered, the water spring protected, and rainwater storage. Contrarily, the variable categorised unimproved for who use well water is not protected, the water spring is not protected, and water from the river, lake, and irrigation.

According to questionnaire *b8r3c*, participants who had an improved primary source of water were given a code = 0, and a code = 1 if it was not improved. The questionnaire variable *b8r3c* consist of the drinking water storage. This variable categorised improved when the participants drinking water storage from the dispenser, kettle, thermos, and jerry cans, kind of earthenware jug and bucket, covered pans. In another way; the variable categorised unimproved for who drinking water storage from the bucket, and open pans.

The same categories were coded for participants who responded to drinking water needs in questionnaire *b8r6a*. The questionnaire *b8r6a* is the distance which needed to drinking water needs. This variable categorised improved for participants who get drinking water where the location of the drinking water in the house, the distance to get drinking water needs is less than or equal to 100 meters. Differently, this variable categorised unimproved for participants who get drinking water where the range of drinking water between 101-1,000 meters and more than 1,000 meters. Wastewater disposal was for those participants who managed domestic wastewater disposal from water taps, kitchens, and bathing areas in questionnaire *b8r10*. Further, for bivariate and multivariable analysis, the environmental sanitation variable was composited into binary dummy variables with a code = 0 for participants whose environmental sanitation was improved and a code = 1 for those with unimproved

environmental sanitation. Similar codes were given for the variable of settlement or housing condition of the participants of the study.

Behaviour to prevent mosquito bites. These independent variables were selected from questionnaire *b8r14*. According to questionnaire *b8r14a*, if participants slept using mosquito nets they were coded = 0, and if not, = 1. The same categories were coded for participants who used mosquito coils, and/or electric mosquito repellents in questionnaire *b8r14b*. Similar coding was used for participants who covered ventilation holes with anti-mosquito nets in questionnaire *b8r14c*; participants who used mosquito repellent to avoid mosquito bites in questionnaire *b8r14d*; participants who used spray with mosquito insecticide in questionnaire *b8r14e*; participants seeking anti-malarial drugs for malaria prevention when staying in a malaria endemic area in questionnaire *b8r14f*. Furthermore, behaviours preventing mosquito bites were composited into binary dummy variables with a code = 0 for participants who took prevention measures, and a code = 1 for those who had not.

Housing condition. Questionnaires *b9r4*, *b9r5*, and *b9r6* regarding “the widest type of tile”, “the widest type of wall”, and “the widest type of ceiling”, respectively, describe conditions of houses inhabited by the participants. Participants who had the kind of housing conditions considered "improved", were given the code = 0 and the others were given the code = 1.

In this study, the settlement or housing condition is a composite of variables: floors, walls, and ceiling which categorised improved and unimproved. Improved flooring is categorised who those use the kind of the widest floor of housekeeping with ceramics, tiles, marble, and cement floor. Contrarily, unimproved flooring who use the widest floor with cement plastering cracked, boards, bamboo, wicker bamboo, and rattan, and soil. Further, improved wall who those use the kind of the wall of housekeeping with stonewall panels and wood, board, and or plywood. On the contrary, unimproved wall who use the widest wall with

bamboo, zinc wall. Also, the variable improved ceiling categorised who use the kind of the widest ceiling of housekeeping with concrete and gypsum. Conversely, an unimproved wall categorised for participants who use the kind of the widest ceiling of housekeeping: asbestos and GRC board wood and or plywood, woven bamboo or nothing. The criteria environmental health of material houses are based on joint monitoring programme WHO-UNICEF in Riskesdas 2013.

Details of data analysis

Data were analysed using the statistical data processing applications by Stata taking into account the complex sampling design (David W. Hosmer, 2013). Data included the proportion of participants with malaria, the characteristics of participants, the behaviour of participants, the accessibility and utilisation of health services, environmental sanitation, mosquito bite prevention measures, and housing conditions. These data were analysed using Stata 14. In univariate analysis we used the command "svy: tabulate" for one-way tabulations for complex survey data. The primary characteristic is that "svy: tabulate" computes a standard of independence that is useful for complex survey data. Parameter confidence intervals and standard errors can optionally be displayed for weighted counts or row, cell, or column proportions. Furthermore, the 95% CI for proportions are set up using a logit transform so that their endpoints always lie between 0 and 1.

Social data analysis commonly uses multivariable regression. In multivariable regression, explanatory variables do not come into the regression simultaneously but step by step according to p-value. The variable which has the largest *p-value* is the first to be removed from the model. The model was retested again to evaluate the effect of the deletion of one variable which had a $p\text{-value} > 0.05$, and it was found to have no confounding effect. As a rule of thumb, if the regression coefficient from the simple regression model changes by more

than 10%, then an independent (predictor or explanatory) variable is said to be a confounder. Simple logistic regression analysis refers to the regression application with one dichotomous outcome that is malaria prevalence and one independent variable. At this stage, we show crude odds ratios (OR) with 95% CI. In bivariate analysis, some of the variables with a p -value > 0.05 were still inserted into the multivariable model but only when these variables were considered substantially necessary. Multiple logistic regression analysis applies when there is a single dichotomous outcome and more than one independent variable. It will be referred to as "multivariable analysis". At this stage the adjusted odds ratio (AOR) in 95% CI is shown. In the multivariable analysis, we selected only variables with a p -value < 0.05 as presented in table 2.

In multiple regression situations, scientists are affected by working out the "strongest" predictors in the analysis. Logistic regression requires a categorical dependent variable. Bypassing bivariate logistic regressions, independent variables that may have predictive value for the dependent variable were selected for the multiple regression models (Wald test, $P < 0.25$) (Bursac, Gauss, Williams, & Hosmer, 2008).

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Background

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districts/municipalities of Indonesia, 54% are endemic areas for malaria. The Ministry of Health (MoH) strategy plan for malaria morbidity targeted an Annual Parasite Incidence (API) of < 1 per 1000 population at risk by 2015 [7]. Nationally, malaria morbidity decreased from 4.1 per 1000 people in 2005 to 0.85 per 1000 by 2015 [7]. Reducing the anopheline vectors has been the subject of many meetings and public health initiatives for decades [8]. It has been proposed to eliminate malaria from Indonesia by 2030, with a variety of agendas particularly for endemic areas [9]. As the burden of malaria is very complicated, its elimination, implemented through an integrated approach, has become an integral part of national development [10]. This study attempts to identify socio-demographic factors that are related to malaria prevalence in Indonesia, such as the characteristics of participants, knowledge of the accessibility and utilization of health services, environmental health factors

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53 **Methods**

54 **Study area**

55 The study area covered five out of 33 provinces of Indo-
56 nesia (83 out of 497 districts and cities in 2013): Central
57 Sulawesi, East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Papua, and West
58 Papua Provinces (Fig. 1). These provinces were selected
59 because they had been shown to be highly endemic for
60 malaria both in the 2007 and 2013 basic health research
61 of Indonesia [5, 6]. A “highly malaria endemic” area was
62 defined as having >5 cases of malaria diagnosed per 1000
63 population and year which is consistent with the API
64 classification by the MoH of Indonesia. The software
65 ArcGIS 10.3.1 was used for mapping, processing, analy-
66 sis, and visualization of the data set, and WGS84 was
67 used as the reference coordinate system.

68 **Research design**

69 The design of the Indonesian basic health research, which
70 is called Riskesdas, is a descriptive cross-sectional survey
71 to describe public health problems throughout Indonesia

[6]. Figure 2 shows its framework for malaria research.
The sample comprised 130,585 participants who rep-
resented the population in five highly malaria-endemic
provinces.

Research variables

The dependent variable was malaria prevalence and is
binary, that is, whether malaria was present or absent.
The definition of disease used was diagnosis of the par-
ticipants (D) with malaria by a physician or professional
health worker. The data were obtained from a retrospec-
tive assessment by health surveyors using a standard-
ised questionnaire. Participants who claimed to have
never been diagnosed with malaria were asked whether
they had suffered from the specific signs and clinical
symptoms of the disease. The term “diagnosed/clinical
symptoms” means that the prevalence of illness was
based on the diagnosis by a physician or health worker
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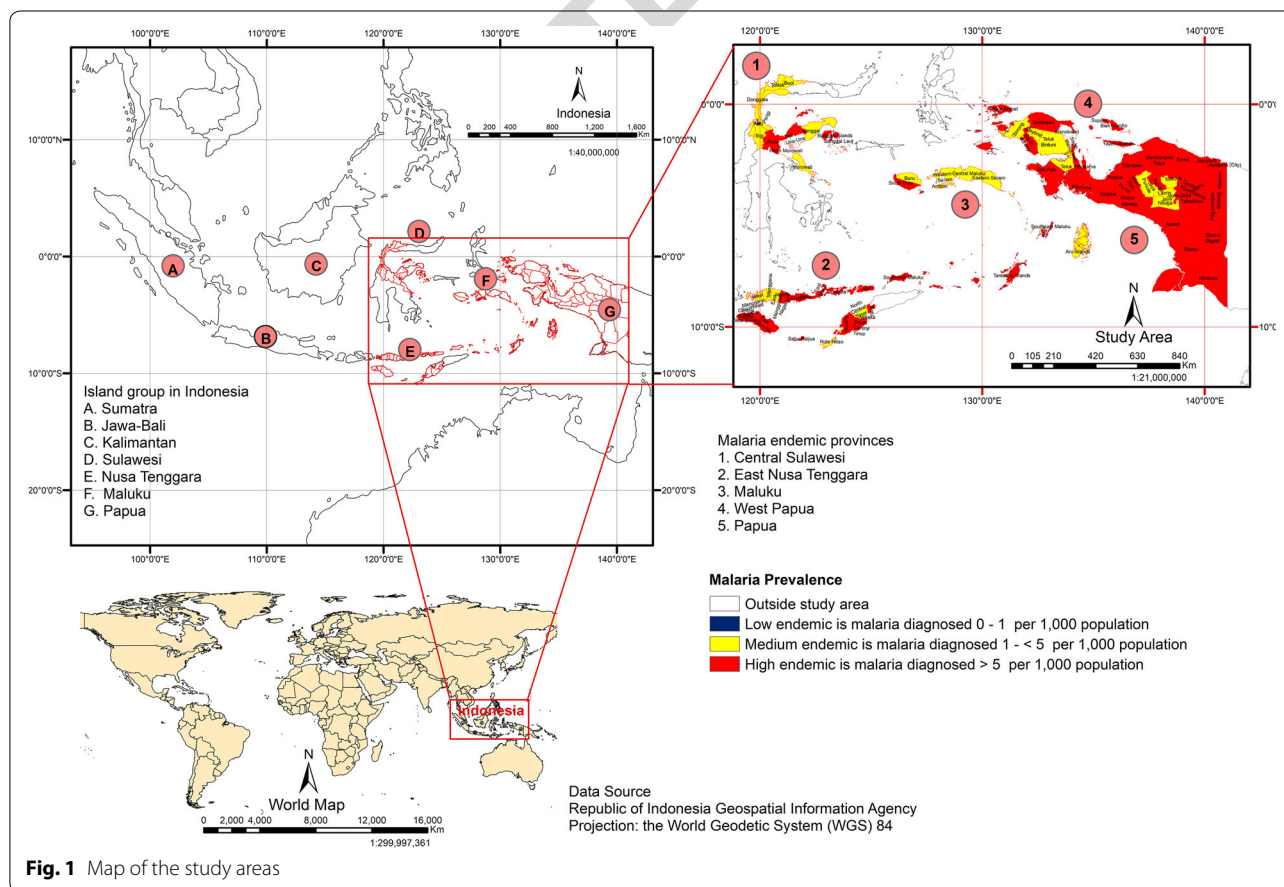


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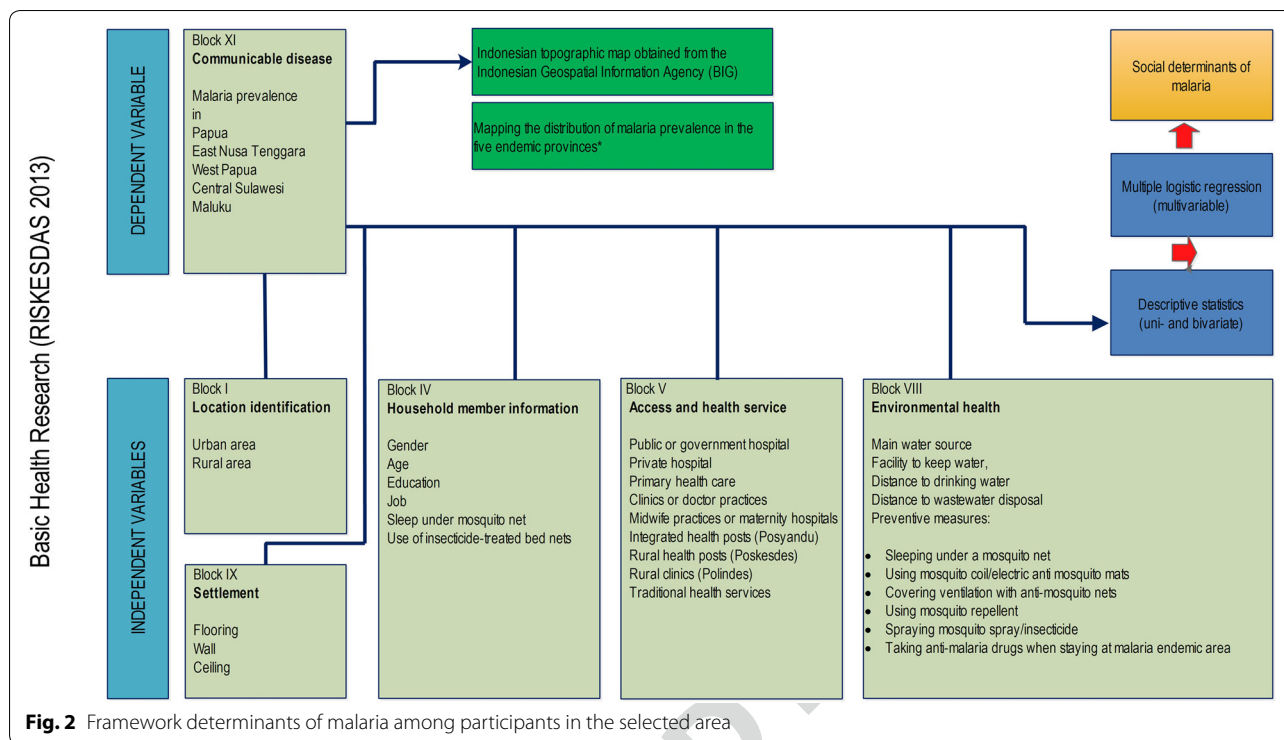


Fig. 2 Framework determinants of malaria among participants in the selected area

94 was summarized as a binary variable whose value was
 95 one if health experts assessed a participant as having had
 96 malaria within the past month [5, 6]. In general, rapid
 97 diagnostic tests (RDTs) and microscopy were used to
 98 diagnose the disease, but the surveyor did not examine
 99 for malaria infection [5, 6].

100 The explanatory variables consisted of several socio-
 101 demographic factors that could affect malaria prevalence
 102 including the characteristics of participants, the avail-
 103 ability of healthcare services, environmental sanitation
 104 including behaviour to prevent mosquito bites, and set-
 105 tlement (Fig. 2). These variables were grouped into blocks
 106 based on the questionnaire: block I—location identifi-
 107 cation or household information; block IV—household
 108 member information includes sex, age group (year), edu-
 109 cation and job (occupation), use of bed nets for sleep-
 110 ing and net insecticide; block V—knowledge of available
 111 healthcare facilities; block VIII—environmental health
 112 including prevention measures against malaria; and block
 113 IX—settlement (condition of housing structure). These
 114 were the criteria for environmental health in Riskes-
 115 das 2013 (joint monitoring programme World Health
 116 Organization—the United Nations Children’s Fund cri-
 117 teria). Using logistic regression, the independent variables
 118 were standardized and modified by considering the sur-
 119 vey design [11]. Variables that were transformed into cat-
 120 egorical variables were: knowledge of available healthcare
 121 facilities, environmental sanitation, prevention measures,

and condition of housing structure. All variables were
 coded as binary dummy variables coded 0 as referent cat-
 egory and coded 1 for a response category of an explana-
 tory variable. Stata was used for data management and
 analysis [12].

Descriptive analysis

The descriptive analysis aimed to identify the charac-
 teristics of the independent variables in relation to the
 dependent variable, malaria prevalence. The variables
 are summarized in Table 1 and show the baseline socio-
 demographic characteristics of study participants. The
 magnitude of risk for having malaria was assessed from
 the calculated odds ratio (OR) and AOR (bi- and multi-
 variable logistic regression test). If an OR was higher than
 one, the likelihood of contracting malaria was increased.

Bivariate analysis

The connections between each explanatory variable and
 the response variable were analysed with bivariate sta-
 tistics. The Wald test from logistic regression used a *P*
 cut-off point of 0.25 because statistical significance may
 not capture importance and the more traditional levels,
 such as *P* of 0.05, could fail to select variables known to
 be essential [13]. A cut-off value of 0.25 is supported by
 literature [14]. Decisions to keep a variable in the “best”
 model were based on clinical or statistical significance,
 or on the significance level of a confounder between 0.1

Table 1 Univariate and bivariate analysis of baseline socio-demographic characteristics of participants

Research variables	n = 130,585	95% CI (lb-ub)*	OR; 95% CI (lb-ub)**	P-value
Malaria				
No	116,073	89.90 (89.15–90.6)		
Yes	14,512	10.10 (9.40–10.85)		
Independent variables				
Location				
Urban	37,389	25.60 (23.07–28.31)		
Rural	93,196	74.40 (71.69–76.93)	0.91 (0.76–1.09)	0.305
Socio-demographic characteristics				
Gender				
Male	64,796	51.08 (50.76–51.40)		
Female	65,789	48.92 (48.60–49.24)	0.90 (0.85–0.94)	0.000
Age of participants in years				
0–4	10,109	8.52 (8.27–8.78)		
5–14	33,378	26.06 (25.60–26.52)	1.32 (1.18–1.49)	0.000
15–24	17,623	15.49 (15.09–15.90)	1.29 (1.14–1.47)	0.000
25–34	19,420	17.09 (16.70–17.47)	1.45 (1.29–1.64)	0.000
35–44	19,604	13.77 (13.47–14.09)	1.58 (1.39–1.80)	0.000
45–54	14,170	8.90 (8.65–9.17)	1.42 (1.24–1.62)	0.000
55–64	8312	4.84 (4.64–5.05)	1.27 (1.09–1.50)	0.003
65–74	3927	2.38 (2.25–2.52)	1.14 (0.96–1.36)	0.147
> 75	4042	2.94 (2.81–3.08)	1.33 (1.12–1.58)	0.001
Education				
Participants considered as higher educated	5935	4.193 (3.853–4.562)		
Participants who had not completed high school education	94,644	72.08 (71.33–72.83)	0.99 (0.83–1.18)	0.878
Participants under 10 years or in preschool	30,006	23.72 (22.93–24.54)	0.84 (0.69–1.03)	0.092
Job (occupation)				
Participants who were not working	77,533	60.12 (59.42–60.82)		
Participants who were working	53,052	39.88 (39.18–40.58)	1.20 (1.12–1.27)	0.000
Use of mosquito nets				
Participants who used mosquito nets at night	61,779	46.19 (44.12–48.27)		
Participants who did not use mosquito nets at night	68,806	53.81 (51.73–55.88)	1.09 (0.97–1.23)	0.153
Use of insecticide-treated mosquito nets				
Yes	32,150	23.26 (21.73–24.85)		
No	27,510	21.49 (20.03–23.02)	0.90 (0.78–1.04)	0.154
Participants who did not answer and others	70,925	55.26 (53.18–57.31)	1.05 (0.91–1.20)	0.517
Knowledge of households about the healthcare facilities closest to their residence				
Public hospital				
Known	64,817	48.97 (46.47–51.46)		
Not known	65,768	51.03 (48.54–53.53)	0.80 (0.69–0.92)	0.002
Private hospital				
Known	27,836	22.44 (20.32–24.70)		
Not known	102,749	77.56 (75.30–79.68)	0.65 (0.55–0.76)	0.000
Secondary or primary healthcare unit				
Known	116,609	88.92 (87.65–90.08)		
Not known	13,976	11.08 (9.92–12.35)	0.84 (0.70–1.00)	0.051
Clinics or practices of doctors				
Known	32,954	25.7 (23.73–27.77)		
Not known	97,631	74.3 (72.23–76.27)	0.84 (0.73–0.97)	0.019

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Table 1 (continued)

Research variables	n = 130,585	95% CI (lb-ub)*	OR; 95% CI (lb-ub)**	P-value
Midwife practices or maternity hospitals				
Known	18,387	16.59 (14.82–18.52)		
Not known	112,198	83.41 (81.48–85.18)	1.46 (1.24–1.72)	0.000
Integrated health posts (Posyandu)				
Known	56,129	43.23 (41.01–45.47)		
Not known	74,456	56.77 (54.53–58.99)	1.19 (1.06–1.35)	0.004
Village health posts (Poskesdes)				
Known	9932	7.85 (6.63–9.26)		
Not known	120,653	92.15 (90.74–93.37)	1.90 (1.46–2.47)	0.000
Village maternity clinic (Polindes)				
Known	17,312	14.61 (12.95–16.43)		
Not known	113,273	85.39 (83.57–87.05)	1.16 (0.97–1.40)	0.109
Environmental sanitation				
Main water source				
Improved	94,267	72.88 (70.77–74.88)		
Unimproved	36,318	27.12 (25.12–29.23)	1.10 (0.95–1.27)	0.226
Water storage facility				
Improved	127,808	97.56 (96.99–98.03)		
Unimproved	2777	2.44 (1.97–3.01)	1.32 (0.97–1.80)	0.076
Distance from drinking water (time needed to obtain water for drinking)				
Improved	108,053	82.1 (80.44–83.64)		
Unimproved	22,532	17.9 (16.36–19.56)	0.90 (0.77–1.06)	0.218
Wastewater disposal				
Improved	24,099	18.76 (17.35–20.25)		
Unimproved	106,486	81.24 (79.75–82.65)	1.12 (0.98–1.27)	0.089
Slept using a mosquito net				
Yes	63,333	47.44 (45.35–49.54)		
No	67,252	52.56 (50.46–54.65)	1.15 (1.03–1.29)	0.018
Using mosquito coil/electric anti-mosquito mats				
Yes	39,875	31.42 (29.60–33.29)		
No	90,710	68.58 (66.71–70.40)	1.27 (1.13–1.42)	0.000
Covering ventilation holes with anti-mosquito nets				
Yes	8582	6.25 (5.43–7.18)		
No	122,003	93.75 (92.82–94.57)	0.52 (0.43–0.62)	0.000
Using mosquito repellent				
Yes	6562	4.76 (4.18–5.43)		
No	124,023	95.24 (94.57–95.82)	1.06 (0.85–1.31)	0.616
Spraying mosquito spray/insecticide				
Yes	12,004	9.11 (8.10–10.22)		
No	118,581	90.90 (89.78–91.90)	0.66 (0.55–0.79)	0.000
Taking anti-malaria drugs when staying in a malaria endemic area				
Yes	1265	0.92 (0.73–1.16)		
No	129,320	99.08 (98.84–99.27)	0.48 (0.33–0.69)	0.000
Draining the bath water reservoir once a week				
Yes	55,702	41.89 (39.97–43.83)		
No	74,883	58.11 (56.17–60.03)	0.98 (0.87–1.10)	0.698
Settlement or housing condition				
Floors				
Improved	51,788	39.82 (37.95–41.73)		

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Table 1 (continued)

Research variables	n = 130,585	95% CI (lb-ub)*	OR; 95% CI (lb-ub)**	P-value
Unimproved Walls	78,797	60.18 (58.27–62.05)	1.23 (1.08–1.39)	0.001
Improved Walls	112,582	85.23 (83.59–86.72)		
Unimproved Ceiling	18,003	14.77 (13.28–16.41)	1.32 (1.122–1.55)	0.001
Improved Ceiling	2192	1.75 (1.45–2.10)		
Unimproved	128,393	98.26 (97.90–98.55)	1.04 (0.72–1.50)	0.835

* Odds ratio (OR) and 95% CI of percentage

lb Lower 95% confidence boundary of cell percentage

ub Upper 95% confidence boundary of cell percentage

148 and 0.15 as it might, in combination with other variables, 183
 149 make an important contribution [13]. In the present 184
 150 study, variables could potentially be entered into the mul- 185
 151 tivari-able model if the results of the bivariate test had a 186
 152 value of $P < 0.25$. 187

153 **Multivariable analysis**

154 The multivariable analysis aimed to find the parsimoni- 190
 155 ous logistic regression model. A backward technique 191
 156 was used with stepwise removal of non-significant vari- 192
 157 ables ($P > 0.05$). The regression coefficient was repeat- 193
 158 edly re-estimated until no further independent variables 194
 159 were insignificant. However, if $P > 0.05$, the variable was 195
 160 inserted into the multivariable model but only if consid- 196
 161 ered substantially necessary. The variables that had sig- 197
 162 nificant results in the descriptive analysis of each variable 198
 163 were selected as candidates for the model for multivari- 199
 164 able analysis. 200

165 **Results**

166 Figure 1 reveals a low prevalence of diagnosed malaria 202
 167 disease at Palu (0.85%) and Donggala (1.56%) districts in 203
 168 Central Sulawesi, and a high malaria prevalence at Intan 204
 169 Jaya (45.96%) and Kepulauan Yapen (38.95%) districts in 205
 170 Papua. 206

171 **Descriptive analysis**

172 The effect of social determinants on malaria prevalence in 207
 173 five malaria-endemic provinces of Indonesia is summa- 208
 174 rised in Table 1. A large percentage of participants (72.08%) 209
 175 had not completed high school education, and only 4.19% 210
 176 were considered higher educated. Overall the percentage 211
 177 of males (51.08%) was slightly higher than that of females 212
 178 (48.92%). An $OR > 1$ shows that the probability of the dis- 213
 179 ease is greater for the response category than the refer- 214
 180 ent category of an explanatory variable. The percentage of 215
 181 respondents who reported “do not know the availability 216
 182 of midwife practices, and village health post” was 83.41% 217

and 92.15%, respectively. In the bivariate analysis, partici- 183
 pants who were working were 1.2 times more likely to have 184
 malaria than those who were not ($OR = 1.20$; 95% CI 1.12– 185
 1.27; $P < 0.001$). The environmental sanitation variable was 186
 not statistically significantly associated with malaria preva- 187
 lence ($OR = 1.13$; 95% CI 0.99–1.31; $P = 0.081$). Prevention 188
 measures against malaria were important: participants 189
 who did not take preventive measures were 1.2 times more 190
 likely to contract malaria than those who did ($OR = 1.18$; 191
 95% CI 1.01–1.38; $P = 0.036$). The risk of having malaria 192
 was significantly higher for participants who did not know 193
 about the availability of healthcare services ($OR = 4.22$; 95% 194
 CI 1.53–11.59; $P = 0.005$). Further, housing conditions were 195
 also important: participants who lived in houses made of 196
 unimproved materials were 1.3 times more likely to have 197
 malaria than those in houses made of improved build- 198
 ing materials ($OR = 1.30$; 95% CI 1.09–1.54; $P = 0.003$) as 199
 shown in Table 2. 200

201 **Logistic multivariable regression**

202 The OR and AOR of factors affecting malaria prevalence 202
 are shown in Table 2. The participants who were un- 203
 aware of the availability of or did not utilize health facili- 204
 ties were more likely to have malaria than those who did 205
 ($AOR = 4.18$; 95% CI 1.52–11.45; $P = 0.005$; adjusted by 206
 other covariates). The logistic multivariable regression 207
 provides an additional dimension to the research results 208
 (Table 2). The final model includes the following signifi- 209
 cant explanatory variables for malaria prevalence: charac- 210
 teristics of participants (gender, age, and job in block IV), 211
 knowledge of the availability of health services (in block V), 212
 and settlement (condition of housing structure in block IX). 213

214 **Discussion**

215 **Principal findings**

216 Many risk factors increase the likelihood of contracting 216
 malaria, particularly the accessibility and utilization of 217
 primary healthcare facilities. This study reveals a 4.2-fold 218

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Table 2 Factors associated with malaria prevalence in the endemic area

Research variables	Simple logistic regression analysis		Multiple logistic regression analysis	
	OR (95% CI) ^a	P-value	AOR (95% CI) ^b	P-value
Gender				
Males (Ref.)				
Females	0.90 (0.85–0.94)	0.000	0.91 (0.87–0.96)	0.000
Age of participants in years				
More than 5 years of age (Ref.)				
Children under 5 years of age	0.72 (0.65–0.81)	0.000	0.74 (0.67–0.83)	0.000
Job (occupation)				
Participants who were not working (Ref.)				
Participants who were working	1.20 (1.12–1.27)	0.000	1.13 (1.06–1.20)	0.000
Use of mosquito nets				
Participants who used mosquito nets (Ref.)				
Participants who did not use mosquito nets	1.09 (0.97–1.23)	0.153	–	–
Knowledge about healthcare services				
Healthcare facilities closest to the residence				
Known (Ref.)				
Not known	4.22 (1.53–11.59)	0.005	4.18 (1.52–11.45)	0.005
Environmental health				
Improved (Ref.)				
Unimproved	1.13 (0.99–1.31)	0.081	–	–
Preventive measures				
Using preventive measures (Ref.)				
Not using preventive measures	1.18 (1.01–1.38)	0.036	–	–
Settlement or housing condition				
Improved (Ref.)				
Unimproved	1.30 (1.09–1.54)	0.003	1.30 (1.09–1.54)	0.003

Ref.: The reference category is represented in the contrast matrix as a row of zeros

^a Crude odds ratio

^b Adjusted odds ratio

219 increase in the odds of malaria prevalence for partici- 238
 220 pants who do not know about the availability of health- 239
 221 care facilities compared to those who do know, adjusted 240
 222 by other covariates. The kind of healthcare facilities in 241
 223 this study included government hospitals, private hos- 242
 224 pitals, primary healthcare (*puskemas*), clinics, midwife 243
 225 practices, integrated health posts (*posyandu*), village 244
 226 health posts (*poskesdes*), and village maternity clinics 245
 227 (*polindes*). Health services at the primary level in the 246
 228 community as well as their networks are essential for 247
 229 malaria elimination. Healthcare services, particularly 248
 230 for pregnant women, can be delivered during antenatal 249
 231 care (ANC) as pregnant women, infants, and toddlers are 250
 232 especially vulnerable groups for the disease. Malaria is a 251
 233 significant global health issue, especially among pregnant 252
 234 women [15]. Midwives also play a crucial role in health 253
 235 reporting [16]. Although there are physicians and nurses 254
 236 in public and private hospitals, midwives are also needed 255
 237 at the primary level of healthcare and at the community

level. Thus, they also need to be equipped with expertise 238
 and skills to effectively provide information and promote 239
 the prevention of malaria. Particularly at the community 240
 level such health promotion and malaria prevention pro- 241
 grammes are essential [17]. The findings of this study are 242
 consistent with those of one in Uganda where midwives 243
 provide malaria-related health promotion and educa- 244
 tion to pregnant women during every prenatal clinic 245
 visit, including direct supervision on how to consume 246
 drugs [18]. In sub-Saharan Africa, it has long been rec- 247
 ognized that pregnant women are an especially vulner- 248
 able group for malaria infection, and that there is a need 249
 for active management of the disease in pregnancy as a 250
 fundamental part of antenatal care in endemic areas [19]. 251
 In Malawi, pregnant women are significant reservoirs of 252
 gametocyte transmission which is present in 5% at their 253
 first antenatal care visit, and this should not be over- 254
 looked in elimination efforts [20]. 255

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Explanatory variables

In the present study, the estimated odds of malaria in females was 10% lower than in males. Similarly, in Lundu district, Sarawak, Malaysia, malaria infection was associated in male than a female with seven-fold risk to be malaria-infected [21]. This is consistent with a previous study showing that females performed a protective function in malaria control [22]. In contrast, in Bungoma county, western Kenya, the risk of clinical malaria was related to being female. As well, *Plasmodium falciparum* infection was connected with being male, poorer, and malnourished [23]. Malaria prevalence differs among age groups. In this study, the estimated odds of malaria for the age group from 35 to 44 years were higher than for others. In a similar study in sub-Saharan Africa, a positive microscopic result was significantly associated with being in the age group of 35–44 years compared to 45 years or older [24]. Also, in South Africa malaria is a significant public health problem among adults and more pronounced in the economically active adult male population [25]. Another study in rural Hausa communities in Nigeria showed that malaria was significantly associated with the participant’s knowledge, age, and gender [26]. In the present study, the risk of having malaria was 1.2 to 1.13 times higher for those who were working (simple logistic and multiple logistic analysis, respectively) compared to those who were not. Conversely, in a study in Blantyre, Malawi, employment status did not differ between the groups [27].

Several other factors are related to malaria prevalence. These include the lack of prevention measures against malaria, such as bed nets, insecticide treatment and knowledge deficits. In spite of a widespread use of mosquito nets at night and insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs), this is not always significantly associated with reduced malaria prevalence. Nevertheless, the present study indicates that participants in endemic provinces of Indonesia who did not use mosquito nets at night were more likely to have malaria than those who did. Similarly, not using ITNs predicted an increased occurrence of clinical malaria in a study in urban Kano, northwestern Nigeria [28], and an Indian study found that a persistent use of nets resulted in a substantial reduction in malaria cases [29]. Illustrating the variability of the relationship between bed-net use and malaria incidence, a study in southern Ethiopia, where the use of bed-nets was frequent, showed that the prevalence of malaria was also high [30]. Obstacles to the use of ITNs include lack of promotion information and lack of knowledge [31]. A survey in Orissa, India, indicated that appropriate communication strategies should be built up and imparted alongside ITN distribution to promote ITN adoption [31]. A similar finding was reported for south-eastern

Nigeria where, despite the community having good knowledge about the use of mosquito nets, few knew about the existence of ITNs [32]. Another investigation in Ghana revealed that participants did not have sufficient knowledge about the behaviour of mosquitoes, which weakened their knowledge of the relationship between malaria control and the use of ITNs [33].

Lack of both information and vector control measures to protect people from malaria have been reported as being related to higher malaria risk [34]. Unquestionably, the dissemination of information and health education for preventive measures against malaria are essential. In a South African study, most participants were confident that indoor residual spraying killed mosquitoes and prevented infection. Their sources of malaria information were from the local health facility, radio, and community meetings [35]. The latter study considered that providing health education on malaria and knowledge about risk factors might change health-related behaviour, and thereupon the spreading of knowledge could decrease malaria infection [30]. The present research in the context of Indonesia concludes that preventive measures against malaria in the environment are important.

Knowledge about the availability of health facilities is also important. This study revealed a 4.2-fold increase of malaria prevalence in participants who did not know about the availability of health facilities compared to participants who did. Increasing distance from the place of residence to the nearest health centre was related to delays in seeking treatment for severe malaria at Jinja Hospital, Uganda [30, 36]. In Cambodia, knowledge about malaria symptoms differed significantly between a village with a health centre and an area that had only village malaria workers. Thus, governments need to enhance community knowledge about malaria symptoms and case management in rural areas [37].

Similarly, in sub-Saharan Africa malaria transmission was determined by knowledge of and access to malaria prevention tools as well as healthcare services [38]. In Mali, knowledge and perceptions related to health condition have an important influence on care-seeking behaviour in the formal health sector [39]. The government of Ghana improved access to healthcare, particularly in a primary healthcare programme, and that was an important contribution towards malaria elimination [40]. In the Asia–Pacific region, the use of traditional medicine and/or traditional healers to treat malaria was related to lack of access to health services (due to geographical or economic barriers), belief in traditional medicine, and a perception that symptoms of malaria were less severe a disease [41]. In central Cameroon, rural populations tended to visit traditional practitioners more than urban healthcare providers for geographical and financial

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362 reasons [42]. Optimizing the role of the “alert village”
 363 where the people of the village can easily access health
 364 services through village health posts or other health
 365 facilities in the area will reduce malaria risk. The alert
 366 village is a strategic effort that was created to accelerate
 367 the achievement of the millennium development goals to
 368 combat malaria [43]. As noted above, the present study
 369 concludes that participants who were unaware of availa-
 370 ble health facilities were more likely to have malaria than
 371 those who did know about these.

372 Even though environmental sanitation was not signifi-
 373 cantly associated with malaria prevalence in this study,
 374 participants who lived in environments with unimproved
 375 sanitation more frequently had malaria than those living
 376 in environments with improved sanitation. In a Nigerian
 377 study, the majority of respondents believed that bushes
 378 around the house were significant facilitators of malaria.
 379 Some of them stated that the presence of stagnant water
 380 was associated with malaria while others mentioned
 381 unclean drainage systems [29]. Keeping the outside envi-
 382 ronment clean can reduce the risk of malaria as shown in
 383 a study in rural Nigeria where reductions of malaria prev-
 384 alence were significantly associated with periodic clean-
 385 ing of the external environment [44].

386 With regards to housing condition, the estimated odds
 387 ratio of malaria prevalence for participants who lived in
 388 houses made of unimproved materials showed that they
 389 were 1.3 times more likely to have malaria than those liv-
 390 ing in houses made of improved building materials. This
 391 is consistent with the results of a study in Nigeria where
 392 the odds of malaria infection were significantly higher
 393 among participants who lived in unimproved houses
 394 [45]. A recent review noted that low-quality housing
 395 was consistently associated with malaria prevalence, and
 396 the authors recommended that this should be further
 397 explored along with housing improvements, especially
 398 those that reduce mosquito access [46]. A study in the
 399 Ananindeua municipality, State of Pará (Brazil), showed
 400 an association between poverty and poor living condi-
 401 tions and highlighted that these need to be considered in
 402 malaria prevention and control strategies [47]. Another
 403 study, conducted in Equatorial Guinea, showed connec-
 404 tions between improved building materials over time,
 405 housing quality (closed eaves and door/window screens),
 406 and reduced malaria incidence [48]. A study in Krogwe,
 407 Tanzania, showed that children living in high-quality
 408 housing had only a third of the malaria infections com-
 409 pared to those living in poor quality housing [49]. In
 410 addition, location is important with households that are
 411 very close to the border of forests and swamps being at
 412 high risk for malaria [4, 50]. To sum up, unimproved con-
 413 ditions of housing structure were associated with higher
 414 malaria prevalence.

Limitations of research

415 Malaria disease status was retrospectively assessed by a
 416 standard Riskesdas questionnaire and not directly based
 417 on diagnoses made by healthcare professionals. Thus,
 418 the prevalence of malaria could only be estimated from
 419 respondents who reported that they had been diagnosed
 420 with malaria by professional health workers. There may
 421 be other factors which affect malaria prevalence but were
 422 not monitored in the Riskesdas survey; these could be
 423 the subject of further research. Nevertheless, the pre-
 424 sent study has the strength of being based on a large
 425 sample size, and its analyses were novel and robust and
 426 identified relationships that could be useful in the future
 427 design of malaria control strategies, at least in the five
 428 highly endemic provinces of Indonesia (Additional file 1:
 429 Appendix S1; Additional file 2: Appendix S2).
 430

Conclusions

431 This study estimated the socio-demographic factors
 432 affecting malaria prevalence in the five highly endemic
 433 provinces of Indonesia. These factors included the char-
 434 acteristics of participants, lack of knowledge about the
 435 availability of healthcare services, and unimproved hous-
 436 ing. Recommendations include increasing community
 437 health education regarding the utilization of healthcare
 438 facilities, improving community healthcare knowledge,
 439 and practices relating to malaria prevention, such as
 440 improving the condition of housing structures. These
 441 should be considered in upcoming malaria management
 442 control strategies.
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Additional files

- 445 **Additional file 1: Appendix 1.** Detailed explanation of the scope of vari-
 446 ables and analytical method. AQ4 447
- 448 **Additional file 2: Appendix 2.** Detailed description of descriptive
 449 analysis. 449

Abbreviations

450 ANC: antenatal care; AOR: adjusted odds ratio; API: annual parasite incidence
 451 (number of slides positive for parasite x 1000/total population); ArcGIS:
 452 aeronautical reconnaissance coverage geographic information system; Balit-
 453 bangkes: Badan Penelitian dan Pengembangan Kesehatan (National Institute
 454 for Health Research and Development); CI: confidence interval; HDI: Health
 455 Development Index; ITNs: insecticide-treated mosquito nets; MoH: Ministry
 456 of Health; OR: odds ratio/unadjusted odds ratio; Polindes: Pos bersalin desa
 457 (village maternity clinic); Poskesdes: Pos kesehatan desa (village health post);
 458 Posyandu: Pos pelayanan terpadu (integrated health post); Puskesmas: Pusat
 459 kesehatan masyarakat (primary health care centre); Pv: P-values; RDTs: rapid
 460 diagnostic tests; Riskesdas: Riset kesehatan dasar (Basic Health Research).
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