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ANALISIS DETERMINAN DAN ELIMINASI MALARIA DI WILAYAH ENDEMIK SUMATERA SELATAN



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C. HASIL PELAKSANAAN PENELITIAN: Tuliskan secara ringkas hasil pelaksanaan penelitian yang telah dicapai sesuai tahun pelaksanaan penelitian. Penyajian meliputi data, hasil analisis, dan capaian luaran (wajib dan atau tambahan). Seluruh hasil atau capaian yang dilaporkan harus berkaitan dengan tahapan pelaksanaan penelitian sebagaimana direncanakan pada proposal. Penyajian data dapat berupa gambar, tabel, grafik, dan sejenisnya, serta analisis didukung dengan sumber pustaka primer yang relevan dan terkini.

Pada tahapan ini telah dilakukan pengumpulan, pengolahan dan analisis data berupa

Descriptive analysis

Analisis univariate bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan variabel bebas dan variabel terikat..

Bivariate analysis

Hubungan antara masing-masing variabel bebas dan variabel terikat dianalisis menggunakan uji Chi-Square dengan membandingkan nilai probabilitas (p-value) dengan nilai alpha (α) = 0,05. Jika p-value (adalah < = 0,05, maka Ho ditolak. Artinya terdapat hubungan yang signifikan antara variabel bebas dan variabel terikat; jika p-value > (0,05), maka Ho diterima atau gagal ditolak, artinya tidak ada hubungan yang signifikan antara variabel bebas dan variabel terikat. Analisis univarate dan bivariate seperti yang terlihat pada tabel dibawah ini

Table 1. Univariate	and bivariate	analysis of	^r baseline	socio-demographic	characteristics of
participants (n=92)					

Research variables	n=92	95% CI (lb-ub) ^a	PR; 95% CI (lb-ub) ^b	P-value
Malaria				
No	84.78			
Yes	15.22	0.08-0.24		
Age				
< 35 years old	38.04			
\geq 35 years old	61.96	0.51-0.71	1.33 (0.95-1.85	0.163
Gender				
Woman	32.61			
Man	67.39	0.56-0.76	1.07 (0.74-1.54)	0.724
Years of service				
< Five years	40.22			
\geq Five years	59.78	0.49-0.69	1.72 (1.34-2.21)	0.006
Length of working				
< Eight hours	43.48			
\geq Eight hours	56.52	0.45-0.66	1.67 (1.23-2.26)	0.017
Education				
High (senior high school)	34.78			
Low (primary school & junior	65.22	0.54-0.74	0.61 (0.33-1.15)	0.054
high school)				
Mosquito net				
Yes	53.26			
Not	46.74	0.36-0.57	0.41 (0.14-1.16)	0.033
Using mosquito repellent				
Yes	46.74			
Not	53.26	0.42-0.63	0.36 (0.13-1.00)	0.005
Out of the house				
Not	38.04			
Yes	61.96	0.51-0.71	1.33 (0.95-1.85)	0.163
Self-medication				
Yes	73.91			
Not	26.09	0.17-0.36	0.50 (0.13-1.91)	0.278
Knowledge				
High	57.61			
Low	42.39	0.32-0.53	0.30 (0.08-1.10)	0.028
Attitude				

Well	44.57			
Not good	55.43	0.44-0.65	0.47 (0.20-1.10)	0.021
Behavior				
Well	42.39			
Not good	57.61	0.46-0.67	0.84 (0.48-1.47)	0.535
Mosquito breeding				
No risk	39.13			
At risk	60.87	0.50-0.70	1.51 (1.13-2.02)	0.036
Resting place				
No risk	34.78			
At risk	65.22	0.54-0.74	1.54 (1.22-1.94)	0.014
House wall condition				
Eligible	38.04			
Not eligible	61.96	0.51-0.71	0.53 (0.26-1.10)	0.021
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House				
There is	55.40			
There aren't any	44.60	0.35-0.56	0.92 (0.48-1.77)	0.816
House floor condition				
Eligible	34.78			
Not eligible	65.22	0.54-0.74	0.61 (0.33-1.15)	0.054

Ib Lower 95% confidence boundary of cell percentage, *ub* Upper 95% confidence boundary of cell percentage ^a95% CI of percentage in univariate analysis

^b95% CI of percentage in bivariate analysis

Multivariable analysis

Tujuan dari studi multivariabel adalah untuk mengidentifikasi model regresi logistik yang paling efisien. Metode enter digunakan, dengan faktor-faktor yang tidak signifikan dihilangkan secara bertahap (nilai-p > 0,05). Koefisien regresi dihitung ulang sampai tidak ada variabel bebas yang tidak signifikan. Namun, jika p-value > 0,05, variabel tersebut hanya dimasukkan dalam model multivariabel jika dianggap secara substansial diperlukan. Variabel yang analisis deskriptifnya menghasilkan temuan yang signifikan dipilih sebagai kandidat untuk model analisis multivariabel. Menggunakan *prevalence ratio* (PR) and *adjusted prevalence odds ratio* (POR), tingkat keparahan risiko malaria dievaluasi (uji regresi logistik bi- dan multivariabel). Jika PR lebih dari satu, kemungkinan berkembangnya malaria meningkat. Analisis multivariate seperti yang terlihat pada tabel 2

Table 2. Factors associated with malaria prevalence in the low endemic area (n=92)

Research variables	PR crude (95% CI) ^a	P-value	PR adjusted (95% CI) ^b	P-value
Age				
< 35 years old				
≥35 years old	1.33 (0.95-1.85)	0.163	7.98 (1.72-37.00)	0.008
Education				
High (senior high school)				
Low (primary school & junior	0.61 (0.33-1.15)	0.054	0.10 (0.02-0.40)	0.001
high school)				
Using mosquito repellent				
Yes				
Not	0.36 (0.13-1.00)	0.005	0.13 (0.03-0.54)	0.005
Mosquito breeding				
No risk				
At risk	1.51 (1.13-2.02)	0.036	7.68 (1.50-39.30)	0.014
House wall condition				
Eligible				
Not eligible	0.53 (0.26-1.10)	0.021	0.14 (0.04-0.51)	0.003

Ref.: The reference category is represented in the contrast matrix as a row of one ^aCrude prevalence ratio (PR)

^bAdjusted prevalence ratio (APR)

Hasil

Karakteristik peserta dan demografi.

Masing-masing variabel penelitian berikut diperiksa dengan menggunakan analisis univariat: usia, jenis kelamin, masa kerja, masa kerja, pendidikan, penggunaan kelambu, keberadaan tempat perkembangbiakan dan peristirahatan, Pengetahuan, sikap perilaku, dan faktor lingkungan rumah. Selanjutnya dilakukan analisis bivariat untuk mengetahui hubungan umur, jenis kelamin, lama kerja, masa kerja, pendidikan, kebiasaan penggunaan kelambu, keberadaan tempat perkembangbiakan dan peristirahatan, Pengetahuan, sikap perilaku, dan kondisi lingkungan rumah dan kejadian malaria pada penambang. Selain itu, dilakukan analisis multivariat untuk mengetahui faktor yang paling berpengaruh terhadap kejadian malaria. Berdasarkan univariate study, 15,22% dari 92 pekerja tambang di Kecamatan Tanjung Agung terkena malaria, dengan mayoritas (61,96%) berusia 35 tahun. Lebih banyak berjenis kelamin laki-laki (67,39%). Ada lebih banyak penambang dengan masa kerja lima tahun (59,78%) dan delapan jam kerja (56,52%) dari yang diharapkan. Selain itu, penambang lebih banyak yang berpendidikan rendah (65,22%), lebih banyak menggunakan kelambu (53,26%), tidak menggunakan obat nyamuk (53,26%), dan meninggalkan rumah pada malam hari (61,96%). Responden yang melakukan pengobatan sendiri lebih banyak (73,91%), memiliki tingkat Pengetahuan lebih tinggi (57,61%) tetapi menunjukkan sikap kurang positif (55,43%) dan perilaku buruk (57,61%). Keberadaan tempat perkembangbiakan menunjukkan bahwa lebih banyak pekerja tambang yang berisiko (60,87%), demikian pula ketersediaan tempat istirahat (65,22%) dan keadaan dinding rumah (61,96%) dan plafon (55,40%).

Gambar berikut memperlihatkan kondisi lingkungan rumah, tempat berkembang biak nyamuk, dan tempat peristirahatan nyamuk dilokasi penelitian.



Berdasarkan *bivariate analysis*, ada hubungan antara masa kerja (p-value 0,006), lama kerja (p-value 0,017), kebiasaan menggunakan kelambu (p-value 0,033), penggunaan obat nyamuk (p-value 0,005), pengetahuan (p-value 0,028), sikap (p-value 0,021), keberadaan tempat bertelur (p-value 0,036), keberadaan tempat peristirahatan (p-value 0,014), dan kondisi rumah Selanjutnya, penelitian saat ini mengungkapkan faktor-faktor yang terkait dengan malaria di daerah endemisitas rendah.

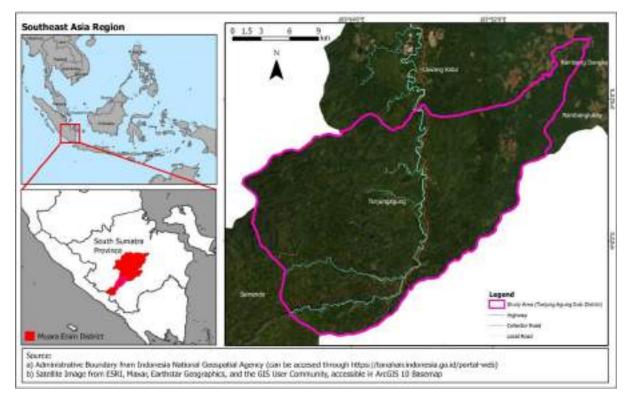
Penularan malaria di pertambangan rakyat menarik untuk dikaji, sejalan dengan penelitian sebelumnya yang menemukan bahwa masyarakat penambang di sekitar hutan yang berprofesi sebagai penambang skala kecil atau *small-scale miners (ASM)* merupakan populasi yang berisiko terkena penyakit malaria, termasuk penduduk di lokasi penelitian.

Hasil Multivariate analysis mengungkapkan bahwa usia responden adalah faktor risiko yang paling signifikan, dengan nilai p-value 0,008. Pendidikan tinggi, penggunaan obat nyamuk, dan kondisi dinding rumah yang memenuhi syarat merupakan faktor protektif, dengan PR < 1. Analisis multivariat mengungkapkan bahwa peserta berusia di atas 35 tahun 7,98 kali lebih mungkin menderita malaria dibandingkan mereka yang berusia di bawah 35 tahun (PR *adjusted*:: 7,98; 95% CI 1,72-37,00; p-value 0,008) setelah *adjusted* dengan pendidikan,

penggunaan obat nyamuk, tempat perkembangbiakan nyamuk, dan kondisi dinding rumah. Selain itu, obat nyamuk berhubungan erat dengan penurunan risiko malaria (PR *adjusted*: 0,13; 95% 0,03-0,54; nilai p 0,005).

Diskusi

Survei *cross-sectional* dilakukan pada bulan Mei - Juli 2022. Ada dua puluh kecamatan, sepuluh kabupaten, dan 245 desa di Kabupaten Muara Enim. Metode purposive dipilih desa Tanjung Lalang, Tanjung Agung, dan Penyandingan di Kecamatan Tanjung Agung. Pemilihan wilayah studi didasarkan pada API Puskesmas Tanjung Agung dan informasi wilayah dengan penambang rakyat terbanyak. Laman Dinas Kesehatan dan Pemkab Muara Enim menyediakan data tersebut. Terakhir, pemilihan sampel di setiap desa dilakukan dengan *cluster sampling*. Wilayah studi ditunjukkan pada gambar dibawah



Gambar 4. Area studi penelitian

Belum banyak dilakukan penelitian determinan malaria di kalangan pekerja tambang ilegal sebagai **populasi khusus**, yang merupakan populasi target, pencapaian eliminasi malaria oleh Kementerian Kesehatan. Sejalan dengan penelitian sebelumnya, vektor malaria tumbuh subur di tambang rakyat. Hanya sedikit data yang tersedia tentang konsekuensi penambangan rakyat terhadap malaria. Sehingga perlu dibuat regulasi pertambangan di masyarakat tersebut dan peningkatan pengendalian malaria dan upaya pendidikan kesehatan untuk mengurangi malaria dan mendorong pencarian kesehatan.¹ Pekerja migran musiman rentan terhadap malaria dan dapat memperkenalkan kembali malaria ke daerah-daerah sensitif. Di tujuh wilayah di Etiopia, pekerja migran musiman di pertanian budidaya tanaman skala besar, perkebunan tebu, hortikultura, pembangunan jalan dan rumah, penambangan emas, dan pendulangan berisiko terkena malaria.²

Penelitian lainnya menunjukkan bahwa pengetahuan, sikap, perkembangbiakan nyamuk, dan lantai rumah berhubungan dengan malaria di wilayah pertambangan. Penelitian ini sejalan dengan penelitian yang menganalisis pengetahuan dan pandangan kelompok nomaden tentang malaria dan strategi pencegahannya.³ Selain itu, program berbasis luas mungkin perlu menargetkan ketidaksetaraan untuk meningkatkan pemahaman, pencegahan, dan pengobatan di antara populasi yang paling rentan untuk meningkatkan upaya pengurangan malaria.⁴ Pengetahuan masyarakat yang tepat tentang malaria dan pengobatan yang cepat untuk diagnosis dan pengobatan dini sangat penting untuk menghilangkan penyakit. Untuk eliminasi malaria, pengetahuan masyarakat yang akurat dan perilaku pencarian pengobatan yang cepat untuk diagnosis dan pengobatan dini sangat penting untuk menghilangkan penyakit. Untuk eliminasi malaria, pengetahuan masyarakat yang kurat dan perilaku pencarian pengobatan yang cepat untuk diagnosis dan pengobatan dini sangat penting.⁵ Akses dan kepatuhan terhadap terapi kombinasi berbasis artemisinin (ACT) merupakan hambatan penting untuk pengembangan keberhasilan pengobatan malaria yang dipengaruhi oleh Pengetahuan, sikap, dan keyakinan pasien.⁶ Di Kenya, prevalensi malaria sangat berkorelasi dengan kepadatan

tempat berkembang biak.⁷ Selain itu, hubungan antara perkembangbiakan nyamuk dan malaria mengungkapkan bahwa perkembangbiakan nyamuk (terlepas dari spesiesnya) sangat terkait dengan kasus malaria di rumah tangga.⁷ diamati berkembang biak bersama *An. culicifacies, An. subpictus,* and *An. Varuna. Anopheles stephensi* ditemukan berkembang biak secara besar-besaran di sumur yang dibangun yang digunakan untuk alasan perumahan. Upaya Kementerian Kesehatan untuk menghindari masuknya kembali penularan malaria di Tanah Air menghadapi kendala yang cukup berarti.⁸ Oleh karena itu, disarankan agar tempat perkembangbiakan nyamuk dihilangkan.⁹ Studi lain meneliti konsep bahwa perumahan yang lebih baik dapat mengurangi malaria. Rumah modern menunjukkan tingkat infeksi malaria 47% lebih rendah daripada rumah tradisional. Perumahan merupakan faktor risiko yang signifikan untuk malaria.¹⁰

Pekerja hutan merupakan faktor risiko malaria.¹¹ Di Aceh, pekerjaan hutan menyebabkan malaria. Penambang dan penebang menghabiskan waktu berminggu-minggu hingga berbulan-bulan di akomodasi sementara, jarang menggunakan perlindungan serangga, pengobatan sendiri, dan mengunjungi tabib atau apotek setempat alih-alih fasilitas kesehatan.¹¹Meskipun upaya pengobatan, malaria tanpa komplikasi telah meningkat di Rwanda. Daerah pedesaan kekurangan pemantauan nyamuk nasional. Kematian akibat malaria harus diturunkan di wilayahwilayah tersebut pada tahun 2020.¹² Prevalensi malaria yang tinggi di Ghana memiliki banyak penyebab. Sanitasi yang buruk, status sosial ekonomi rendah, konstruksi bangunan, dan perilaku individu.¹³ Malaria merupakan masalah kesehatan masyarakat yang signifikan di Kabupaten Tengchong, Provinsi Yunnan, Cina. Petani muda dan pekerja migran sering menderita malaria. Kasus impor, pendidikan rendah, kurangnya pengobatan gigitan nyamuk, dan perilaku berisiko berkontribusi pada tingginya kejadian malaria. Pencegahan dan pengendalian malaria menekankan pada kelompok rentan.¹⁴ Malaria mempengaruhi industri Cina di Afrika. Proyek bantuan dan infrastruktur Tiongkok memanfaatkan pekerja Tiongkok. Malaria dapat menurunkan produktivitas dan lapangan kerja. Menggabungkan upaya bantuan Cina dan konstruksi dengan pos internet yang dilokalkan secara geografis menunjukkan lebih sedikit orang Cina di zona rawan malaria¹⁵ Nyamuk anopheles yang terinfeksi menyebarkan penyakit malaria.¹⁶ Penggunaan lahan mempengaruhi penyebaran penyakit. Perubahan ini terkait dengan lebih banyak malaria zoonosis yang disebabkan oleh Plasmodium knowlesi. Paparan Plasmodium knowlesi-berhubungan dengan umur, jenis kelamin jantan, kontak dengan kera, penggunaan hutan, dan struktur rumah tinggi, tetapi ketinggian dan penggunaan insektisida melindungi. Penutupan lahan dan fragmentasi memprediksi paparan keluarga. Plasmodium knowlesi-mempengaruhi semua demografi dan pekerjaan. Fragmentasi pertanian dan hutan mendorong penularan Plasmodium knowlesi.¹⁷ Di Anhui, menunda pengobatan gejala menyebabkan penyakit parah. Hindari penundaan dalam tindakan pencegahan kesehatan masyarakat.¹⁸ Faktor sosial, budaya, dan lingkungan harus dipertimbangkan dalam pencegahan dan pengobatan penyakit yang ditularkan nyamuk. Obat-obatan khusus daerah dapat mengurangi risiko infeksi di tempat-tempat endemik. Obat malaria tunggal tidak efektif karena konteks sosial dan perilaku vektor.¹⁹ Pendekatan biomedis dan kesehatan masyarakat mendominasi pengurangan risiko malaria.²⁰ Jadi, meluncurkan program pendidikan kesehatan malaria dan mendorong penggunaan kelambu berinsektisida, selimut, muffler, dan obat nyamuk adalah strategi untuk 'mengendalikan' malaria untuk mencegah malaria di kalangan migran.²¹

Penelitian yang berbeda bahwa dugaan malaria terinfeksi Plasmodium lebih banyak adalah kelompok usia muda 94%, laki-laki 88%, pendidikan rendah atau tidak berpendidikan 100%, serta nelayan 100%.²² Penelitian yang serupa hasilnya adalah tingginya risiko terinfeksi penyakit malaria pada golongan umur >35 tahun di daerah kasus dan kontrol dipengaruhi oleh daya imunitas dan jika sering kontak dengan nyamuk Anopheles sp maka parasite plasmodium mudah menginfeksi kedalam tubuh orang berumur diatas usia 35 tahun tersebut.²³ Di Asia Tenggara dilaporkan bahwa penderita malaria sebagian besar adalah orang dewasa.²⁴ Penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa faktor risiko potensial terjadinya malaria harus selalu diperhatikan, terutama untuk daerah yang menargetkan eliminasi Malaria.

Kesimpulan

Usia merupakan faktor risiko yang paling signifikan untuk penularan malaria pada pekerja tambang di Kecamatan Tanjung Agung Kabupaten Muara Enim. Ini menegaskan perlunya pemberian penyuluhan kepada kelompok usia berisiko untuk mengintegrasikan upaya pengendalian malaria, sebagai langkah krusial dalam pemberantasan malaria. Perlu dilakukan upaya preventif dan promotif, khususnya di wilayah pertambangan pada populasi khusus.

D. **STATUS LUARAN**: Tuliskan jenis, identitas dan status ketercapaian setiap luaran wajib dan luaran tambahan (jika ada) yang dijanjikan. Jenis luaran dapat berupa publikasi, perolehan kekayaan intelektual, hasil pengujian atau luaran lainnya yang telah dijanjikan pada proposal. Uraian status luaran harus didukung dengan bukti kemajuan ketercapaian luaran sesuai dengan luaran yang dijanjikan. Lengkapi isian jenis luaran yang dijanjikan serta mengunggah bukti dokumen ketercapaian luaran wajib dan luaran tambahan melalui BIMA.

Status Luaran Wajib penelitian, berupa paper yang saat ini masih under review di journal international yang bereputasi (01), Malaria Journal, dapat diakses oleh principal investigator di https://submission.nature.com/submission/73c9d1a5-b86a-4ec3-85a2-0f31af8fae62, dimana pada https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=22911&tip=sid, malaria journal memiliki H Index 109, dan bersumber dari https://malariajournal.biomedcentral.com/ Annual Journal Metrics dari journal ini adalah sebagai berikut Citation Impact 3.469 - 2-year Impact Factor (2021); 3.570 - 5-year Impact Factor (2021); 1.277 -Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) dan 1.307 - SCImago Journal Rank (SJR). The corresponding, submission process, dan manuscript terlampir.

Luaran Tambahan yang sudah tercapai, adalah kegiatan presentasi aktif pada *Conference/Seminar Internasional* - Untuk kegiatan ini paper ini telah diterima di *conference intermational* 53rd APACPH 2022 – *Manila, Philippines* seperti yang ada di <u>https://www.apacph.org/wp/2022/04/update-53rd-apacph-2022-manila-philippines/.</u> Pada kegiatan ini telah dilakukan *poster presentation* hasil penelitian yang telah disajikan pada *conference intermational* 53rd APACPH 2022 – *Manila, Philippines* seperti yang ada di *the corresponding, submission process, dan poster dan* dan *Certificate of Participation of the* 53rd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium *for Public Health Conference* dari panitia *conference terlampir*.



Gambar 5. Certificate of Participation of the 53rd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference

Kemudian peneliti membuat *full paper* tambahan lainnya, dengan judul berbeda, tetapi masih merupakan bagian dari penelitian berjudul *Malaria in Mining Workers in Tanjung Agung Muara Enim District, South Sumatra, Indonesia: An Analysis of Environmental Risk Factors.* Paper ini **telah disajikan** *oral presentation* pada kegiatan *the 3rd Sriwijaya International Conference on Environmental Issues (SRICOENV 2022)*, di http://sricoenv.conf.unsri.ac.id/. Peneliti utama mendapatkan penghargaan sebagai *the best presenter*. Bukti *the corresponding, full article, dan Certificate the best presenter* terlampir.



Gambar 6. Certificate the Best Presenter

Selain itu, bagian yang tidak terpisahkan dari penelitian ini, tetapi tidak dituliskan sebagai luaran tambahan, diproposal awal, peneliti juga berhasil, membuat luaran tambahan lainnya, yaitu dihasilkannya dua thesis, status mahasiswa S2 Lulus, dan dua article mahasiswa bimbingan, yang juga adalah sebagai enumerator dalam penelitian, dimana posisi peneliti utama sebagai pembimbing utama Thesis. Article pertama yang dihasilkan dengan Judul: Kejadian Malaria Pekerja Analisis pada di Pertambangan, Citra Dewi, Hamzah Hasyim, http://ji.unbari.ac.id/index.php/ilmiah/article/view/2769. Penulis: Wita Novrikasari dan Article kedua yang dihasilkan Judul : Faktor Risiko Kejadian Malaria pada Masyarakat Wilayah Pertambangan: Literature Review http://ji.unbari.ac.id/index.php/ilmiah/article/view/2766. Penulis : Risva Aprina Fitri Lestari, Hamzah Hasyim, Novrikasari. Sehingga target untuk Luaran Tambahan keynote speaker di International conference sudah tercapai.

E. PERAN MITRA: Tuliskan realisasi kerjasama dan kontribusi Mitra baik *in-kind* maupun *in-cash* (untuk Penelitian Terapan, Penelitian Pengembangan, PTUPT, PPUPT serta KRUPT). Bukti pendukung realisasi kerjasama dan realisasi kontribusi mitra dilaporkan sesuai dengan kondisi yang sebenarnya. Bukti dokumen realisasi kerjasama dengan Mitra diunggah melalui BIMA.

Peran mitra terbatas pada pemberian izin penelitian di lokasi study.

F. KENDALA PELAKSANAAN PENELITIAN: Tuliskan kesulitan atau hambatan yang dihadapi selama melakukan penelitian dan mencapai luaran yang dijanjikan, termasuk penjelasan jika pelaksanaan penelitian dan luaran penelitian tidak sesuai dengan yang direncanakan atau dijanjikan.

Luaran Wajib paper tahun 2022 ini, pada tahap ini submitted, di jurnal international bereputasi (Q1), dan sudah dilakukan under review. Bukti the corresponding, submission process, dan manuscript serta process review terlampir.

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Dear Dr. Hasyim, I have now forwarded this to the relevant department in this regard and will notify you once a response is received. Thank you very much. With best regards, Ayesha

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Please let me know if you have any further questions. With best regards, Ayesha

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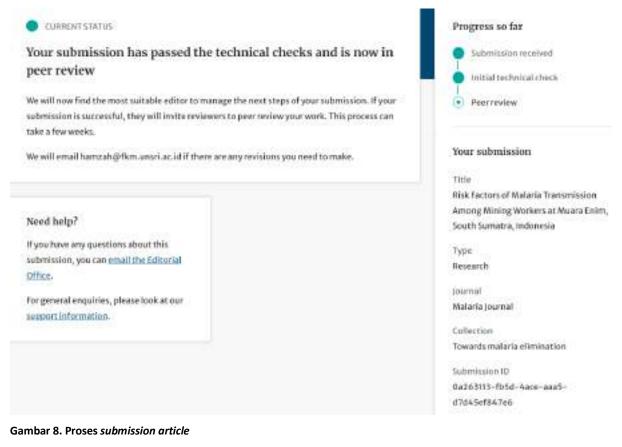
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G. RENCANA TAHAPAN SELANJUTNYA: Tuliskan dan uraikan rencana penelitian di tahun berikutnya berdasarkan indikator luaran yang telah dicapai, rencana realisasi luaran wajib yang dijanjikan dan tambahan (jika ada) di tahun berikutnya serta *roadmap* penelitian keseluruhan. Pada bagian ini diperbolehkan untuk melengkapi penjelasan dari setiap tahapan dalam metoda yang akan direncanakan termasuk jadwal berkaitan dengan strategi untuk mencapai luaran seperti yang telah dijanjikan dalam proposal. Jika diperlukan, penjelasan dapat juga dilengkapi dengan gambar, tabel, diagram, serta pustaka yang relevan. Pada bagian ini dapat dituliskan rencana penyelesaian target yang belum tercapai.

Penelitian tahun ke dua di 2023, dilakukan dengan melakukan pendekatan kualitatif tahun 2023, dimana tujuan umum penelitian saat ini di tahun 2022, dilakukan dengan pendekatan kuantitatif, untuk menganalisis determinan kejadian malaria pada masyarakat di wilayah pertambangan Kabupaten Muara Enim. Dimana pada capaian tujuan khusus yang dilakukan adalah 1] Menganalisis distribusi frekuensi faktor karakteristik individu, faktor risiko perilaku, faktor risiko lingkungan, dan faktor risiko kondisi rumah 2] Menganalisis hubungan faktor risiko dengan kejadian malaria 3] Menganalisis dominan faktor risiko dengan kejadian malaria, dimana kegiatan ini sudah dilakukan.

Luaran Wajib tahun 2022 ini, *paper under review*, di BMC, Malaria Journal, Q1. Semoga proses selanjutnya bisa berjalan lancar. InsyaAllah kami sudah memberikan tanggapan yang sesuai masukan dari *peer review* sebelumnya dan untuk tujuan ini kami akan kembali menanyakan *progres* setelah paper ini sudah mendapatkan ulasan dari *peer reviewer*

Selanjutnya tujuan umum penelitian tahun 2023 adalah analisis eliminasi malaria di Kabupaten Muara Enim, dengan tujuan khusus yang akan dicapai: 1] Analisis Input meliputi SDM, anggaran, sarana, metode, kesanggupan dalam kebijakan eliminasi malaria 2] Analisis Process kebijakan eliminasi malaria meliputi diagnostik, pengobatan, surveilans, penanggulangan dan surveilans vektor, advokasi dan KIE pada program malaria. 3] Analisis Output yaitu hasil capaian analisis kebijakan eliminasi malaria dan Analisis Outcome penilaian eliminasi

malaria. Temuan yang ditargetkan untuk tahun 2022 adalah prediksi model kejadian malaria dan tahun 2023 adalah hasil analisis evaluasi eliminasi malaria.

Dengan memahami dua issue utama yaitu determinan kejadian malaria dengan variable faktor prediksi yang lebih komprehensif dan analisis eliminasi malaria, akan dihasilkan luaran yang nyata konstribusinya, berupa rekomendasi dalam eliminasi malaria di tingkat Kabupaten tahun 2023, menuju eliminasi malaria di Sumatera Selatan tahun 2025.

Target dan indikator capaian luaran tahun 2022 dan 2023, seperti pada tabel dibawah ini

Table 3. Target dan Indikator Capaian Luaran.

No	Jenis Luaran			Indikator Capaian		
	Kategori	Sub Kategori	Wajib	Tambahan	TS	TS+1
	Tahun I					
1	Artikel ilmiah dimuat di jurnal	Internasional bereputasi	v		Submitted	Published
2	Seminar Internasional			v	Sudah dilaksanakan	Published
3	Tingkat Kesiapan Teknologi (TKT)				3	3
	Tahun II					
1	Artikel ilmiah dimuat di jurnal	Internasional bereputasi	v		Submitted	Published
2	Seminar Nasional			v	Sudah dilaksanakan	Published
3	Tingkat Kesiapan Teknologi (TKT)				3	3

Di *road map* penelitian sebelumnya, ketua peneliti telah menghasilkan beberapa publikasi terkait issue malaria, dan diharapkan di tahun 2022 dan 2023. Melalui riset tahun 2022 ini, telah dihasilkan analisis determinan dan tahun 2023, akan dihasilkan analisis eliminasi malaria diwilayah kerja Dinas Kesehatan Kabupaten Muara Enim, dalam rekomendasi eliminasi malaria spesifik berbasis wilayah. Melalui pendanaan Penelitian Dasar Kompetitif Nasional (PDKN), akan dihasilkan luaran dengan Tingkat Kesiapterapan Teknologi (TKT) 3 di tahun pertama dan TKT 3 ditahun kedua, berupa luaran publikasi artikel di BMC, Malaria Journal, Q1. Sebagai tanbahan juga digunakan *reference manager EndNote licenced* untuk penulisan manuscripts.

Untuk mencapat tujuan tahun pertama, telah digunakan instrument kuesioner, yang *valid dan reliable*, serta telah dilakukan analisis data univariat, bivariat, dan multivariat, yang di sajikan dalam bentuk table dan narasi. Digunakan *software* IBM SPSS Base v26 dan STATA for Windows. Untuk analisis data kuantitatif yang sudah dilakukan pada tahapan kegiatan. Untuk Tahap Kedua tahun 2023, dilakukan dengan metode kualitatif

a. Design Penelitian

Pada tahapan tahun kedua dilakukan penelitian kualitatif, seperti gambar dibawah ini



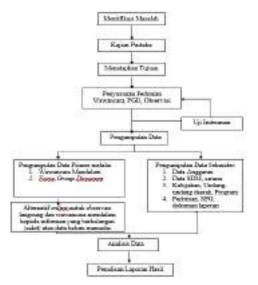
Gambar 9. Kerangka Fikir

Table 4. Informan Penelitian

No.	Informan	Jumlah	Metode Pengumpulan Data
1	Kepala Dinkes Kab. Muara Enim	1	In-Depth Interview
2	Kabid Pelayanan RSUD	1	In-Depth Interview
3	Kepala Instalasi Farmasi RSUD	1	In-Depth Interview
4	Kabid P2P Dinkes	1	In-Depth Interview
5	Staf P2M Dinkes	1	In-Depth Interview
6	Kepala Puskesmas	1	In-Depth Interview
7	Pengelola Malaria Puskemas	7	FGD
8	Petugas Laboratorium Puskesmas	5	FGD
9	Petugas Laboratorium Puskesmas	2	In-Depth Interview
10	PetugasLaboratorium RumahSakit	1	In-Depth Interview
11	Staf P2P Dinkes Prov. Sumsel	1	In-Depth Interview
Jum	lah	22	•

Untuk mencapat tujuan tahun kedua, digunakan instrument FGD dan Indepth Interview, dengan menggunakan alat bantu NVivo Qualitative Research Data Analysis Software. Selanjutnya pada tahap ini akan dilakukan

- b. Validasi Data. Dalam tahapan ini akan dilakukan uji credibility, transferability, dependability, confirmability.
- c. Triangulasi, teknik/metode, sumber, dan peneliti
- d. Alur Penelitian. Disajikan dalam gambar berikut



Gambar 10. Alur Penelitian Tahun Kedua

Direncanakan untuk kegiatan berikutnya, akan dilakukan diseminasi hasil penelitian melalui seminar hasil penelitian, *paket meeting fullboard* dengan mengundang perwakilan dinas kesehatan, rumah sakit, dan puskesmas di wilayah kerja Dinas Kesehatan Kabupaten Muara Enim serta Dinas Kesehatan Provinsi Sumatera Selatan, setelah melakukan pengambilan data dan FGD di Kab Muara Enim. Tim peneliti terdiri dari dua anggota dosen dengan latar belakang keilmuwan yang relevant, dan juga tetap akan menyertakan mahasiswa sebagai enumerator, bagian dari pembelajaran mahasiswa.

H.DAFTAR PUSTAKA: Penyusunan Daftar Pustaka berdasarkan sistem nomor sesuai dengan urutan pengutipan. Hanya pustaka yang disitasi pada laporan akhir yang dicantumkan dalam Daftar Pustaka.

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48 Author's Response to the Reviewer's Comment.

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60 Reviewer's Comment:

This paper presents the results of a cross-sectional survey and risk analysis conducted in May
July 2022. in a sample of 92 miners in Muara Enim District, South Sumatra Province. What
ought to be a straightforward presentation is marred by lack of clarity in the methods and lack
of focus in the discussion.

67 Author's Response:

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- 69 Thank you for your valuable input on our manuscript.
- 70 We have detailed the methods and improved of discussion in lines 96 -104
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72 The cross-sectional survey was carried out in May - July 2022. Cross-sectional studies with 73 binary outcomes evaluated by logistic regression are prevalent in the epidemiology 74 literature[1]. There are twenty sub-districts, ten counties, and 245 villages in Muara Enim 75 District. The purposive method selected Tanjung Lalang, Tanjung Agung, and Penyandingan villages in the Tanjung Agung sub-districts. The study area selection is based on the API of 76 77 the PHC of Tanjung Agung and information about the area with the most artisanal miner. The 78 Health Office and Muara Enim District Government's webpage provided the data. Finally, the 79 sample selection in each village was carried out by cluster sampling.

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- 81 Furthermore, Samples in lines 123-140
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This study used a cross-sectional analysis of malaria transmission risk variables among
 miners. Researchers conducted an interview was applied with 92 miners living in three

- villages. Based on the API of Tanjung Agung PHC for five years, the API declined steadily
- 86 in 2018 to 0.7, followed by 0.49 in 2019 and 0.05 in 2020. In 2021 and 2020, the API in PHC
- 87 decreased rapidly to zero.

88 **Reviewer's Comment:**

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How was the 'illegal' status of the miners determined? Might it not better to simply describethem as 'artisanal' miners and leave their legal status undetermined?

93 Author's Response:

95 Thank you for your valuable input on our manuscript; the author responds to each comment96 following

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Illegal people's mines are illegal mining operations controlled by community collectives of 98 local communities. Muara Enim region in South Sumatra has Indonesia's greatest coal 99 100 reserves. Indonesia's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources claims there are 77,000 hectares of coal concessions in the one-million-hectare region. The land is thought to be used 101 102 for unlawful mining, which is occupied by illegal mining operations controlled by community collectives of local communities. There are 13 permitted coal mines in South 103 104 Sumatra, but with millions of tons of coal available, illegal mines have proliferated in the region. The labor is arduous, and there are few safety precautions in place. More than 4,000 105 people in Muara Enim depend on illegal mines, often called "community mines" or 106 107 "people's mines," which are usually run by communal collectives of local inhabitants who 108 don't legally own them but work together to organize and operate them. Community mining is somewhat of a legal gray area in Indonesian legislation, and the mines controlled by the 109 110 local community in the Muara Enim District are illegal because they operate without a 111 license. In the text, they described The Illegal People's Mines. Source: http://www.apbiicma.org/news/5948/inside-the-illegal-peoples-mines-of-indonesia-where-coal-is-seen-as-a-112 113 gift-from-god

- **Illegal people's mines** are similar to an **artisanal miner or small-scale miner** (ASM), a subsistence miner who is not officially employed by a mining company but works independently, mining minerals using their resources, usually by hand. Based on your suggestion, this paper can use **artisanal miners to describe** illegal people's mines, often called "**community mines**" or "**people's mines**,"
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120 We have replaced term of "Illegal people's mines" with "artisanal miner" in the whole text

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- 122 **Reviewer's Comment:**
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124 It seems that 92 miners were selected 'purposively' meaning, in this case, that miners were 125 selected from high-API villages are per MOH statistics. What was the API of the villages 126 from which the samples were selected?

127128 Author's Response:

129 Thank you for your insightful comments on our manuscript; the author responds to each one130 below.

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151 The positive samples for malaria were recorded from a records search conducted after the miners were identified. In this study, the sample of miners, who were malaria positive, was 152 not previously identified by the researcher because the characteristics of the cross-sectional 153 154 study show the association between risk factors with consequences with data collection carried out simultaneously at the point time approach. RDT and microscopy were carried out 155 to diagnose malaria by health personnel, and the cases were registered in E-SISMAL, Muara 156 157 Enim District Health Office. Miners who reported that they were positive for malaria were re-crosschecked or confirmed through the data in E-SISMAL. It was found that several 158 respondents said they had been exposed to malaria. However, when they were cross-checked 159 160 with E-SISMAL data, the respondents' names were not found, so they were not grouped into positive malaria criteria. Finally, in this study, 14 malaria-infection were found in the study 161 area. Based on the data obtained from E-SISMAL, the most abundant Plasmodium in 162 163 Tanjung Agung sub-district was *Plasmodium falciparum*.

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165166 Reviewer's Comment:

- 167 What was the API of the villages from which the samples were selected?
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169 **Author's Response:**

- 170 Thank you for your thoughtful feedback on our manuscript.
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- 172 Regarding the API issues, the authors have written an introduction for API of District in lines 173 77 - 87 and discussed the API of PHC in Methods in lines 96 - 140
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175 This current study used additional data from the Electronic Malaria Surveillance Information 176 System [E-SISMAL]. This is based on E-SISMAL, the Annual Parasite Incidence (API) in 177 Muara Enim District over the previous five years. In 2018, the API decreased steadily to 0.33, followed by APIs of 0.16 in 2019 and 0.04 in 2020, respectively. In 2021 declined 178 dramatically to zero; However, in 2022, the API was 0.01. Besides, through E-SISMAL, 179 researchers got a history of vector surveillance, particularly laboratory tests for diagnosing 180 parasitic diseases and types of malaria parasites, useful for the researchers. Rapid Diagnostic 181 182 Tests (RDT) and microscopy malaria diagnoses were 50% in the study site. Five Plasmodium species cause malaria, which is spread by anopheline mosquitoes. *Plasmodium falciparum* 183 and Plasmodium vivax provide the most significant threat. In the study area, 85.7% of 184 185 patients were infected with *Plasmodium falciparum*.

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197 Research variables

198 The dependent variable was the malaria case, a binary variable indicating whether malaria 199 was present or absent. Respondents are artisanal miners who resided in the study site. The disease definition employed used in this study was malaria infection based on rapid 200 diagnostic tests (RDTs) and microscopy methods documented or reported in the Muara Enim 201 202 malaria E-SISMAL recommended by WHO as a malaria surveillance tool. Before collecting 203 this data, researchers used a valid and reliable questionnaire. The researchers examined the validity and reliability of the questionnaire on thirty participants from different villages in 204 205 Darmo village, with participants having the same characteristics as the sample. After 206 obtaining a valid and reliable structured questionnaire, it is subsequently utilized for the 207 sample.

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209 Sample size calculation

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245 Author's Response:

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- **392 Reviewer's Comment:**
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- **397 Author's Response:**
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401 Concerning the issue, we made it in limitations of research in lines 333-344.

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- 464 Author's Response:
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735 Author's Response:

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate your positive thoughts and recommendationIn lines 89-93, we provided our response to the issue.

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No previous study has investigated malaria transmission in the Tanjung Agung sub-district,
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The dependent variable was the malaria case, a binary variable indicating whether malariawas present or absent. Respondents are artisanal miners who resided in the study site. The

749 disease definition employed used in this study was malaria infection based on rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) and microscopy methods documented or reported in the Muara Enim 750 malaria E-SISMAL recommended by WHO as a malaria surveillance tool. Before collecting 751 752 this data, researchers used a valid and reliable questionnaire. The researchers examined the 753 validity and reliability of the questionnaire on thirty participants from different villages in Darmo village, with participants having the same characteristics as the sample. After 754 755 obtaining a valid and reliable structured questionnaire, it is subsequently utilized for the 756 sample.

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This study used a cross-sectional analysis of malaria transmission risk variables among miners. Researchers conducted an interview was applied with 92 miners living in three villages. Based on the API of Tanjung Agung PHC's for five years, the API declined steadily in 2018 to 0.7, followed by 0.49 in 2019 and 0.05 in 2020. In 2021 and 2020, the API in PHC decreased rapidly to zero.

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As suggested by the reviewer, we have removed unnecessary things, such as sample size, asit may refer to the previous publication in this study

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In this study, investigators didn't disclose vector survey methods like larvae and adult anopheles, nor did they perform a Human Landing Catch. Although, the most important method for detecting which Anopheles species attack humans (HLC). However, the researchers used additional E-SISMAL data recommended by WHO to describe malaria surveillance in this study site. So, the author convinces the reader that the malaria case in this current study was positive for malaria based on microscopic and RDT examination by health professionals.

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783 We responded in lines 333–344 of Research Limitations

Malaria disease status was determined retrospectively by E-SISMAL data and not directly by 784 785 researchers' diagnoses. Thus, malaria prevalence could only be determined from respondents who reported having had a professional malaria diagnosis. There may be additional factors 786 787 affecting malaria transmission in the study area that E-SISMAL did not record; these could 788 be the topic of future research. In this study, investigators not conduct vector survey methods for larvae and adult anopheles, nor did they perform a Human Landing Catch. These are the 789 790 most important methods for detecting which Anopheles species attack humans (HLC). 791 Nonetheless, the present study has the advantage of being based on E-SISMAL, one of the 792 WHO-recommended techniques for malaria surveillance, and employing a structured 793 questionnaire. The findings highlight risk variables for malaria transmission that could be used in the future design of malaria control programs, at least in the artisanal mining in three 794 villages within the sub-district of Tanjung Agung. 795

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Abstract

Background: The elimination of malaria by 2030 is stated in the third goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, malaria is a significant public health problem in Indonesia. Mineral mining, plantations, agriculture, and fisheries are all practiced in the Tanjung Enim sub-district, Muara Enim, South Sumatra, Indonesia, and these are characteristics of malaria-endemic locations. This research aimed to determine the factors that put mining workers at a higher risk for malaria.

Methods: A cross-sectional study design was used to identify malaria risk factors in the study site. A total of 92 study participants were included in this study. Both bivariable and multivariate logistic regression models were fitted to identify factors associated with malaria transmission in the study site. Finally, multivariate logistic regression with a p-value less than 0.05 was used to identify risk factors of malaria transmission.

Results: Of 92 participants, 14 (15.21%) had malaria. Multivariate analysis revealed that age (PR=7.989 with 95% CI=1,724-37.002) and breeding (7.685 with 95% CI=1.502-39.309) was a risk factor for malaria. High education (PR=0.104 with 95%

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Conclusions: This current study reveals age and breeding as risk factors for malaria. Besides, high education, mosquito repellent, and house wall conditions were protective factors against malaria in the study site. Therefore, reducing risk factors and control measures is highly recommended to alleviate the problem of malaria transmission in the mining area.

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22 Abstract

Background: The elimination of malaria by 2030 is stated in the third goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, malaria is a significant public health problem in Indonesia. Mineral mining, plantations, agriculture, and fisheries are all practiced in the Tanjung Enim sub-district, Muara Enim, South Sumatra, Indonesia, and these are characteristics of malaria-endemic locations. This research aimed to determine the factors that put mining workers at a higher risk for malaria.

Methods: A cross-sectional study design was used to identify malaria risk factors in the study site. A total of 92 study participants were included in this study. Both bivariable and multivariate logistic regression models were fitted to identify factors associated with malaria transmission in the study site. Finally, multivariate logistic regression with a p-value less than 0.05 was used to identify risk factors of malaria transmission.

Results: Of 92 participants, 14 (15.21%) had malaria. Multivariate analysis revealed that age
(PR=7.989 with 95% CI=1,724-37.002) and breeding (7.685 with 95% CI=1.502-39.309)
was risk factor for malaria. High education (PR=0.104 with 95% CI=0.027-0.403), using
mosquito repellent (PR=0.138 with 95% CI=0.035-0.549), and house wall conditions
(PR=0.145 with 95% CI 0.0414-0.511) were protective factor.

39 Conclusions: This current study reveals age and breeding as risk factors for malaria. Besides,
40 high education, mosquito repellent, and house wall conditions were protective factors against
41 malaria in the study site. Therefore, reducing risk factors and control measures is highly
42 recommended to alleviate the problem of malaria transmission in the mining area.

43 Keywords: Malaria elimination, mining workers, risk factors.

44 Background

Malaria infects around 200 million people and kills 400,000 yearly in 90 countries. The 45 46 World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target of eliminating malaria in 35 countries by 2030 [1]. The elimination of malaria by 2030 is stated in the third goal of the Sustainable 47 48 Development Goals (SDGs). On the other hand, malaria is a significant public health issue 49 in Indonesia. Malaria is still endemic in the area surrounding Muara Enim, South Sumatra 50 [2-6]. WHO certifies an area as malaria-free when a country demonstrates, with thorough, convincing evidence, that indigenous malaria transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has 51 52 ceased for at least three years. A country must also prevent reinfection. The WHO Director-General decides on malaria-free certification based on the Malaria Elimination Certification 53 54 Panel (MECP).

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Coal mining, plantations, agriculture, and fisheries Muara Enim is suitable for Anopheles 56 mosquitoes breeding sites such as ponds, rice fields, ditches, and former open pit mines. 57 This condition triggers malaria in Muara Enim. Irrigation channels, rice fields, paddy water 58 flow, fishponds, buffalo pools, marshes, and lakes are Anopheles habitats. Anopheles 59 barbisrostris, An. tesselatus, An. subpictus, An. nigerrimus, An. kochi, An. umbrosus, An. 60 barbumbrosus, and An. maculatus was captured [7]. Other risk factors that cause malaria 61 62 include artisanal mining's socio-economic and behavioral drivers of malaria among gold mining, rubber, and oil palm migrant workers [8]. Malaria and anemia are more prevalent in 63 artisanal mining communities of East Akim District than in non-artisanal sites [9]. Land use 64 changes impact malaria spread by disrupting ecosystems [10, 11]. In one study, age, gender, 65 degree of education, season, and temperature were examples of attributes relevant to malaria 66 67 transmission [12]. Research has consistently shown that these malaria vectors thrive in mined areas. Studi offers malaria transmission in the mining area in Western Kenya 68

Highlands [13]. In Aceh, Indonesian miners risked malaria [14]. Small-scale mining is a serious risk for malaria, including in Chinese miners [15]. This research aligns with the study that other mining areas are susceptible to malaria and can reintroduce malaria into sensitive areas [16]. Despite being a malaria elimination priority population, little is known about miners and malaria in Guyana's hinterland [17]. Although some research has been carried out on malaria transmission in artisanal mining, no single study exists which malaria transmission in the study site.

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77 This current study used additional data from the Electronic Malaria Surveillance Information System [E-SISMAL]. It is based on E-SISMAL, the Annual Parasite Incidence (API) in 78 Muara Enim District over the previous five years. In 2018, the API decreased steadily to 79 0.33, followed by APIs of 0.16 in 2019 and 0.04 in 2020, respectively. In 2021 declined 80 dramatically to zero; However, in 2022, the API was 0.01. Besides, through E-SISMAL, 81 researchers got a history of vector surveillance, particularly laboratory tests for diagnosing 82 parasitic diseases and types of malaria parasites, which is helpful for the researchers. Rapid 83 84 Diagnostic Tests (RDT) and microscopy malaria diagnoses were 50% in the study site. Five 85 Plasmodium species cause malaria, which is spread by anopheline mosquitoes. Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax provide the most significant threat. In the study area, 86 87 85.7% of patients were infected with *Plasmodium falciparum*.

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No previous study has investigated malaria transmission in the Tanjung Agung sub-district, which had the most malaria cases in the past three years (2018-2020). Puskesmas or Primary Health Care (PHC) of Tanjung Enim had the most issues in their operational areas. Therefore, this study aims to analyze the risk factors associated with malaria transmission among mining employees in the Tanjung Agung Sub-District of the Muara Enim District.

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94 Methods

95 Study design and setting

The cross-sectional survey was carried out in May - July 2022. Cross-sectional studies with 96 binary outcomes evaluated by logistic regression are prevalent in the epidemiology 97 literature^[18]. There are twenty sub-districts, ten counties, and 245 villages in Muara Enim 98 District. The purposive method selected Tanjung Lalang, Tanjung Agung, and 99 100 Penyandingan villages in the Tanjung Agung sub-districts. The study area selection is based on the API of the PHC of Tanjung Agung and information about the area with the most 101 102 artisanal miner. The Health Office and Muara Enim District Government's webpage 103 provided the data. Finally, the sample selection in each village was carried out by cluster sampling. The study areas are shown in Figure 1. 104

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106 **Research variables**

107 The dependent variable was the malaria case, a binary variable indicating whether malaria 108 was present or absent. Respondents are artisanal miners who resided in the study site. The 109 disease definition employed in this study was malaria infection based on rapid diagnostic 110 tests (RDTs) and microscopy methods documented or reported in the Muara Enim E-111 SISMAL recommended by WHO as a malaria surveillance tool. (Additional file 1: 112 Appendix S1).

Before collecting this data, researchers used a valid and reliable questionnaire. The researchers examined the validity and reliability of the questionnaire on thirty participants from different villages in Darmo village, with participants having the same characteristics as the sample. After obtaining a valid and reliable structured questionnaire, it is subsequently utilized for the sample.

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118 Sample size calculation

The sample size is calculated using the hypothesis test for two population proportions (twosided test) ^[19]

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$$n = \frac{\left(Z_{1-\frac{a}{2}}\sqrt{2P(1-P)} + Z_{1-\beta}\sqrt{P_{1}(1-P_{1}) + P_{2}(1-P_{2})}\right)^{2}}{(P_{1}-P_{2})^{2}}$$

122 Samples

This study used a cross-sectional analysis of malaria transmission risk variables among miners. Researchers conducted an interview was applied with 92 miners living in three villages. Based on Tanjung Agung PHC's API for five years, the API declined steadily in 2018 to 0.7, followed by 0.49 in 2019 and 0.05 in 2020. In 2021 and 2020, the API in PHC decreased rapidly to zero.

The positive samples for malaria were recorded from a records search conducted after the 128 miners were identified. In this study, the sample of miners, who were malaria positive, was 129 130 not previously identified by the researcher because the characteristics of the cross-sectional study show the association between risk factors with consequences with data collection 131 carried out simultaneously at the point time approach. RDT and microscopy were carried out 132 133 to diagnose malaria by health personnel, and the cases were registered in E-SISMAL, Muara Enim District Health Office. Miners who reported that they were positive for malaria were re-134 crosschecked or confirmed through the data in E-SISMAL. It was found that several 135 respondents said they had been exposed to malaria. However, when they were cross-checked 136 137 with E-SISMAL data, the respondents' names were not found, so they were not grouped into 138 positive malaria criteria. Finally, in this study, 14 malaria-infection were found in the study area. Based on the data obtained from E-SISMAL, the most abundant Plasmodium in the 139 140 Tanjung Agung sub-district was *Plasmodium falciparum*.

141 **Data analysis**

142 **Descriptive analysis**

143 The objective of the descriptive analysis was to characterize the independent variables144 concerning the dependent variable, malaria prevalence.

145 **Bivariate analysis**

The association between each independent variable and the dependent variable was analyzed using the Chi-Square test by comparing the probability value (p-value) to the alpha value (α) = 0.05. If the p-value is < 0.005, then Ho means it is rejected. It means that there is a significant association between the independent and dependent variables; if the p-value > (0.05), then Ho is accepted or failed to be rejected, meaning that there is no significant association between the independent variables.

152 Multivariate analysis

The multivariate study's goal was to identify factors associated with malaria transmission. The severity of the malaria risk was assessed using the derived adjusted prevalence ratio. Malaria was more likely to develop if the PR was greater than one. Finally, multivariate logistic regression was used to identify risk factors for malaria transmission if the p-value was less than 0.05.

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159 **Results**

160 Characteristics of the participants and demographics

Each of the following study variables was examined using univariate analysis: age, gender, length of employment, working mass, education, the usage of mosquito nets, the presence of breeding and resting sites, knowledge, behavioral attitudes, and home environmental factors. Next, bivariate analysis was used to examine the association between age, sex, length of work, working mass, education, the habit of using mosquito nets, the presence of a breeding and resting place, knowledge, behavioral attitudes, and home environmental conditions and the incidence of malaria in miners. In addition, a multivariate analysis was performed to discover the most influential factor in malaria occurrence. Table 1. summarizes the factors that illustrate the socio-demographic characteristics of research participants at baseline.

170 According to the univariate study, 15.21% of the 92 mine workers in the Tanjung Agung 171 District were exposed to malaria, with the majority (61.96%) being 35 years or older. More were male (67.39%). There were more miners who had been working for five years or more 172 173 (59.78%) and eight hours of labor/day or more (56.52%) than expected. In addition, more miners had a poor level of education (65.22%), used more mosquito nets (53.26%), did not 174 use insect repellent (53.26%), and left their homes at night (61.96%). More respondents 175 engaged in self-medication (73.91%) and had good knowledge (57.61%) but exhibited less 176 positive attitudes (55.43%) and poor behavior (57.61%). The presence of breeding sites 177 178 indicates that more mining workers are at risk (60.87%), as is the availability of mosquito resting areas (65.22%) and the state of the house's walls (61.96%), and the ceiling (55.40%). 179 According to the results of the bivariate analysis, there was an association between working 180 period (p-value 0.006), daily length of work (p-value 0.017), the habit of using mosquito 181 nets (p-value 0.033), use of mosquito repellent (p-value 0.005), knowledge (p-value 0.028), 182 attitude (p-value 0.021), presence of breeding place (p-value 0.036), presence of resting 183 place (p-value 0.014), and condition of the house. Multivariate analysis revealed that age 184 was the most significant risk factor, with a p-value of 0.008. High education, mosquito 185 186 repellent, and house wall conditions were protective factors, with PR <1. Furthermore, this current research revealed factors linked with malaria in low-endemicity areas, as shown in 187 Table 2. 188

189 Discussion

190 **Principal findings**

191 It is interesting to study malaria transmission in artisanal mining in line with research found 192 that the people miners in the surrounding forest who work as small-scale miners (ASM) are 193 the population at risk of malaria, including those in the study site.

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Many risk factors increase the likelihood of malaria transmission in artisanal mining. 195 However, there is limited evidence of malaria in miners as the unique population for malaria 196 elimination. This current study reveals age and breeding as risk factors for malaria. Besides, 197 198 high education, mosquito repellent, and house wall conditions were protective factors against malaria in the study site. Multivariate analysis revealed that participants over 35 199 years were 7.98 times more likely to have malaria than those under 35 years (PR adjusted: 200 201 7.98; 95% CI 1.72-37.00; p-value 0.008) after adjusted by education, using repellent, mosquitos breeding, and house wall conditions. Besides, mosquito repellent was well 202 associated with a decrease in the risk of malaria (PR adjusted: 0.13; 95% 0.03-0.54; p-value 203 0.005). 204

In concordance with the results of other studies, severe malaria presenting symptoms depend on age. Age independently increases illness mortality [20]. Besides, in India, housing factors are linked to malaria in persons over 45 [21].

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A similar finding was reported among Brazilian gold miners in an Amazonian border area where the presence of a breeding site was creating artificial breeding areas for vector mosquitoes in mining activity [22]. If breeding sites are sparse, this affects anopheline larval habitats and adult production in the Gambia [23]. Pits and trenches are dug and then abandoned, resulting in stagnant water, creating a condition that provides an ideal habitat for mosquito breeding and malaria transmission, exposing the surrounding people [24]. In
addition, the association between mosquito breeding and malaria revealed that mosquito
breeding (regardless of species) was strongly related to malaria cases in households [25].
Another research in southeastern Nigeria demonstrated that higher education improved
malaria knowledge and practice. Health campaigns can teach malaria causes, symptoms, and
control [26].

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Furthermore, another study showed that the spread of artemisinin-resistant malaria can only be eliminated if malaria is eradicated from the regio used spatial repellents (SR) [27]. An effort needs to convey the best and most up-to-date information on repellents to improve the scientific community's knowledge [28].

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226 Consistent with the results of other studies, few clinical studies have examined housing and 227 malaria [29]. Few clinical studies have examined housing and malaria [29]. Then, good 228 house construction reduces malaria risk by limiting mosquito vector entry. The house design 229 may explain some of Uganda's malaria transmission heterogeneity and is a promising target 230 for future interventions, even in highly endemic areas [30].

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Based on the findings, social, cultural, and environmental factors must be considered in mosquito-borne disease prevention and treatment [31]. Malaria control and prevention interventions prioritize those near mosquito breeding sites, increase bed net use among children under 15, and improve housing [32]. So, launching a malaria health education program and encouraging insecticide-treated bed nets and mosquito repellents are strategies to 'control' malaria to prevent malaria[8]. Besides, there is a need to regulate mining in these communities and increase malaria control and health education efforts to reduce malaria and encourage health-seeking [9].

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241 Explanatory variables

242 In this research, a connection between age and malaria was associated with several other studies; some studies show an association between age and malaria, for example, in 243 Malaysian Borneo. In all age groups except five years old, *P. knowlesi* predominated [33]. 244 245 Young children's malaria has overshadowed teen malaria. Immunological and hormonal 246 factors may affect younger teens [34]. Another study links age and transmission to severe childhood malaria [35]. Burkina Faso has a high malaria death rate, especially among young 247 children [36]. Most of them conducted study malaria in children. This current research 248 showed that infected study participants who worked in artisanal mining ranged in age from 249 250 18 to 65, averaging 43, and were exposed to malaria, with the majority (61.96%) being 35 years old. 251

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This study revealed the importance of the presence of a mosquito breeding site. In Kenya, 253 malaria prevalence was strongly correlated with the density of breeding sites [25]. Gem 254 255 mining pits and aquatic habitats in Moneragala may increase malaria vector breeding [37]. Mosquito breeding sites near homes are common in sub-Saharan Africa and cause malaria 256 257 infection [38]. Another study found that changes in land cover are a major cause of African highland temperature rise and malaria vector colonization. It has also increased sporogony 258 development rate, adult vector survival, and malaria risk in the highlands [39]. Furthermore, 259 eliminating puddles and removing breeding sites and marshes can drastically lower 260 Anopheles mosquito populations [40]. Therefore, it was recommended that mosquito 261 262 breeding places be eliminated [41].

This current research indicates knowledge connected with malaria transmission in people's 263 mines study sites. In line with some studies, education has been related to malaria 264 265 prevention. Another study demonstrated that community health education is essential to modern malaria control [42]. Another paper showed asymptomatic and *falciparum* malaria 266 parasites correlated with academic performance in Donéguébougou, Mali [43]. This research 267 aligns with the study that analyzed nomad groups' knowledge and views of malaria and 268 preventive strategies [44]. Another study compared malaria of knowledge, attitudes, and 269 practices (KAP) in three endemic Colombian communities to develop new intervention 270 strategies for malaria elimination [45]. 271

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Similarly, in Tengchong County, Yunnan Province, China, Imported cases, low education, 273 lack of mosquito bite treatment, and risky behaviors contribute to their high malaria 274 incidence [46]. This current research conducted in artisanal mining indicated that the 275 respondents have low educational levels, and there is a need to improve specific knowledge 276 regarding the prevention of malaria transmission. In addition, broad-based programs may 277 need to target inequalities to increase understanding, prevention, and treatment among the 278 most vulnerable populations to enhance malaria reduction efforts [47]. For malaria 279 280 elimination, accurate community knowledge and fast treatment-seeking behavior for early diagnosis and treatment are essential [48]. Access and adherence to artemisinin-based 281 282 combination therapy (ACT) are crucial obstacles to the development of successful malaria treatment that are influenced by patient knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs [49]. 283

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Some studies show that the use of malaria repellents influences malaria. In Africa, using insect-repellent plants (IRPs) is a centuries-old practice [50]. A study in Ethiopia looked at insect/mosquito repellent plants used by 97.2% of respondents. Hamlets have traditionally

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used insect/mosquito-repellent plants [51]. Besides, Ethiopians who use traditional repellent 288 289 plants can potentially reduce vector-borne diseases [52]. However, another study presented 290 that those topical repellents, on the other hand, did not affect malaria endemicity in the Greater Mekong subregion. It is difficult to use repellents daily [53]. People have used a 291 variety of mosquito repellents, including liquid vaporizers, coils, and mats, to protect 292 themselves from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry [54]. A laboratory study evaluated 293 Tedh's repellency against the Afro-tropical malarial vector. Because Tedh essential oil is 294 safe and inexpensive, it could be used to reduce the burden of insect-transmitted diseases, 295 especially malaria [55]. Another study demonstrated the need to strengthen Plasmodium 296 infection prevention and control strategies, specifically by changing the practice of spending 297 the night in the forest and increasing personal mosquito repellent [56]. Mosquito coils are 298 popular in malaria-endemic countries [57]. This current study demonstrated that more 299 300 miners had a poor level of education (65.22%), did not use insect repellent (53.26%), and had a habit of leaving their homes at night (61.96%), so these are risk factors for malaria. 301 302 Outdoor miners are also more prone to mosquito bites.

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House modifications may effectively reduce malaria: This is being revisited, with new 304 305 research now examining blocking house mosquito entry points or modifying house 306 construction materials to minimize inhabitants' exposure to infectious bites [58]. House screening may reduce mosquito density. Sometimes, screening with insecticide and lure-307 and-kill devices has reduced malaria parasite prevalence and anemia [59]. Human habitation 308 and living environment are often linked to malaria risk and endemicity. Malaria disappeared 309 from areas where it had been endemic for centuries, such as southern England's coast, due to 310 better housing. Malaria transmission stopped in England without killing mosquitoes [60]. In 311 Baringo County, researchers compared house structures and malaria vector abundance. 312

Malaria vectors prefer open eaves. Grass-thatched roofs had more malaria vectors than metal ones. Due to their varied structures, riverine houses were linked to malaria vector abundance. Screening eaves, improving building materials, and building on stilts can reduce indoor malaria vector density [61]. Mosquito entry and indoor climate are affected by rural housing. Malaria vectors were kept out of metal-roofed houses with closed eaves by screened doors and ventilation in Sub-Saharan Africa [62]. Door and window screening may reduce disease transmission.

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Furthermore, housing is a risk factor for malaria, despite low-quality evidence. Future 321 research should evaluate the protective effect of specific house features and incremental 322 323 housing improvements [63]. This current study demonstrated that the presence of breeding sites indicates that more mining workers are at risk (60.87%), as is the availability of resting 324 areas (65.22%) and the state of the house's walls (61.96%), and the ceiling (55.40%). 325 Another study examined the concept that better housing can reduce malaria. Modern houses 326 showed 47% lower malaria infection rates than traditional houses [64]. Another study site 327 denoted that malaria transmission has multiple causes. In Ghana, poor sanitation, low socio-328 economic status, building construction, and individual behaviors were multiple causes of 329 high malaria prevalence [65]. 330

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332 Limitations of research

Malaria disease status was determined retrospectively by E-SISMAL data and not directly by researchers' diagnoses. Thus, malaria prevalence could only be determined from respondents who reported having had a professional malaria diagnosis. There may be additional factors affecting malaria transmission in the study area that E-SISMAL did not record; these could be the topic of future research. In this study, investigators did not conduct vector survey methods for larvae and adult anopheles, nor did they perform a Human Landing Catch. These are the most essential methods for detecting which Anopheles species attack humans (HLC). Nonetheless, the present study has the advantage of being based on E-SISMAL, one of the WHO-recommended techniques for malaria surveillance, and employing a structured questionnaire. The findings highlight risk variables for malaria transmission that could be used in the future design of malaria control programs, at least in the artisanal mining in three villages within the sub-district of Tanjung Agung.

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346 Conclusions

multivariate analyses revealed age and mosquito breeding as risk factors for malaria. High educational level, use of mosquito repellent, and house wall conditions were protective factors. Eliminating breeding places in the mining area or avoiding direct contact between artisanal miners and vectors around the breeding sites can be facilitated by increasing knowledge, using mosquito repellent or protective clothing, and improving house conditions as protective factors. As a crucial step toward eliminating malaria in the study site, it is essential to conduct preventative and promotional measures.

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355 List of Abbreviations used

ACT	:	Artemisinin-based combination therapy
An.	:	Anopheles
API's	:	Annual Parasite Incidence
E-SISMAL	:	Electronic Malaria Surveillance Information System
IRPs	:	Insect-Repellent Plants
KAP	:	Knowledge, attitudes, and practices
MAP	:	Malaria Awareness Program
MECP	:	Malaria Elimination Certification Panel
p-value	:	the probability value

PR	:	Prevalence ratio
POR	:	Prevalence odds ratio
RDT	:	Rapid Diagnostic Test
SDGs	:	Sustainable Development Goals
SR	:	Spatial Repellents

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357 **Competing interests**

358 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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360 Ethical considerations

The study protocol was approved by the Health Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of 361 Public Sriwijaya University, with Ethical 362 Health Approval No: 313/UN9.FKM/TU.KKE/2022. In the field, participation in the study was strictly voluntary. 363 All analyses were performed using the participant's identification code to ensure maximum 364 confidentiality. 365

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367 Availability of data and materials

368 The authors have full access to all the data in the study and take responsibility for the data369 integrity.

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

- 595 participants (n=92)
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Dear Dr. Hasyim,

Many thanks for letting me know.

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With best regards, Ayesha

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Respectfully,

Hamzah Hasyim

On Fri, 21 Oct 2022 at 11:50, Ayesha Siddiqka <ayesha.siddiqka@< th=""></ayesha.siddiqka@<>
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With best regards, Ayesha

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Respectfully,

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