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## The effectiveness of peer educators and guidance counselling teachers to the knowledge of reproductive health

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### ABSTRACT

Adolescence is the most vulnerable period to reproductive health problems. These problems include early pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually infections transmitted (STIs) including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexual abuse. Access for sexuality education and reproductive health services to comprehensive and youth-friendly was limited. This study aims to determine the effectiveness of peer educators and guidance and counselling teachers in adolescent reproductive health level of knowledge. This is a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental nonequivalent control group design with treatment groups using peer educators and teacher as control groups. The sample size was 70 respondents. Data was collected by questionnaire that already had validity and reliability test. Data analysis used univariate, t-test and logistic regression. The results of this study showed that the provision of information was more effective through guidance counselling teachers ( $p=0.000$ ,  $\exp B=14.5$ ). This study recommends that improve adolescents' reproductive knowledge need to optimize the role of guidance and counselling teachers in providing information.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Adolescents were a population in the age range of 10-19 years according to the World Health Organization (WHO) which is estimated to be nearly 1.2 million worldwide. In some countries the proportion of adolescents is almost 25% of the total population [1]. In 2018 there were an estimated 12.8 million births among adolescent girls aged 15–19 years, representing 44 births per 1,000 adolescent girls. Adolescent Birth Rates are lowest in high-income countries (12 births per 1,000 adolescent girls) and highest in low-income countries (97 births per 1,000). Indonesia was the 37th country with a high percentage of young marriage and is the second highest in Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) after Cambodia. The adolescent birth rates were very high in Indonesia, at 48.0 per 1,000 women in 2010. Child marriage often leads to childbirth at a young age, which can endanger the safety of both mother and baby [2]. Pregnancy and childbirth complications are estimated to be the leading cause of death among 15-19-year-old girls worldwide. Adolescents aged 15-19 years have greater maternal health risks than women just a few years older [3].

Adolescence was the vulnerable periode to reproductive health problems. These problems include early pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually infections transmitted (STIs) including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexual abuse. The proportion of women aged 15 to 19 who gave birth in Indonesia also increased from 9% in 2007 to 10% in 2012. Many young people initiate sexual activity during

adolescence. Boys are more likely to have ever had sex than girls. Data on adolescent sexual experiences, it is known that male adolescents who have had sexual intercourse are higher (8%) than female adolescents (2%) [4]. Sexual intercourse during the adolescence related to pornograph access [5]. A study in 2020 stated that there was a significant relationship between gender with pornographic access behavior (p-value 0.001). Males have a higher percentage to access pornography than females [6].

Health risks to adolescent girls need attention. The agreement of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Fund for Population Activity (UNFPA) as well as WHO on health adolescent reproductive in 1989, that there is a need for efforts to solve adolescent health problems as a transition period from adolescence to adulthood. In this period, it is quite crucial, considering that adolescence is a process of physical, psychological and changes behavioral that greatly affect the health status of adolescents. The efforts to solve adolescent health problems is providing quality education and reproductive health services for adolescent [7].

Youth and young people access for sex education and reproductive health services to comprehensive and youth-friendly was limited therefore, adolescents' reproductive health knowledge was still low. Data showed that most of adolescents had little or no understanding about adolescent reproductive health. The above points indicate the importance of education to prevent reproductive health problems. Reproductive health services need to available in the community. These include health education, counselling, and provision of contraceptive services [8]. Meanwhile, reproductive health education in Indonesia was generally carried out in the form of counseling by institutions outside of schools, such as the National Population and Family Planning Agency (BKKBN) and Indonesian Family Planning Association (PKBI). Research shows that adolescents in developing countries are in dire need of education reproductive health. There was an influence of health education on adolescent knowledges and attitudes about reproductive health [9].

The majority of girls said they communicated menstruation to their friends compared to their mothers or fathers. About 37.3% of adolescent girls have low knowledge about menstruation. The role of friends is very important in providing information to adolescents. Other research stated that the delivery of health education reproductive by a peer group with five days of peer sessions could increase knowledge on health reproductive. There were observable positive changes in views and opinions of the respondents on STIs and HIV, HIV anti-stigma and the use of condoms [10], [11]. Other studies have shown that school-based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective. However, to be more effective, it still requires continuity of services in the family and community. School-based sexual and reproductive health is the best alternative to get more adolescents in providing sexual and reproductive health information [12].

There had been several studies that prove that peer education is a method an effective for adolescents. A systematic review showed that using peer education could enhance the knowledge, attitude, practice, self-efficacy, positive behavior of adolescents toward health issues and as a result, it will promote the adolescent health. Other reseach showed that peer education can increase the average score before and after the intervention for knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about reproductive health. Peer education was associated with 36% decreased rates of HIV infection among overall high-risk groups (OR: 0.64; 95%, CI: 0.47–0.87). Peer education can promote HIV testing, condom use, and unprotected sex. Time trend analysis revealed that peer education had a consistent effect on behavior change for over 24 months [10], [13]. Several previous studies have shown peer educators increase knowledge in adolescent girls. However, there is no comparison between the increase in knowledge about reproductive health by peers and another trained person in this case is the counseling teacher. The purpose of this study is to know the effectiveness of peer educators and guidance counselling teachers in adolescent reproductive health level of knowledge.

## 2. RESEARCH METHOD

This research was a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental design nonequivalent control group design. The treatment group were respondents who were given information and assistance through peer educators. The second group as the control group were respondents counseling who were given information by the teacher four times for three months.

This study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators on the level of reproductive health level of knowledge of females adolescent of senior high school grade XI. The approach to this research is a behavioral science approach so that in this study an approach is used according to the *Procede Precede* theory [14]. In this study, what was examined was the change in the level of knowledge of high school students after being given information about adolescent reproductive health by providing information by peer educators as the treatment group and providing information by the guidance and counselling teacher as the control group. Both of groups used the same module of adolescents' reproductive health.

The 35 samples were obtained according to Lemeshow for each treatment group, so that the total sample size was 70 people [15]. The inclusion criteria in this study were: i) Students living with parents were identified from interviews; ii) Have a mobile phone that can be used to access information known from interviews; and iii) Students who are willing to become respondents and willing to be given treatment and sign an agreement after the explanation. The exclusion criteria in this study were students who did not take the pre test or post test or did not receive information from peer educators or counseling teachers.

Measurement of the pre and posttest knowledge level using a questionnaire. The questionnaire was about reproductive health such as anemia also HIV. First step was pretest and the next step the two groups were given intervention in the form of increased knowledge by peer educators as the group treatment and by the counseling teacher as the control group. And the last step was post test with the same questionnaire as pre test. The analysis used were univariate, bivariate and multivariate. Ethical clearance this study was obtained from Ethical Committee Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta No. e-KEPK/POLKESYO/0101/V/2019.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1. Respondent's characteristics

This research respondents was senior high school students (class XI). Respondents' characteristic based on participation of organizations inside and outside school, parents' education, parents' income, frequency interaction to peer and teacher and number of sources of information as well as homogeneity of the two research groups. The age range of the respondents was 15-17 years. Hence, the largest group age was 16 years (81.4%).

Based on Table 1, it is known that the most of the respondents attended organizations school both in the experimen group (57.1%) and the control group (62.9%). For participation in organizations outside of school the proportion differed in the two study groups. The largest proportion of the level education of the respondent's father is secondary education (48.6%) for the experiment group and 42.9% for the control group. However, for the control group the proportion of high school education is the same as middle school. Maternal education is mostly secondary education, both in the experiment group (54.3%) and the control group (51.4%).

The proportion of the respondent's parents' income is also the majority more than index in each regency. The number of sources of information on adolescent reproductive health majority >7 sources. The majority of sources of information are through television, the internet, teachers and friends. Frequency interaction for peer majority is not in accordance with the program in the study as 12 times interaction for (65.7%) and teachers was in accordance with the program (97.1%).

Table 1. Frequency distribution of respondents

Variable	Experimen/Peer N	%	Control/Teachers n	%	Homogeneity
Participation of organizations in schools					
No	15	42.9	13	37.1	0.624
Yes	20	57.1	22	62.9	(homogen)
Participation of organizations outside school					
No	16	45.7	19	54.3	0.473
Yes	19	54.3	16	45.7	(homogen)
Father's education					
Basic	5	14.3	5	14.3	0.875
Intermediate	17	48.6	15	42.9	(homogen)
High	13	37.1	15	42.9	
Mother's education					
Basic	5	14.3	7	20	0.815
Intermediate	19	54.3	18	51.4	(homogen)
High	11	29.4	10	26.6	
Parents' income					
<index	12	34.3	9	23.7	0.434
≥index	21	65.7	24	74.3	(homogen)
Number of information sources of adolescent reproductive health (ARH)					
<7	11	29.4	11	29.4	1.000
≥7	22	68.6	22	68.6	(homogen)
Interaction frequency with peer/teacher					
<12	21	65.7	1	2.9	
12	12	34.3	34	97.1	

### 3.2. Adolescents' reproductive health knowledge

The level of knowledge about reproductive health in the pre-test of both the experiment and the control groups was divided into two categories. The first category was good knowledge level for >76% rights answer. The second category was poor knowledge level for less than 76% rights answer.

Table 2 shows that the level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both groups were poor category. In experiment group was 77.1% and 82.9% in the control group. Different with the pre test, post test showed that poor category in experiments group 88.6%, while in the control group the proportion of the level of knowledge poor category was decrease up to 34.3%.

Table 2. Frequency distribution of knowledge level about adolescents' reproductive health pre dan post test in two groups

Variable	Experiment/Peer		Control/Teachers	
	n	%	n	%
Level knowledge pre test				
Poor	25	77.1	27	82.9
Good	8	22.9	6	17.1
Level knowledge post test				
Poor	29	88.6	12	34.3
Good	4	11.4	21	65.7

### 3.3. Bivariate analysis

Bivariate analysis used for analysis sources of information, participation of organizations inside and outside of school, and the number interaction to adolescent reproductive health knowledge after treatment. Bivariate analysis were done for each independent variable with the dependent variable. P-value <0.05 was used to consider the associated variables.

In Table 3, it showed that provision of information on adolescent reproductive with a value of  $p=0.000$ . The number of sources of information with a value of  $p=0.430$ . The participation of respondents in school organizations with value  $p=0.086$ , and for participation in non-school organizations and  $p=0.688$ . Bivariate analysis showed that the level of knowledge after treatment with a value of  $p=0.007$ .

Table 3. Bivariate analysis

Variable	Knowledge levels				p-value
	n	%	n	%	
Research group					
Peer	29	88.6	4	11.4	0.000
Teachers	12	34.3	21	65.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
Information sources					
<7 sources	15	68.2	7	29.8	0.430
>7 sources	26	58.3	20	41.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
Participation of organizations outside of school					
No	18	51.4	17	48.6	0.086
Yes	23	71.4	10	26.6	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
Participation of organizations in schools					
No	18	64.3	10	35.7	0.688
Yes	23	59.5	17	40.5	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
Interaction frequency with peer/teacher					
<12 times	20	83.3	4	16.7	0.007
12 times	21	50	21	50	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	

### 3.4. Multivariate analysis

The variables with p-value <0.23 were analyzed for multivariate analysis. Logistic regression was used for multivariate analysis. The final results of the multivariate analysis are presented in Table 4. The results of multivariate analysis in Table 4 shows that providing information by guidance and counselling teachers is increase respondents' knowledge about adolescent reproductive health with a value of  $p=0.000$  with an exp B of 15.480. Adolescence is period of transition from childhood to adulthood, during which there

is rapid growth, including reproductive functions, so that it affects changes developmental, both physical, mental, and social roles [1]. Lack of knowledge is alleged to be one of the causes of risky sexual behavior in adolescents [16], [17]. It is necessary to provide information about reproductive health to adolescents as an effort to prevent risky behavior in adolescents. Previous study stated that the positive impact of getting the right information and knowledge about reproductive health is able to prevent premarital sex behavior, unwanted pregnancy, human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), and STIs [18].

Table 4. Analysis of multivariate factors related to the level of knowledge of adolescent reproductive health after treatment

Variable	Sig.	Exp(B)	95.0% C.I. for EXP(B)	
			Lower	Upper
Information about reproductive health	0.000	15.480	4.242	56.225
Participation of organizations outside of school	0.117	0.383	0.115	1.251

In this study, the provision of information on adolescent reproductive health was carried out by peer counselors and guidance counseling teachers. The improvement of adolescent reproductive health can be seen from the knowledge about HIV, anemia among high school female students. Some studies had shown peer educator are effective at increasing knowledge about HIV in adolescents [19], [20]. A previous systematic review stated that improving knowledge of transmission routes with peer-based educational interventions seems to be particularly effective. The studies demonstrated significantly higher knowledge of sexual transmission of HIV among the intervention group having administered peer-education interventions [21].

In this study, it shows that the provision of information about health reproductive to adolescents statistically shows significance with a value of  $p=0.000$ . The frequency of interaction is also significant with  $p=0.007$ , where the number of interactions that are not in accordance with this research program has a proportion of the level of knowledge that is less than those more frequent interaction to the peer and teacher according to this research program. Learning about sex and reproductive health from peers and teachers is associated with adolescents' positive beliefs about having risky behavior which in turn are associated with their engagement in those same behaviors. Adolescents who frequently communicate with their friends and teachers about sex hold more positive expectancies about the social benefits and pleasure associated with sex, and are less likely to have expectancies about risk behavior [22].

The control group (teachers) is more optimal in guidance and counseling providing information to respondents, as same as previous study that school-based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective even though in this case the role of teachers is more effectively disseminated. with the peer role It is possible that a different approach is used between the teacher and the peer. Guidance counseling teachers also have as professionals who have the capacity to provide information about adolescent health [23]. School-based sex education plays a vital role in the sexual health and well-being of young people. Topics of reproductive health education can be addressed successfully across the curriculum is encouraging and offers much needed flexibility to schools, both in terms of available time and talented teachers to tackle difficult and important topics [24].

Sources of information about reproductive health for adolescents are from school books, television, teachers, friends and parents in the order same the previous study. The dissemination of reproductive health information is needed to help adolescents gain insights on decision making toward positive reproductive health and protect them from reproductive health risks [25]. Teachers had an important role in increasing knowledge of Adolescent Reproductive Health in their students [26]. Adolescent Reproductive Health Education by teachers is an effort to address student reproductive health problems. Teachers had a major role in the world of education, this is because teachers interact directly with students in providing education. The importance of teachers' competence its effect on student learning. In general, research has indicated that specific cognitive abilities and personality characteristics determine to what extent teachers can be effective in delivering high quality instruction [27]. Education was shown to be a factor associated with HIV awareness as adolescents with at least a primary education reported high levels of HIV awareness compared to those without any formal schooling. Young adolescents with adequate HIV knowledge will most likely know how to protect themselves and are less likely to stigmatize those infected or affected as the survey observed that stigmatizing tendencies were low among young adolescents with comprehensive HIV knowledge. Schools as sources of HIV information [AOR=8.06, 95% C.I (1.70–38.33),  $p<0.001$ ] was associated with comprehensive HIV knowledge [28]. The other studies, many adolescents lack knowledge of STIs other than HIV. About 55.9% did not know about STIs. While in the multivariate analysis being in

school was significant positive correlates of STI knowledge [11]. Other research showed that parents and teachers found the idea of screening for STIs in adolescent girls to be acceptable, and were comfortable with research staff contacting girls through informational meetings at schools [29].

The participation of organizations and information sources does not significant to level of knowledge of adolescents. Other study showed that there was no difference in the level of knowledge and attitudes of students about adolescent reproductive health based on participation in the adolescent information and counseling center (PIK-R) program [30]. Nevertheless, another study stated that there is relationship between the use of PIK-R and knowledge of reproduction in adolescents [31]. It is important to identify the characteristics of youth in terms of organizational participation. This is related to environment around them that can influence a behavior. Several studies have shown that the environmental factors were the role of parents, the role of school, the role of friends or the community. Adolescents are in the developmental stage of expanding and exploring friendships. The results from a systematic review in 2019 highlight a body of evidence supporting the importance of peer networks on adolescent health behaviors through social processes [32].

Multivariate analysis showed that the guidance and counseling teachers have an exp B 14.6 times more good knowledge than peer. It refers to previous study that to improve and increase knowledge and preventing early marriage it is necessary to have formal activities at school. Eventough, health policies must combine interventions at the individual, school, and family levels [33]. Previous study showed that to improve students' reproductive health knowledge need to support and improved teachers' knowledge, comfort, and skills for delivering sexual health education in junior and high schools. Curriculum guided teachers need to built in their implementation of content, activities, and assessment strategies, providing a structured and unique focus on building students' health [34].

#### 4. CONCLUSION

There is an effect of providing information by guidance counselling teachers with the level of knowledge counseling respondents about adolescent reproductive health. There were increase level of knowledge in post test results. The role of counseling teachers cannot be replaced by peers, so that these two roles can be carried out together to make it more effective.

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This study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators on the level of reproductive health level of knowledge of adolescent girls. The approach to this research is a behavioral science approach so that in this study an approach is used according to the Procede Precede theory (L. Green). In this study, what was examined was the change in the level of knowledge of high school students after being given information about adolescent reproductive health by providing information by peer educators as the treatment group and providing information by the guidance and counselling teacher as the group control.

The 35 samples were obtained according to Lemeshow for each treatment group, so that the total sample size was 70 people. The inclusion criteria in this study were as follows: (1) Students living with parents were identified from interviews; (2) Have a mobile phone that can be used to access information known from interviews; (3) Students who are willing to become respondents and willing to be given treatment and sign an agreement after the explanation. The exclusion criteria in this study were students who did not take the pre test or post test or did not receive information from peer educators or counseling teachers.

Measurement of the pre and posttest knowledge level using a questionnaire. The questionnaire given contains knowledge of high school students about anemia and HIV. After doing the pre-test, subjects research were given intervention in the form of increased knowledge by peer educators as the group treatment and by the counseling teacher as the control group. The analyzes used were univariate, bivariate and multivariate.

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	n	%	n	%	
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No	15	42.9	13	37.1	0.626
Yes	20	57.1	22	62.9	(homogen)
<b>Participation of organizations outside school</b>					
No	16	45.7	19	54.3	0.473
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Basic	5	14.3	5	14.3	0.875
Intermediate	17	48.6	15	42.9	(homogen)
High	13	37.1	15	42.9	
<b>Mother's Education</b>					
Basic	5	14.3	7	20	0.815
Intermediate	19	54.3	18	51.4	(homogen)
High	11	31.4	10	28.6	
<b>Parents' Income</b>					
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<b>Number of Information Sources KRR</b>					
<7	11	31.4	11	31.4	1.000
≥7	24	68.6	24	68.6	(homogen)
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Not suitable <12	23	65.7	1	2.9	
Suitable (12)	12	34.3	34	97.1	

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The proportion of the respondent's parents' income is also the majority more than the UMR in each district. The number of sources of information on adolescent reproductive health was mostly > 7 sources. The majority of sources of information are through television, the internet, teachers and friends. The number of face-to-face meetings with peers was mostly not in accordance with the program in the study, namely 12 times that had been delivered in the provision of material and debriefing, which was 65.7%. Most of the control group was in accordance with the program, namely 97.1%.

Table 2. Frequency distribution of knowledge level about adolescents reproductive health pre dan post test in two groups

Variabel	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Level knowledge pre test</b>				
Poor	27	77.1	29	82.9
Good	8	22.9	6	17.1
<b>Level knowledge post test</b>				
Poor	31	88.6	12	34.3
Good	4	11.4	23	65.7

Table 2 showed that the level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both group were Poor category. In experiment group was 77.1% and 82.9% in the control group. Different with the pre test, post stest showed that poor category in experiments grup 88.6%, while in the control group the proportion of the level of knowledge poor category was decrease up to to 34.3%.

Table 3. Bivariate analysis of research groups, sources of information, participation of organizations inside and outside of school, and the number of face-to-face knowledge about adolescent reproductive health in adolescent girls after treatment

Variable	Knowledge Levels				p-value
	Poor n	%	Baik n	%	
<b>Research Group</b>					
Peer	31	88.6	4	11.4	0.000
Teachers	12	34.3	23	65.7	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Information sources</b>					
≤7 sources	15	68.2	7	31.8	0.432
>7 sources	28	58.3	20	41.7	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations outside of school</b>					
No	18	51.4	17	48.6	0.086
Yes	25	71.4	10	28.6	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
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No	18	64.3	10	35.7	0.688
Yes	25	59.5	17	40.5	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Total face-to-face peer / counseling teachers</b>					
Not suitable <12	20	83.3	4	16.7	0.007
Suitable (12)	23	50	23	50	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	

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p=0.000. The number of sources of information with a value of p = 0.432. The participation of respondents in school organizations with value p = 0.086, and for participation in non-school organizations and p = 0.688. Bivariate analysis showed that the level of knowledge after treatment with a value of p = 0.007. The variables having a p value <0.25 were analyzed for multivariate analysis. The results of multivariate analysis are presented in table 4.

Table 4. Analysis of multivariate factors related to the level of knowledge of adolescent reproductive health after treatment

Variable	Sig.	Exp(B)	95.0% C.I. for EXP(B)	
			Lower	Upper
Information about reproductive health	0.000	15.480	4.262	56.227
Participation of organizations outside of school	0.117	0.383	0.115	1.271

The results of multivariate analysis in table 4 showed that providing information by guidance and counselling teachers is increase respondents' knowledge about adolescent reproductive health with a value of p = 0.000 with an exp B of 15,480.

Discussion

Adolescence is period of transition from chidhood to adulthood, during which there is rapid growth, including reproductive functions, so that it affectschanges developmental, both physical, mental, and social roles.<sup>3</sup> Lack of knowledge is alleged to be one of the causes of risky sexual behavior in adolescents.<sup>14, 15</sup> It is necessary to provide information about reproductive health to adolescents as an effort to prevent risky behavior in adolescents.<sup>16,17</sup>

In this study, the provision of information on adolescent reproductive health was carried out by peer counselors and counseling teachers. The improvement of adolescent reproductive health can be seen from the knowledge about HIV, anemia and the increase in HB among high school students. Previous research had shown peer educator are effective at increasing knowledge about HIV in adolescents.<sup>18, 19,20</sup>

In this study, it shows that the provision of information about health reproductiveto adolescents statistically shows significance with a value of p = 0.000. The amount of face-to-face is also significant with p = 0.007, where the number of faces that are not in accordance with this research program is that the number of people who are not in accordance with this research program has a proportion of the level of knowledge that is less than those who get face to face according to this research program.

In this study, one of the effectiveness of the intervention was assessed by the increase in HB in the study subjects. Research conducted by Shoba P Shah et al shows that anemia in adolescence can be reduced through weekly iron tablet supplementation under direct supervision and Nutrition Education by Peer Educators at the community level.<sup>21</sup> Apart from peer educators, teachers and other professionals also have an influence on increasing adolescent knowledge in preventing anemia.<sup>22</sup>

The control group (teachers) is more optimal in guidance and counseling providing information to respondents, this is in line with the research of Jones, M et al and Hull stated that school based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective even though in this case the role of teachers is more effectively disseminated. with the peer role It is possible that a different approach is used between the teacher and the peer. Counseling teachers also have as professionals who have the capacity to provide information about adolescent health.<sup>8,23</sup>

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Teachers had a major role in the world of education, this is because teachers interact directly with students in providing education.<sup>26</sup> However, in the researched conducted by Zaenal Sugianto and Suharyo, most of the BK teachers had not good knowledge of materials, methods, and their role as KRR education.<sup>27</sup>

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### Conclusion

There is an effect of providing information by teachers with the level of knowledge counseling respondent's about adolescent reproductive health. There were increase level of knowledge in post test results. The role of counseling teachers cannot be replaced by peers, so that these two roles can be carried out together to make it more effective.

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There had been several studies that prove that peer education is a method an effective for adolescents. Research conducted by [Sriasih](#) at SMA N 2 Denpasar shows that peer education has a significant effect on the knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about the dangers of free sex. Similar research has also been conducted by Hatami that peer education can increase the average score before and after the intervention for knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about reproductive health.<sup>9,10</sup> In this regard,

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This study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators on the level of reproductive health level of knowledge of adolescent girls. The approach to this research is a behavioral science approach so that in this study an approach is used according to the Procede Precede theory (L. Green). In this study, what was examined was the change in the level of knowledge of high school students after being given information about adolescent reproductive health by providing information by peer educators as the treatment group and providing information by the guidance and counselling teacher as the group control.

The 35 samples were obtained according to Lemeshow for each treatment group, so that the total sample size was 70 people. The inclusion criteria in this study were as follows: (1) Students living with parents were identified from interviews; (2) Have a mobile phone that can be used to access information known from interviews; (3) Students who are willing to become respondents and willing to be given treatment and sign an agreement after the explanation. The exclusion criteria in this study were students who did not take the pre test or post test or did not receive information from peer educators or counseling teachers.

Measurement of the pre and posttest knowledge level using a questionnaire. The questionnaire given contains knowledge of high school students about anemia and HIV. After doing the pre-test, subjects researchwere given intervention in the form of increased knowledge by peer educators as the group treatment and by the counseling teacher as the control group. The analyzes used were univariate, bivariate and multivariate.

## Result

This research conducted on class XI of senior high school students. The age range of the respondents was 15-17 years. The largest group age was 16 years (81.4%).

Table 1. Frequency Distribution of Respondents based on participation of organizations inside and outside school, Parents Education, Parents' Income, Fe tablets consumed, face to face, body mass index and number of sources of information as well as homogeneity of the two research groups..

Variable	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers		Homogeneity
	n	%	n	%	
<b>Participation of organizations in schools</b>					
No	15	42.9	13	37.1	0.626
Yes	20	57.1	22	62.9	(homogen)
<b>Participation of organizations outside school</b>					
No	16	45.7	19	54.3	0.473
Yes	19	54.3	16	45.7	(homogen)
<b>Father's Education</b>					
Basic	5	14.3	5	14.3	0.875
Intermediate	17	48.6	15	42.9	(homogen)
High	13	37.1	15	42.9	

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**Mother's Education**

Basic	5	14.3	7	20	0.815 (homogen)
Intermediate	19	54.3	18	51.4	
High	11	31.4	10	28.6	

**Parents' Income**

<index	12	34.3	9	25.7	0.434 (homogen)
≥index	23	65.7	26	74.3	

**Number of Information Sources KRR**

<7	11	31.4	11	31.4	1.000 (homogen)
≥7	24	68.6	24	68.6	

**Number of face-to-face peer / Teachers**

Not suitable <12	23	65.7	1	2.9
Suitable (12)	12	34.3	34	97.1

Based on table 1, it is known that most of the respondents attended organizations school both in the eksperimen group (57.1%) and the control group (62.9%). For participation in organizations outside of school the proportion differed in the two study groups. The largest proportion of the level education of the respondent's father is secondary education, namely 48.6% for the case group and 42.9% for the control group. However, for the control group the proportion of high school education is the same as middle school. Maternal education is mostly secondary education, both in the case group (54.3%) and the control group (51.4%).

The proportion of the respondent's parents' income is also the majority more than the UMR in each district. The number of sources of information on adolescent reproductive health was mostly > 7 sources. The majority of sources of information are through television, the internet, teachers and friends. The number of face-to-face meetings with peers was mostly not in accordance with the program in the study, namely 12 times that had been delivered in the provision of material and debriefing, which was 65.7%. Most of the control group was in accordance with the program, namely 97.1%.

Table 2. Frequency distribution of knowledge level about adolescents reproductive health pre dan post test in two groups

Variabel	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Level knowledge pre test</b>				
Poor	27	77.1	29	82.9
Good	8	22.9	6	17.1
<b>Level knowledge post test</b>				
Poor	31	88.6	12	34.3
Good	4	11.4	23	65.7

Table 2 showed that the level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both group were Poor category. In experiment group was 77.1% and 82.9% in the control group. Different with the pre test, post test showed that poor category in experiments grup 88.6%, while in the control group the proportion of the level of knowledge poor category was decrease up to 34.3%.

Table 3. Bivariate analysis of research groups, sources of information, participation of organizations inside and outside of school, and the number of face-to-face knowledge about adolescent reproductive

health in adolescent girls after treatment

Variable	Knowledge Levels				p-value
	Poor n	%	Baik n	%	
<b>Research Group</b>					
Peer	31	88.6	4	11.4	0.000
Teachers	12	34.3	23	65.7	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Information sources</b>					
≤7 sources	15	68.2	7	31.8	0.432
>7 sources	28	58.3	20	41.7	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations outside of school</b>					
No	18	51.4	17	48.6	0.086
Yes	25	71.4	10	28.6	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations in schools</b>					
No	18	64.3	10	35.7	0.688
Yes	25	59.5	17	40.5	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	
<b>Total face-to-face peer / counseling teachers</b>					
Not suitable <12	20	83.3	4	16.7	0.007
Suitable (12)	23	50	23	50	
Total	43	61.4	27	38.6	

In table 3, showed that provision of information on adolescent reproductive with a value of  $p=0.000$ . The number of sources of information with a value of  $p = 0.432$ . The participation of respondents in school organizations with value  $p = 0.086$ , and for participation in non-school organizations and  $p = 0.688$ . Bivariate analysis showed that the level of knowledge after treatment with a value of  $p = 0.007$ . The variables having a  $p$  value  $<0.25$  were analyzed for multivariate analysis. The results of multivariate analysis are presented in table 4.

Table 4. Analysis of multivariate factors related to the level of knowledge of adolescent reproductive health after treatment

Variable	Sig.	Exp(B)	95.0% C.I. for EXP(B)	
			Lower	Upper
Information about reproductive health	0.000	15.480	4.262	56.227
Participation of organizations outside of school	0.117	0.383	0.115	1.271

The results of multivariate analysis in table 4 showed that providing information by guidance and counselling teachers is increase respondents' knowledge about adolescent reproductive health with a value

of  $p = 0.000$  with an exp B of 15,480.

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## Discussion

Adolescence is period of transition from childhood to adulthood, during which there is rapid growth, including reproductive functions, so that it affects changes developmental, both physical, mental, and social roles.<sup>3</sup> Lack of knowledge is alleged to be one of the causes of risky sexual behavior in adolescents.<sup>14, 15</sup> It is necessary to provide information about reproductive health to adolescents as an effort to prevent risky behavior in adolescents.<sup>16,17</sup>

In this study, the provision of information on adolescent reproductive health was carried out by peer counselors and counseling teachers. The improvement of adolescent reproductive health can be seen from the knowledge about HIV, anemia and the increase in HB among high school students. Previous research had shown peer educator are effective at increasing knowledge about HIV in adolescents.<sup>18, 19,20</sup>

In this study, it shows that the provision of information about health reproductive to adolescents statistically shows significance with a value of  $p = 0.000$ . The amount of face-to-face is also significant with  $p = 0.007$ , where the number of faces that are not in accordance with this research program is that the number of people who are not in accordance with this research program has a proportion of the level of knowledge that is less than those who get face to face according to this research program.

In this study, one of the effectiveness of the intervention was assessed by the increase in HB in the study subjects. Research conducted by Shoba P Shah et al shows that anemia in adolescence can be reduced through weekly iron tablet supplementation under direct supervision and Nutrition Education by Peer Educators at the community level.<sup>21</sup> Apart from peer educators, teachers and other professionals also have an influence on increasing adolescent knowledge in preventing anemia.<sup>22</sup>

The control group (teachers) is more optimal in guidance and counseling providing information to respondents, this is in line with the research of Jones, M et al and Hull stated that school based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective even though in this case the role of teachers is more effectively disseminated. with the peer role It is possible that a different approach is used between the teacher and the peer. Counseling teachers also have as professionals who have the capacity to provide information about adolescent health.<sup>8,23</sup>

In a study conducted by Kotecha PV et al. Sources of information on health human reproductive for adolescents are school books, television, teachers, friends and parents in the order same.<sup>24</sup> Teachers had an important role in increasing knowledge of Adolescent Reproductive Health in their students.<sup>25</sup> Adolescent Reproductive Health Education by teachers is an effort to address student reproductive health problems. Teachers had a major role in the world of education, this is because teachers interact directly with students in providing education.<sup>26</sup> However, in the researched conducted by Zaenal Sugianto and Suharyo, most of the BK teachers had not good knowledge of materials, methods, and their role as KRR education.<sup>27</sup>

The participation of organizations and information sources does not have a statistical meaning in the level of knowledge of adolescents. In line with research conducted by Ima Juliana et al, which states that there was no difference in the level of knowledge and attitudes of students about adolescent reproductive health based on participation in the PIK-R program.<sup>28</sup> Another case with research conducted by Sri Wulandari and Dwi Hastuti et al which showed a significant relationship between the use of PIK-R and knowledge of reproduction in adolescents.<sup>29, 30</sup>

In the multivariate analysis, the results show that the guidance and counseling teachers have an exp B 14.6 times more good knowledge than those who do not It is in line with Mouli's research that in increasing knowledge and preventing early marriage it is necessary to have formal activities at school.<sup>14</sup>

## Conclusion

There is an effect of providing information by teachers with the level of knowledge counseling respondent's about adolescent reproductive health. There were increase level of knowledge in post test results. The role of counseling teachers cannot be replaced by peers, so that these two roles can be carried out together to make it more effective.

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# The Effectiveness between Peer Educators and Guidance Counselling Teachers to Reproductive Health Level Knowledge

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## ABSTRACT

Adolescents is the most vulnerable period to reproductive health problems. These problems include early pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually infections transmitted (STIs) including the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), sexual abuse. Access for sexuality education and reproductive health services to comprehensive and youth-friendly was limited. There had been several studies about effective methods for increasing adolescents knowledge about reproductive health. Peer educator was effective for increasing adolescents knowledge about reproductive health. This study aims to determine the effectiveness of peer educators and guidance and counselling teachers in adolescent reproductive health level of knowledge. The methods in this study is a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental nonequivalent control group design with treatment groups using peer educators and teacher as control groups. Samples used was 70 respondents. Data collected by questionnaire that already had validity and reliability test. Data analysis used univariate, t-test and logistic regression. The results of this study showed that the provision of information was more effective through guidance counselling teachers ( $p = 0,000$ ,  $\exp B = 14.5$ ). This study recommends that improve adolescents reproductive knowledge need to optimize the role of guidance and counseling teachers in providing information.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Adolescents were a population in the age range of 10-19 years according to the World Health Organization (WHO) which is estimated to be nearly 1.2 million worldwide. In some countries the proportion of adolescents is almost 25% of the total population[1]. In 2018 there were an estimated 12.8 million births among adolescent girls aged 15–19 years, representing 44 births per 1000 adolescent girls. Adolescent Birth Rates are lowest in high-income countries (12 births per 1000 adolescent girls) and highest in low-income countries (97 births per 1000). Indonesia was the 37<sup>th</sup> country with a high percentage of young marriage and is the second highest in ASEAN after Cambodia. The ABR was very high in Indonesia, at 48.0 per 1000 women in 2010. Child marriage often leads to childbirth at a young age, which can endanger the safety of both mother and baby[2]. Pregnancy and childbirth complications are estimated to be the leading cause of death among 15-19-year-old girls worldwide. Adolescents aged 15-19 years have greater maternal health risks than women just a few years older[3].

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Health risks to adolescent girls need attention. The agreement of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activity) as well as WHO on health adolescent reproductive in 1989, that there is a need for efforts to solve adolescent health problems as a transition period from adolescence to adulthood. In this period, it is quite crucial, considering that adolescence is a process of physical, psychological and changes behavioral that greatly affect the health status of adolescents. The efforts to solve adolescent health problems is providing quality education and reproductive health services for adolescent[5].

Youth and young people access for sex education and reproductive health services to comprehensive and youth-friendly was limited, therefore, adolescents reproductive health knowledge was still low. Data showed that most of adolescents had little or no understanding about adolescent reproductive health. The above points indicate the importance of education to prevent reproductive health problems. Reproductive health services need to available in the community. These include health education, counselling, and provision of contraceptive services[6]. Meanwhile, reproductive health education in Indonesia was generally carried out in the form of counseling by institutions outside of schools, such as the BKKBN and PKBI. Research shows that adolescents in developing countries are in dire need of education reproductive health. There was an influence of health education on adolescent knowledges and attitudes about reproductive health[7].

The majority of girls said they communicated menstruation to their friends compared to their mothers or fathers. About 37.3% of adolescents girls have low knowledge about menstruation. The role of friends is very important in providing information to adolescents. Other research stated that the delivery of health education reproductive by a peer group with five days of peer sessions could increase knowledge on health reproductive. There were observable positive changes in views and opinions of the respondents on STIs and HIV, HIV anti-stigma and the use of condoms[8], [9]. Other studies have shown that school-based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective. However, to be more effective, it still requires continuity of services in the family and community. School-

based sexual and reproductive health is the best alternative to get more adolescents in providing sexual and reproductive health information[10].

There had been several studies that prove that peer education is a method an effective for adolescents. A systematic review showed that using peer education could enhance the knowledge, attitude, practice, self-efficacy, positive behavior of adolescents toward health issues and as a result, it will promote the adolescent health. Other research showed that peer education can increase the average score before and after the intervention for knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about reproductive health. Peer education was associated with 36% decreased rates of HIV infection among overall high risk groups (OR: 0.64; 95%CI: 0.47–0.87). Peer education can promote HIV testing, condom use, and unprotected sex. Time trend analysis revealed that peer education had a consistent effect on behavior change for over 24 months[8], [11]. Several previous studies have shown peer educators increase knowledge in adolescent girls. However, there is no comparison between the increase in knowledge about reproductive health by peers and another trained person in this case is the counseling teacher. The purpose of this study is to know the effectiveness of peer educators and guidance counselling teachers in adolescent reproductive health level of knowledge.

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This research was a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental design nonequivalent control group design. The treatment group were respondents who were given information and assistance through peer educators. The second group as the control group were respondents counseling who were given information by the teacher 4 times for 3 months.

This study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators on the level of reproductive health level of knowledge of females adolescent of senior high school grade XI. The approach to this research is a behavioral science approach so that in this study an approach is used according to the Procede Precede theory (L. Green). In this study, what was examined was the change in the level of knowledge of high school students after being given information about adolescent reproductive health by providing information by peer educators as the treatment group and providing information by the guidance and counselling teacher as the group control. Both of groups used the same modul of adolescents reproductive health.

The 35 samples were obtained according to Lemeshow for each treatment group, so that the total sample size was 70 people. The inclusion criteria in this study were as follows: (1) Students living with parents were identified from interviews; (2) Have a mobile phone that can be used to access information known from interviews; (3) Students who are willing to become respondents and willing to be given treatment and sign an agreement after the explanation. The exclusion criteria in this study were students who did not take the pre test or post test or did not receive information from peer educators or counseling teachers.

Measurement of the pre and posttest knowledge level using a questionnaire. The questionnaire was about reproductive health such as anemia also HIV. First step was pretest and the next step the two groups were given intervention in the form of increased knowledge by peer educators as the group treatment and by the counseling teacher as the control group. And the last step was post test with the same questionnaire as pre test. The analysis used were univariate, bivariate and multivariate. Ethical clearance this study from ethical committee Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta No. e-KEPK/POLKESYO/0101/V/2019.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 1.1 Respondent characteristics

This research respondents was senior high school students XI class. Respondents characteristic based on participation of organizations inside and outside school, parents' education, parents' income, frequency interaction to peer and teacher and number of sources of information as well as homogeneity of the two research groups. The age range of the respondents was 15-17 years. The largest group age was 16 years (81.4%).

Table 1. Frequency Distribution of Respondents

Variable	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers		Homogeneity
	N	%	n	%	
Participation of organizations in schools					
No	15	42.9	13	37.1	0.624
Yes	20	57.1	22	62.9	(homogen)
Participation of organizations outside school					
No	16	45.7	19	54.3	0.473
Yes	19	54.3	16	45.7	(homogen)
Father's Education					
Basic	5	14.3	5	14.3	0.875
Intermediate	17	48.6	15	42.9	(homogen)
High	13	37.1	15	42.9	
Mother's Education					
Basic	5	14.3	7	20	0.815
Intermediate	19	54.3	18	51.4	(homogen)
High	11	29.4	10	26.6	
Parents' Income					
<index	12	34.3	9	23.7	0.434
≥index	21	65.7	24	74.3	(homogen)
Number of Information Sources KRR					
<7	11	29.4	11	29.4	1.000
≥7	22	68.6	22	68.6	(homogen)
Interaction frequency with peer/ teacher					
<12	21	65.7	1	2.9	
12	12	34.3	34	97.1	

Based on table 1, it is known that the most of the respondents attended organizations school both in the experimen group (57.1%) and the control group (62.9%). For participation in organizations outside of school the proportion differed in the two study groups. The largest proportion of the level education of the respondent's father is secondary education (48.6%) for the experiment group and 42.9% for the

control group. However, for the control group the proportion of high school education is the same as middle school. Maternal education is mostly secondary education, both in the experiment group (54.3%) and the control group (51.4%).

The proportion of the respondent's parents' income is also the majority more than index in each regency. The number of sources of information on adolescent reproductive health majority >7 sources. The majority of sources of information are through television, the internet, teachers and friends. Frequency interaction for peer majority is not in accordance with the program in the study as 12 times interaction for (65.7%) and teachers was in accordance with the program (97.1%).

### 1.2 Adolescents Reproductive Health Knowledge

The level of knowledge about reproductive health in the pre-test of both the experiment and the control groups was divided in two categories. The first category was good knowledge level for >76% rights answer. The second category was poor knowledge level for less than 76% rights answer.

Table 2. Frequency distribution of knowledge level about adolescents reproductive health pre dan post test in two groups

Variable	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Level knowledge pre test</b>				
Poor	25	77.1	27	82.9
Good	8	22.9	6	17.1
<b>Level knowledge post test</b>				
Poor	29	88.6	12	34.3
Good	4	11.4	21	65.7

Table 2 showed that the level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both group were Poor category. In experiment group was 77.1% and 82.9% in the control group. Different with the pre test, post test showed that poor category in experiments grup 88.6%, while in the control group the proportion of the level of knowledge poor category was decrease up to to 34.3%.

### 1.3 Bivariate analysis

Bivariat analysis used for analysis sources of information, participation of organizations inside and outside of school, and the number interaction to adolescent reproductive health knowledge after treatment. Bivariate analysis were done for each independent variable with the dependent variable. P-value<0,05 was used to consider the associated variables.

Table 3. Bivariate analysis

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Variable	Knowledge Levels				p-value
	Poor		Good		
	n	%	n	%	
Research Group					
Peer	29	88.6	4	11.4	0.000
Teachers	12	34.3	21	65.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	

<b>Information sources</b>					
≤7 sources	15	68.2	7	29.8	0.430
>7 sources	26	58.3	20	41.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations outside of school</b>					
No	18	51.4	17	48.6	0.086
Yes	23	71.4	10	26.6	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations in schools</b>					
No	18	64.3	10	35.7	0.688
Yes	23	59.5	17	40.5	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Interaction frequency with peer/ teacher</b>					
<12 times	20	83.3	4	16.7	0.007
12 times	21	50	21	50	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	

In table 3, showed that provision of information on adolescent reproductive with a value of  $p=0.000$ . The number of sources of information with a value of  $p = 0.430$ . The participation of respondents in school organizations with value  $p = 0.086$ , and for participation in non-school organizations and  $p = 0.688$ . Bivariate analysis showed that the level of knowledge after treatment with a value of  $p = 0.007$ .

#### 1.4 Multivariate analysis

The variables with  $p$ -value  $<0.23$  were analyzed for multivariate analysis. Logistic regression was used for multivariate analysis. The final results of the multivariate analysis are presented in table 4.

Table 4. Analysis of multivariate factors related to the level of knowledge of adolescent reproductive health after treatment

Variable	Sig.	Exp(B)	95.0% C.I. for EXP(B)	
			Lower	Upper
Information about reproductive health	0.000	15.480	4.242	56.225
Participation of organizations outside of school	0.117	0.383	0.115	1.251

The results of multivariate analysis in table 4 showed that providing information by guidance and counselling teachers is increase respondents' knowledge about adolescent reproductive health with a value of  $p = 0.000$  with an exp B of 15,480. Adolescence is period of transition from childhood to adulthood,

during which there is rapid growth, including reproductive functions, so that it affects changes developmental, both physical, mental, and social roles[1]. Lack of knowledge is alleged to be one of the causes of risky sexual behavior in adolescents[12], [13]. It is necessary to provide information about reproductive health to adolescents as an effort to prevent risky behavior in adolescents. Previous study stated that the positive impact of getting the right information and knowledge about reproductive health is able to prevent premarital sex behavior, unwanted pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and STIs[14].

In this study, the provision of information on adolescent reproductive health was carried out by peer counselors and guidance counseling teachers. The improvement of adolescent reproductive health can be seen from the knowledge about HIV, anemia among high school female students. Some studies had shown peer educator are effective at increasing knowledge about HIV in adolescents[15], [16]. A previous systematic review stated that improving knowledge of transmission routes with peer-based educational interventions seems to be particularly effective. The studies demonstrated significantly higher knowledge of sexual transmission of HIV among the intervention group having administered peer-education interventions[17].

In this study, it shows that the provision of information about health reproductive to adolescents statistically shows significance with a value of  $p = 0.000$ . The frequency of interaction is also significant with  $p = 0.007$ , where the number of interaction that are not in accordance with this research program has a proportion of the level of knowledge that is less than those more frequent interaction to the peer and teacher according to this research program. Learning about sex and reproductive health from peers and teachers is associated with adolescents' positive beliefs about having risky behavior which in turn are associated with their engagement in those same behaviors. Adolescents who frequently communicate with their friends and teachers about sex hold more positive expectancies about the social benefits and pleasure associated with sex, and are less likely to have expectancies about risk behavior[18].

The control group (teachers) is more optimal in guidance and counseling providing information to respondents, as same as previous study that school based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective even though in this case the role of teachers is more effectively disseminated. with the peer role It is possible that a different approach is used between the teacher and the peer. Guidance counseling teachers also have as professionals who have the capacity to provide information about adolescent health[19]. School-based sex education plays a vital role in the sexual health and well-being of young people. Topics of reproductive health education can be addressed successfully across the curriculum is encouraging and offers much needed flexibility to schools, both in terms of available time and talented teachers to tackle difficult and important topics[20].

Sources of information about reproductive health for adolescents are from school books, television, teachers, friends and parents in the order same the previous study. The dissemination of reproductive health information is needed to help adolescents gain insights on decision making toward positive reproductive health and protect them from reproductive health risks[21]. Teachers had an important role in increasing knowledge of Adolescent Reproductive Health in their students[22]. Adolescent Reproductive Health Education by teachers is an effort to address student reproductive health problems. Teachers had a major role in the world of education, this is because teachers interact directly with students in providing education. The importance of teachers' competence its effect on student learning. In general, research has indicated that specific cognitive abilities and personality characteristics determine to what extent teachers can be effective in delivering high quality instruction[23]. Education was shown to be a factor associated with HIV awareness as adolescents with at least a primary education reported high levels of HIV awareness compared to those without any formal schooling. Young



adolescents with adequate HIV knowledge will most likely know how to protect themselves and are less likely to stigmatize those infected or affected as the survey observed that stigmatizing tendencies were low among young adolescents with comprehensive HIV knowledge. Schools as sources of HIV information [AOR = 8.06, 95% C.I (1.70–38.33),  $p < 0.001$ ] was associated with comprehensive HIV knowledge[24]. The other studies, many adolescents lack knowledge of STIs other than HIV. About 55.9% did not know about STIs. While in the multivariate analysis being in school was significant positive correlates of STI knowledge[9]. Other research showed that parents and teachers found the idea of screening for STIs in adolescent girls to be acceptable, and were comfortable with research staff contacting girls through informational meetings at schools[25].

The participation of organizations and information sources does not significant to level of knowledge of adolescents. Other study showed that there was no difference in the level of knowledge and attitudes of students about adolescent reproductive health based on participation in the PIK-R program[26]. Nevertheless, another study stated that there is relationship between the use of PIK-R and knowledge of reproduction in adolescents[27]. It is important to identify the characteristics of youth in terms of organizational participation. This is related to environment around them that can influence a behavior. Several studies have shown that the environmental factors were the role of parents, the role of school, the role of friends or the community. Adolescents are in the developmental stage of expanding and exploring friendships. The results from a systematic review in 2019 highlight a body of evidence supporting the importance of peer networks on adolescent health behaviors through social processes[28].

Multivariate analysis showed that the guidance and counseling teachers have an exp B 14.6 times more good knowledge than peer. It refers to previous study that to improve and increase knowledge and preventing early marriage it is necessary to have formal activities at school. Eventough, health policies must combine interventions at the individual, school, and family levels[29]. Previous study showed that to improve students reproductive health knowledge need to support and improved teachers' knowledge, comfort, and skills for delivering sexual health education in junior and high schools. Curriculum guided teachers need to built in their implementation of content, activities, and assessment strategies, providing a structured and unique focus on building students' health[30].

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

There is an effect of providing information by guidance counselling teachers with the level of knowledge counseling respondent's about adolescent reproductive health. There were increase level of knowledge in post test results. The role of counseling teachers cannot be replaced by peers, so that these two roles can be carried out together to make it more effective.

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## The Effectiveness between Peer Educators and Guidance Counselling Teachers to Reproductive Health Level Knowledge

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Adolescents are the most vulnerable period for reproductive health problems. These problems include early pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and sexual abuse. Access to comprehensive and youth-appropriate sexuality education and reproductive health services is limited. There have been several studies on effective ways to increase knowledge of adolescent reproductive health. Peer educators effectively expand reproductive health knowledge among youth. The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators and counselling tutors on the level of reproductive health knowledge among adolescents. The methodology in this study was a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental non-equivalent control group design, with the treatment group using peer educators and teachers as control groups. The sample used was 70 respondents. Data collected through questionnaires that have been tested for validity and reliability. Data analysis used univariate, t-test and logistic regression. The results of this study showed that providing information through guidance counselors was more effective ( $p=0.000$ ,  $\exp B=14.5$ ). This study suggests that improving reproductive knowledge among adolescents requires optimizing the role of mentoring and counseling teachers in providing information.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), adolescents are the demographic group between the ages of 10 and 19, estimated to be nearly 1.2 million worldwide. In some countries, young people make up almost a quarter of the population.<sup>1</sup> Indonesia was the 37<sup>th</sup> country with a high percentage of young marriage and is the second highest in ASEAN after Cambodia. The Adolescent Birth Rate (ABR) was very high in Indonesia, at 48.0 per 1000 women in 2010. Child marriage often leads to childbirth at a young age, which can endanger the safety of both mother and baby.<sup>2</sup>

Adolescence is a vulnerable time for reproductive health problems. These problems include early pregnancy, unsafe abortion, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and sexual abuse.<sup>3</sup> Indonesia was among the 37<sup>th</sup> country with a high percentage of young marriage and is the second highest in ASEAN after Cambodia. The proportion of women aged 15 to 19 who gave birth also increased from 9% in 2007 to 10% in 2012. Data on adolescent sexual experiences, it is known that male adolescents who have had sexual intercourse are higher (8%) than female adolescents (2%).<sup>2</sup>

Health risks to adolescent girls need attention. Figures childbirth in adolescents (the adolescent birth

rate /ABR) was still very high in Indonesia, namely 48.0 per 1,000 women in 2010. The marriage of children often lead to labor at a young age, could endanger the safety of mother and baby. The agreement of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and UNFPA (United Nations Fund for Population Activity) as well as WHO on health adolescent reproductive in 1989, that there is a need for efforts to solve adolescent health problems as a transition period from adolescence to adulthood. In this period, it is quite crucial, considering that adolescence is a process of physical, psychological and changes behavior that greatly affect the health status of adolescents. It is also known that during this period there are deficiencies of several essential nutrients in adolescents, and most of them occur in developing countries.<sup>5</sup>

Adolescents and youth's access to sexuality education and reproductive health services is limited to comprehensive and youth-friendly services, so youth awareness of reproductive health remains low. Data show that less than half of teens understand the human reproductive process and less than 28% know how to prevent HIV transmission and AIDS. The above points indicate the importance of education to prevent reproductive health problems. Meanwhile, reproductive health education in Indonesia was generally carried out in the form of counseling by institutions outside of schools, such as the BKKBN and PKBI. Research shows that adolescents in developing countries are in dire need of education reproductive health.<sup>6</sup>

The majority of girls for about 57% said they communicated menstruation to their friends compared to their mothers or fathers. The role of friends is very important in providing information to adolescents. Other research stated that the delivery of health education reproductive by a peer group for three meetings could increase knowledge on health reproductive.<sup>6,7</sup> Other studies have shown that school based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective. However, to be more effective, it still requires continuity of services in the family and community.<sup>8</sup>

There had been several studies that prove that peer education is a method an effective for adolescents. Research conducted by Sriasih showed that peer education has a significant effect on the knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about the risk of premarital sex. Other research showed that peer education can increase the average score before and after the intervention for knowledge and attitudes of adolescents about reproductive health.<sup>9,10</sup> Several previous studies have shown peer educators increase knowledge in adolescent girls. However, there is no comparison between the increase in knowledge about reproductive health by peers and another trained person in this case is the counseling teacher. The purpose of this study is to know the effectiveness of peer educators and guidance counselling teachers in adolescent reproductive health level of knowledge.

## 2. METHOD

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This study was a quantitative study with a quasi-experimental design and a non-equivalent control group design. The treatment group consisted of respondents who received information and support from their peer educators, and the second group as a control group consisted of respondents who received information from their teachers 4 times for 3 months.

This study was to determine the effectiveness of peer educators on the level of reproductive health level of knowledge of females adolescent of senior high school grade XI. The approach to this research is a behavioral science approach so that in this study an approach is used according to the Procede Precede theory (L. Green). In this study, what was examined was the change in the level of knowledge of high school students after being given information about adolescent reproductive health by providing information by peer educators as the treatment group and providing information by the guidance and counselling teacher as the group control. Both of groups used the same modul of adolescents reproductive health.

The 35 samples were obtained according to Lemeshow for each treatment group, so that the total sample size was 70 people. The inclusion criteria in this study were as follows: (1) Students living with parents were identified from interviews; (2) Have a mobile phone that can be used to access information known from interviews; (3) Students who are willing to become respondents and willing to be given treatment and sign an agreement after the explanation. The exclusion criteria in this study were students who did not take the pre test or post test or did not receive information from peer educators or counseling teachers.

Measurement of the pre and posttest knowledge level using a questionnaire. The questionnaire was about reproductive health such as anemia also HIV. First step was pretest and the next step the two groups were given intervention in the form of increased knowledge by peer educators as the group treatment and by the counseling teacher as the control group. And the last step was post test with the same questionnaire as pre test. The analyzes used were univariate, bivariate and multivariate. Ethical clearance this study from ethical committee Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta No. e-KEPK/POLKESYO/0101/V/2019.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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### 1.1 Respondent characteristics

This research respondents was senior high school students XI class. Respondents characteristic based on participation of organizations inside and outside school, parents' education, parents' income, frequency interaction to peer and teacher and number of sources of information as well as homogeneity of the two research groups. The age range of the respondents was 15-17 years. The largest group age was 16 years (81.4%).

Table 1. Frequency Distribution of Respondents

Variable	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers		Homogeneity
	n	%	n	%	
<b>Participation of organizations in schools</b>					
No	15	42.9	13	37.1	0.624
Yes	20	57.1	22	62.9	(homogen)
<b>Participation of organizations outside school</b>					
No	16	45.7	19	54.3	0.473
Yes	19	54.3	16	45.7	(homogen)
<b>Father's Education</b>					
Basic	5	14.3	5	14.3	0.875
Intermediate	17	48.6	15	42.9	(homogen)
High	13	37.1	15	42.9	
<b>Mother's Education</b>					
Basic	5	14.3	7	20	0.815
Intermediate	19	54.3	18	51.4	(homogen)
High	11	29.4	10	26.6	
<b>Parents' Income</b>					
<index	12	34.3	9	23.7	0.434
≥index	21	65.7	24	74.3	(homogen)
<b>Number of Information Sources KRR</b>					
<7	11	29.4	11	29.4	1.000
≥7	22	68.6	22	68.6	(homogen)
<b>Interaction frequency with peer/ teacher</b>					
<12	21	65.7	1	2.9	
12	12	34.3	34	97.1	

Based on table 1, it is known that the most of the respondents attended organizations school both in the experimen group (57.1%) and the control group (62.9%). For participation in organizations outside of school the proportion differed in the two study groups. The largest proportion of the level education of the respondent's father is secondary education (48.6%) for the experiment group and 42.9% for the control group. However, for the control group the proportion of high school education is the same as middle school. Maternal education is mostly secondary education, both in the experiment group (54.3%) and the control group (51.4%).

The proportion of the respondent's parents' income is also the majority more than index in each regency. The number of sources of information on adolescent reproductive health majority >7 sources. The majority of sources of information are through television, the internet, teachers and friends. Frequency interaction for peer majority is not in accordance with the program in the study as 12 times interaction for (65.7%) and teachers was in accordance with the program (97.1%).

## 1.2 Adolescents Reproductive Health Knowledge

The level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both experimen and control group was devide in two categories was good for >76% rights aswer and poor category for less 76%.

Table 2. Frequency distribution of knowledge level about adolescents reproductive health pre dan post test in two groups

Variabel	Experimen/Peer		Control/Teachers	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Level knowledge pre test</b>				
Poor	25	77.1	27	82.9
Good	8	22.9	6	17.1
<b>Level knowledge post test</b>				
Poor	29	88.6	12	34.3
Good	4	11.4	21	65.7

Table 2 showed that the level of knowledge about reproductive health in pre-test both group were Poor category. In experimen group was 77.1% and 82.9% in the control group. Different with the pre test, post test showed that poor category in experimen grup 88.6%, while in the control group the proportion of the level of knowledge poor category was decrease up to to 34.3%.

## 1.3 Bivariate analysis

Bivariat analysis used for analysis sources of information, participation of organizations inside and outside of school, and the number interaction to adolescent reproductive health knowledge after treatment.

Table 3. Bivariate analysis

Variable	Knowledge Levels				p-value
	Poor n	%	Good n	%	
<b>Research Group</b>					
Peer	29	88.6	4	11.4	0.000
Teachers	12	34.3	21	65.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Information sources</b>					
≤7 sources	15	68.2	7	29.8	0.430
>7 sources	26	58.3	20	41.7	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations outside of school</b>					
No	18	51.4	17	48.6	0.086
Yes	23	71.4	10	26.6	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Participation of organizations in schools</b>					
No	18	64.3	10	35.7	0.688
Yes	23	59.5	17	40.5	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	
<b>Interaction frequency with peer/ teacher</b>					
<12 times	20	83.3	4	16.7	0.007
12 times	21	50	21	50	
Total	43	61.4	25	38.6	

In table 3, showed that provision of information on adolescent reproductive with a value of  $p=0.000$ . The number of sources of information with a value of  $p = 0.430$ . The participation of respondents in school organizations with value  $p = 0.086$ , and for participation in non-school organizations and  $p = 0.688$ . Bivariate analysis showed that the level of knowledge after treatment with a value of  $p = 0.007$ .



#### 1.4 Multivariate analysis

The variables with  $p$  value  $<0.23$  were analyzed for multivariate analysis. The results of multivariate analysis are presented in table 4.

Table 4. Analysis of multivariate factors related to the level of knowledge of adolescent reproductive health after treatment

Variable	Sig.	Exp(B)	95.0% C.I. for EXP(B)	
			Lower	Upper
Information about reproductive health	0.000	15.480	4.242	56.225
Participation of organizations outside of school	0.117	0.383	0.115	1.251

The results of multivariate analysis in table 4 showed that providing information by guidance and counselling teachers is increase respondents' knowledge about adolescent reproductive health with a value of  $p = 0.000$  with an exp B of 15.480. Adolescence is period of transition from childhood to adulthood, during which there is rapid growth, including reproductive functions, so that it affects changes developmental, both physical, mental, and social roles.<sup>3</sup> Lack of knowledge is alleged to be one of the causes of risky sexual behavior in adolescents.<sup>14, 15</sup> It is necessary to provide information about reproductive health to adolescents as an effort to prevent risky behavior in adolescents.<sup>16, 17</sup>

In this study, the provision of information on adolescent reproductive health was carried out by peer counselors and guidance counseling teachers. The improvement of adolescent reproductive health can be seen from the knowledge about HIV, anemia among high school female students. Previous research had shown peer educator are effective at increasing knowledge about HIV in adolescents.<sup>18, 19, 20</sup>

In this study, it shows that the provision of information about health reproductive to adolescents statistically shows significance with a value of  $p = 0.000$ . The frequency of interaction is also significant with  $p = 0.007$ , where the number of interaction that are not in accordance with this research program is that the number of people who are not in accordance with this research program has a proportion of the level of knowledge that is less than those more frequent according to this research program.

The control group (teachers) is more optimal in guidance and counseling providing information to respondents, as same as previous study that school based healthcare in adolescent sexual, reproductive, and mental health is very effective even though in this case the role of teachers is more effectively disseminated, with the peer role It is possible that a different approach is used between the teacher and the peer. Guidance counseling teachers also have as professionals who have the capacity to provide information about adolescent health.<sup>8, 21</sup>

Sources of information about reproductive health for adolescents are from school books, television, teachers, friends and parents in the order same the previous study.<sup>22</sup> Teachers had an important role in increasing knowledge of Adolescent Reproductive Health in their students.<sup>23</sup> Adolescent Reproductive Health Education by teachers is an effort to address student reproductive health problems. Teachers had a major role in the world of education, this is because teachers interact directly with students in providing education.<sup>24</sup> Other study state that most of the guidance counselling teachers had not good knowledge of materials, methods, and their role as ARH education.<sup>25</sup>

Organizational involvement and sources of information were independent of young people's knowledge level. Another study showed no differences in knowledge and attitudes about adolescent reproductive health among students enrolled in the PIK-R program.<sup>26</sup> Nonetheless, another study found a link between PIK-R use and adolescent reproductive knowledge.<sup>27, 28</sup> Other research suggests that parents and teachers see the idea of screening adolescent girls for STDs as acceptable and agree that researchers can contact girls through information sessions in schools.<sup>29</sup>

Multivariate analysis showed that tutors were 14.6 times more competent than their peers. Referring to previous research, formal activities in schools are necessary to improve and expand knowledge and prevent early marriage.<sup>14</sup> Previous research has shown that in order to improve students' reproductive health, the knowledge, comfort and skills of primary and secondary sexual health education teachers must be supported and enhanced. Curriculum-led teachers need to structure their implementation of content, activities, and assessment strategies into a structured and unique focus that promotes student health.<sup>30</sup>

#### 4. CONCLUSION

There is an effect of providing information by guidance counselling teachers with the level of knowledge counseling respondent's about adolescent reproductive health. There were increase level of knowledge in post test results. The role of counseling teachers cannot be replaced by peers, so that these two roles can be carried out together to make it more effective.

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