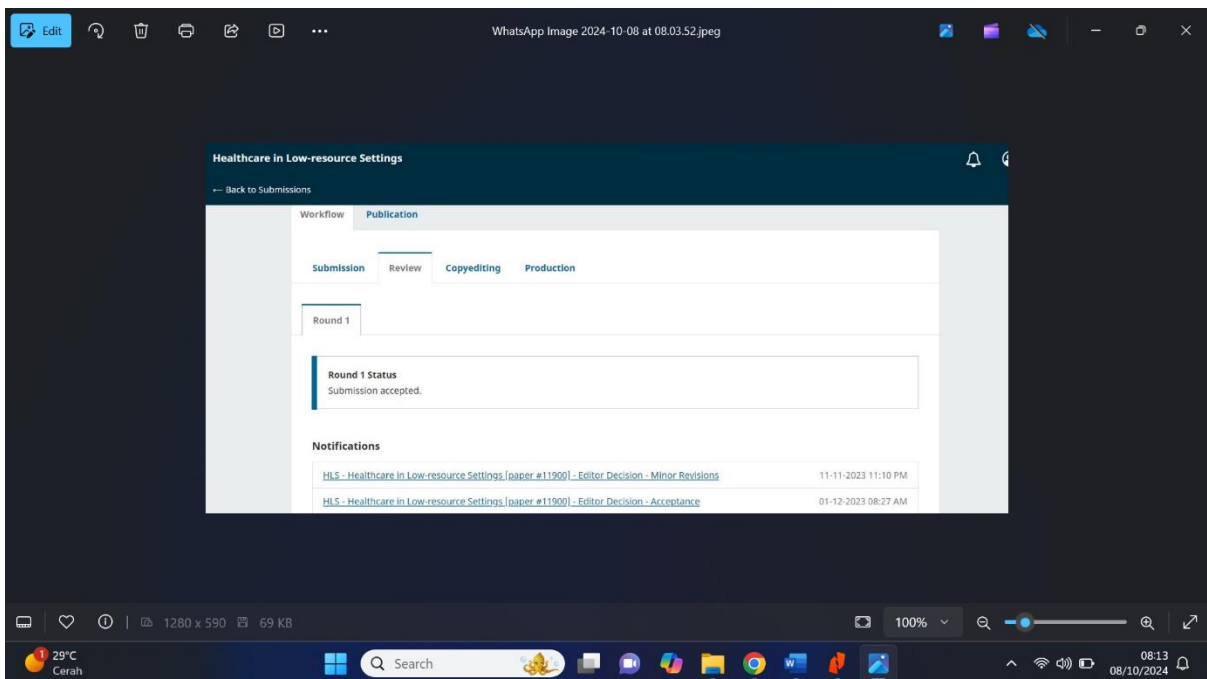
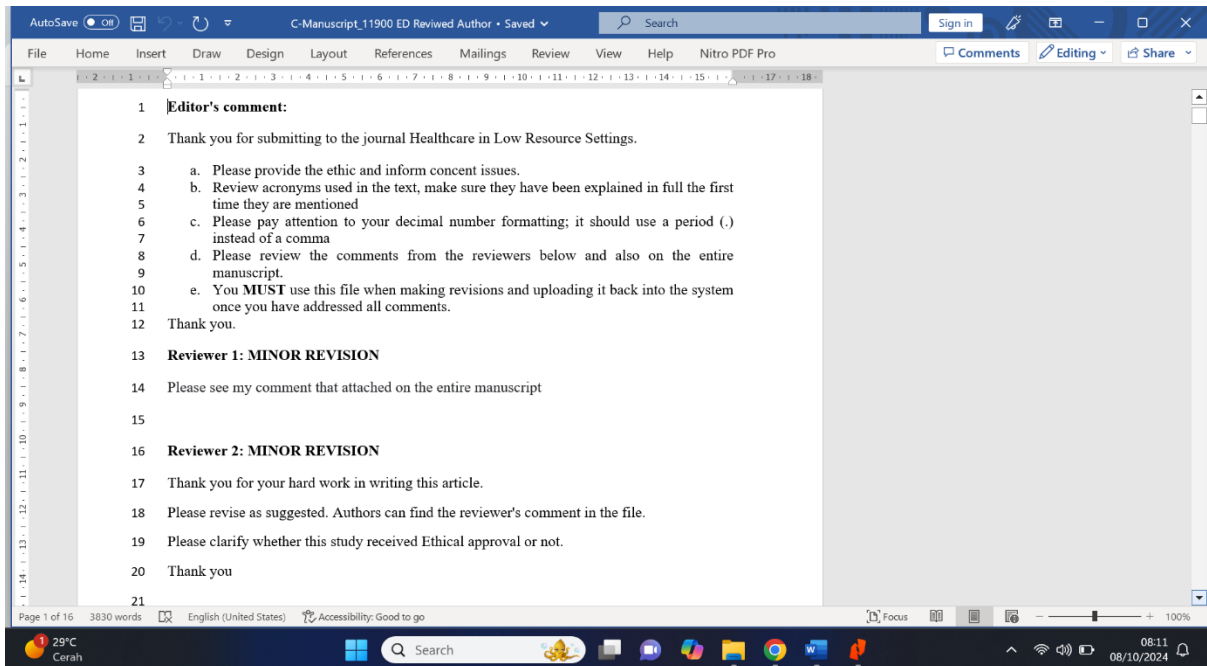


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22 **The Effect of Giving Koya Nate on Appetite of Stunting Toodlers**

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ABSTRACT

Background: The appetite experienced by toddlers is at risk of causing nutritional disorders and will have a negative impact on health, one of which is stunting. Efforts are being made to overcome the appetite of toddlers through innovation in the form of Koya Nate. The aim of the research was to analyze the effect of giving koya nate on the appetite of stunted children in the city of Surabaya.

Methods: Method research used is a quasi experiment with a two-group pre-post design approach. The samples used were toddlers aged 1 – 5 years, who were included in the stunting criteria who lived in Kenjeran District, Surabaya City. The sample size was taken using a formula federer There were 8 samples obtained from the treatment group and 8 samples from the control group. When selecting samples using techniques, simple random sampling takes into account the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The data analysis used is by paired t-test and independent t-test.

Results: the results of this study show that there is an influence on the appetite of toddlers in the group before and after being given the intervention (Sig. 0.000) and there is no influence on the appetite of toddlers before and after being given no intervention in the control group (sig. 157), while after being tested from both The group found that there was an influence on appetite in the treatment group compared to the control group (sig. 0.000) hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa terdapat pengaruh selera makan balita pada kelompok sebelum dan setelah diberikan intervensi (Sig. 0.000) dan tidak terdapat pengaruh selera makan balita sebelum dan setelah tanpa diberikan intervensi pada kelompok kontrol (sig. 157), sedangkan setelah diuji dari kedua kelompok di peroleh terdapat pengaruh selera makan pada kelompok perlakuan dibandingkan dengan kelompok kontrol (sig. 0.000).

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80 picky about food, so innovation in presenting food menus to toddlers is needed.

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INTRODUCTION

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85 The problem of malnutrition is still one of the main public health problems in the world,
86 especially the prevalence of malnutrition in Indonesia which is still quite high ¹. One of the
87 nutritional problems that children often experience is a decrease in appetite or difficulty eating,
88 because at this age children begin to choose the foods they like^{2,3}. Children who experience a
89 lack of appetite for a long time can cause the child's height to become stunted ^{4,5}.

90 United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) shows the
91 prevalence of stunting in the world reaches 28%, in Eastern and Southern Africa it is 40%, and
92 in South Asia it is 38% ⁶. The results of the Indonesian Nutrition Survey Study in 2022 showed
93 that the prevalence of stunting in Indonesia had decreased by 3% since 2021 ⁷. The prevalence
94 rate of stunting in East Java Province has also decreased quite significantly in age, especially
95 in children < 30 days old, it has decreased by around 30% from the previous year and in
96 children aged 12-23 months it has also experienced a quite significant decrease of 7 % from
97 the previous year ⁸. The stunting rate in various cities and districts in Indonesia has also
98 experienced a large reduction in stunting, one of which is the city of Surabaya which recorded
99 a stunting prevalence rate in 2022 of 4.8% and is the second city with the lowest stunting
100 prevalence rate ⁹.

101 Incidents of stunting children influenced by several important factors, one of which is
102 nutritional factors, namely animal and vegetable protein^{10,11}. The high nutritional value of
103 animal and vegetable protein contained in each food ingredient is available and in sufficient
104 quantities, however if the child does not want to eat or the wrong feeding pattern can result in
105 a lack of nutritional intake received by the toddler ¹²⁻¹⁴. Appetite problems experienced by
106 children are at risk of causing nutritional disorders and will have a negative impact on the
107 health, growth and development of toddlers¹⁵⁻¹⁷

108 Handling toddlers who have no appetite needs attention to achieve optimal growth, so
109 food therapy is needed that is high in protein and has a smooth texture so that it can be
110 consumed by toddlers¹⁸⁻²⁰. One of the efforts made to overcome the appetite of toddlers is the
111 innovation of snacks in the form of Koya Nate which has a high nutritional value which can
112 increase the appetite of toddlers²¹. Based on this description, researchers are interested in
113 analyzing the effect of giving koya nate on the appetite of stunted toddlers in the city of
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115 METHODS

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6. Analysis

116 Research design

117 The research design used in this study used a quasi-experimental method with a two-group pre-
118 post design approach to determine the influence of toddlers' appetite in the intervention group
119 by providing Koya Nate snacks with the control group not providing Koya Nate snacks.

121 Study Participants

122 The sample used in this research was based on the results of sample size calculations using the
123 Federer formula. The sample size that was obtained from the calculation results was 8 samples
124 that were given Koya Nate and 8 samples that were not given Koya Nate, so the total sample
125 required for the research was 16 samples. When selecting samples from treatment and non-
126 treatment groups using techniques of Simple Random Sampling taking into account the
127 inclusion and exclusion criteria, namely: children aged 1-5 years, included in the stunting
128 criteria, not currently suffering from an illness, and willing to be involved in becoming sample
129 study.

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130 Variable, Instrument and Data Collection

131 The independent variables in this study are demographic factors, namely the toddler's
132 identity (age, gender, height, weight, stunting category) and the mother's identity (age,

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133 education level, mother's occupation, and family income), meanwhile, for the toddler's comfort
134 eating variable. The dependent variable in this research is the provision of Koya Nate snacks.
135 The instrument used to identify toddlers' appetite is a questionnaire that has been developed by
136 research which is measured using the results of food waste from the child's initial portion of
137 the child's meal using the Comstock Method ²². This method uses a scale of 0 which is the
138 percentage of toddlers consuming the entire portion of food from the start of the meal. scale 1
139 is the percentage of toddlers consuming $\frac{3}{4}$ of the initial amount of food. scale 2 is the
140 percentage of toddlers who consume $\frac{1}{2}$ the initial portion of food. scale 3 is the percentage of
141 toddlers who consume $\frac{1}{4}$ of the initial part of food. scale 4 is the percentage of toddlers
142 consuming $\frac{1}{9}$ (only a tiny portion) of the initial part of food. scale 5 is the percentage of
143 toddlers who do not eat at all from the initial part of the meal.

144 Data Analysis

145 Data analysis used test *statistics paired t-tests* and *independent t-tests*. if the data obtained is
146 normally distributed. This statistical test aims to see the effect of appetite before and after being
147 given the Koya Nate intervention and the effect on appetite after being given the Koya Nate
148 intervention and not being given the Koya Nate intervention. The indicator used to measure
149 appetite is to look at the leftover food given by the toddler's parents..

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RESULTS

154 Table 1, Showed that the demographic factors, namely the age factor for toddlers < 41 months
155 and ≥ 41 months, were 50% in the treatment group and for the most part those aged ≥ 41 months
156 were 62.5% in the control group. The toddlers gender was mostly found in boys at 62.5% in
157 the treatment and control groups. The height factor for toddlers with heights < 80 cm and ≥ 80

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2. Also give more detail about your intervention given, such as frequency,duration, and portion for each intervention

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158 cm was 50% in the treatment group and most of the toddlers' height < 80 cm was 75% in the
 159 control group. The weight factor of toddlers weighing < 10 kg was 62.5% in the treatment
 160 group and the majority of toddlers weighing \geq 10 kg was 62.5% in the control group. The
 161 mothers' age factor was mostly found in those aged \geq 25 years old, amounting to 75% in the
 162 treatment group, and most of the maternal age < 25 years old, amounting to 62.5% in the control
 163 group. The majority of mothers' education levels were at the senior high school level, 87.5%
 164 in the treatment group and 100% in the control group. Regarding mother's employment status,
 165 the majority of unemployed, 87.5% in the treatment group and 62.5% in the control group.
 166 Meanwhile, the majority of mothers' income was below the MW (Minimum Wages), 75% in
 167 the treatment group, and mothers' income above and below the MW (Minimum Wages) was
 168 50% in the control group.

169 Table 1. Characteristics of demographic factors (N=??)

Demographic Factors	Treatment group		Control group	
	f	%	f	%
Toddler Age				
< 41 Months	4	50	3	37.5
\geq 41 Months	4	50	5	62.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Gender				
Boy	5	62.5	5	62.5
Girl	3	37.5	3	37.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Height				
< 80 cm	4	50	6	75
\geq 80 cm	4	50	2	25
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Weight				
< 10 Kg	5	62.5	3	37.5
\geq 10 Kg	3	37.5	5	62.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Mother's Age				
< 25 Years old	2	25	5	62.5
\geq 25 Years old	6	75	3	37.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Mothers' Education Levels				
Primary School	0	0	0	0
Junior High School	1	12.5	0	0
Senior High School	7	87.5	8	100
College	0	0	0	0

Total	8	100	8	100
Mother's Employment Status				
Unemployed	7	87.5	5	62.5
Employed	1	12.5	3	37.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Mothers Income				
Below MW	6	75	4	50
Above MW	2	25	4	50
Total	8	100	8	100

170 Table 2, showed that the appetite of toddlers in the pre-treatment group mostly
171 consumed 1/9 portion of the initial portion with a percentage of 37.5%, and in the post-
172 treatment group, the appetite of toddlers increased by consuming 3/4 portion of the initial portion
173 with a percentage of 50%. Meanwhile, most of the toddlers' appetite in the pre-control group
174 consumed 1/4 portion of the initial portion with a percentage of 62.5% and in the post-control
175 group, most of the toddlers' appetite consumed 1/9 of the initial portion with a percentage of
176 37.5%.

177 Table 2. Distribution of food portions for toddlers in the treatment group and control group in
178 Surabaya

Portion spent	Pre-Test				Post-Test			
	Treatment		Control		Treatment		Control	
	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
Not Eaten	2	25	2	25	0	0	2	25
1/9 Portion	3	37.5	5	62.5	0	0	3	37.5
1/4 Portion	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	25
1/2 Portion	1	12.5	1	12.5	3	37.5	1	12.5
3/4 Portion	1	12.5	0	0	4	50	0	0
Full Portion	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0
Total	8	100	8	100	8	100	8	100

179 Table 3, showed the pre and post treatment group data shows that the data is normally
180 distributed with a significant value 0.109. Meanwhile, the data for the pre-control group shows
181 that the data is not normally distributed with a significant value. (0.001) and the post control
182 group shows that the data is normally distributed with a significant value. (0.200).

183 Table 3. Normality test for toddlers' appetite in the treatment and control groups in Surabaya

Group	Sig.*	Values
Treatment Group (Pre-Test)	0,109	Normally
Treatment Group (Post-Test)	0,109	Normally

Control Group (Pre-Test)	0,001	Not Normally
Control Group (Post-Test)	0,200	Normally

184 Note (*): Uji *Kolmogrov - Smirnov*

185 Table 4, showed the influence of toddlers' appetite before and after the treatment group
 186 as evidenced by the significant value (0.005) with a mean difference of -2.250. Meanwhile,
 187 there was no influence of toddlers' appetite before and after the control group as evidenced by
 188 the significant value (0.157) with a mean difference of -0.250

189 Table 4. Analysis of the influence of appetite in the pre and post-treatment and control groups
 190 in Surabaya

Indicator	Group	Mean	Std. Deviation	t	Sig.(2-tailed)
Appetite	Pre - Treatment	-2,250	1,581	-4,025	0,005(*)
	Post - Treatment				
	Pre - Control	-0,250	0,463	-1,414	0,157(**)
	Post - Control				

191 Note (*) *Paired t-test*
 192 (**) *Wilcoxon Sign Rank Test*

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 194 Table 5, showed that there is an influence on appetite in the treatment group and control
 195 group as evidenced by the significant value. (0.000) with an mean difference of 4.75

196 Table 5. Analysis of the influence of toddlers' appetite in the treatment and control groups in
 197 Surabaya

Indicator	Group	n	Mean	Std. Deviation	t	Sig.(2-tailed)*
Appetite	Post - Treatment	8	4,75	0,707	5,641	0,000
	Post - control	8	2,25	1,035	5,641	

198 Note (*) *Independent t-test*

199 DISCUSSION

200 The results of the study showed that there was an influence on toddlers' appetite before
 201 and after giving Koya Nate by researchers in the treatment group. Meanwhile, there was no
 202 influence on toddlers' appetite before and after Koya Nate was not given. So far Koya Nate has
 203 been given a snack with a composition consisting of 80% tuna fish and 20% tempeh (fermented
 204 soybean). The management of Koya Nate does not contain the fishy smell that is usually found

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205 in processed fish food, so it can increase toddlers' appetite and meet daily protein needs ²¹.
206 Fulfilling the daily protein needs of toddlers is not accompanied by innovations made by
207 parents in serving food, then protein needs cannot be met due to the nature of toddlers being
208 picky about food ²³. The role of parents in this case is the role of mothers who often spend time
209 with toddlers compared to fathers who must pay more attention to children's eating patterns so
210 that their appetite increases and nutrition remains fulfilled^{24,25}.

211 The results of this study, in testing the hypothesis of this study, showed that there was
212 an influence on the appetite of toddlers in the group given Koya Nate compared to the group
213 not given Koya Nate. The influence of appetite on toddlers is caused by several factors,
214 including menu preparation, food management, food presentation, and the way food is given.
215 If these factors can be carried out correctly by parents, they can indirectly increase the toddler's
216 appetite ²⁶. One type of snack that looks at food management and food presentation which is
217 quite practical, has a fairly high number of macronutrients, a smooth taste and texture so that
218 it is easy for toddlers to consume is the factor that Koya Nate prefers ^{21,27}.

219 Furthermore, the appetite of toddlers who have been given intervention in the form of
220 Koya Nate is high in the protein required, however, apart from protein, toddlers' needs also
221 require the absorption of iron and folic acid specifically for toddlers aged under 24 months ²⁸.
222 Giving Koya Nate also have not a high impact in a short time but takes quite a long time ²⁸.
223 One other effort that can reduce the incidence of stunting is not only the Koya Nate intervention
224 but also during pregnancy or the formation of a fetus up to a two-year-old toddler ²⁹. It is at
225 this time that all vital organs begin to grow and develop, so iron supplementation is needed
226 during pregnancy, initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, and appropriate
227 breastfeeding companions ³⁰.

228 There are several points of limitations in the data collection method in the treatment
229 group administering Koya Nate, namely that researchers have difficulty in directly monitoring
230 the administration of Koya Nate at toddler dinner time, the feeding schedule for toddlers in
231 each toddler's family is different so that when administering Koya Nate it is done the following
232 day so that obtaining accurate data and data collection was carried out by researchers directly
233 and accompanied by health cadres from the community health center without using field
234 research assistants.

235 **CONCLUSION**

236 In research on giving snacks in the form of Koya Nate, it can be concluded that there is
237 an influence on toddlers' appetite before and after giving Koya Nate and there is also an
238 influence on the evening appetite of toddlers who have been given Koya Nate snacks compared
239 to the appetites of toddlers who are not given snacks Koya Nate.

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22 **The Effect of Giving Koya Nate on Appetite of Stunting Toddlers**

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The appetite experienced by toddlers is at risk of causing nutritional disorders and will have a negative impact on health, one of which is stunting. Efforts are being made to overcome the appetite of toddlers through innovation in the form of Koya Nate. The aim of the research was to analyze the effect of giving koya nate on the appetite of stunted children in the city of Surabaya. The research method used by a quasi experiment with a two-group pre-post design approach. The samples used were toddlers aged 1 – 5 years, who were included in the stunting criteria who lived in Kenjeran District, Surabaya City. The sample size was taken using a formula federer There were 8 samples obtained from the treatment group and 8 samples from the control group. When selecting samples using techniques, simple random sampling takes into account the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The data analysis used is by paired t-test and independent t-test. The results of this study show that there is an influence on the appetite of toddlers in the group before and after being given the intervention (Sig. 0.000) and there is no influence on the appetite of toddlers before and after being given no intervention in the control group (sig. 157), while after being tested from both The group found that there was an influence on appetite in the treatment group compared to the control group (sig. 0.000) ~~hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa terdapat pengaruh selera makan balita pada kelompok sebelum dan setelah diberikan intervensi (Sig. 0.000) dan tidak terdapat pengaruh selera makan balita sebelum dan setelah tanpa diberikan intervensi pada kelompok kontrol (sig. 157), sedangkan setelah diuji dari kedua kelompok di peroleh terdapat pengaruh selera makan pada kelompok perlakuan dibandingkan dengan kelompok kontrol (sig. 0.000).~~ Conclusion of this study was that there was an influence on appetite in the group given Koya Nate compared to the group not given Koya Nate. This is caused by toddlers being picky about food, so innovation in presenting food menus to toddlers is needed.

Keyword: Appetite; Koya Nate; Stunting

INTRODUCTION

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The problem of malnutrition is still one of the main public health problems in the world, especially the prevalence of malnutrition in Indonesia which is still quite high ¹. One of the nutritional problems that children often experience is a decrease in appetite or difficulty eating, because at this age children begin to choose the foods they like^{2,3}. Children who experience a lack of appetite for a long time can cause the child's height to become stunted ^{4,5}.

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) shows the prevalence of stunting in the world reaches 28%, in Eastern and Southern Africa it is 40%, and in South Asia it is 38% ⁶. The results of the Indonesian Nutrition Survey Study in 2022 showed that the prevalence of stunting in Indonesia had decreased by 3% since 2021 ⁷. The prevalence rate of stunting in East Java Province has also decreased quite significantly in age, especially in children < 30 days old, it has decreased by around 30% from the previous year and in children aged 12-23 months it has also experienced a quite significant decrease of 7 % from the previous year ⁸. The stunting rate in various cities and districts in Indonesia has also experienced a large reduction in stunting, one of which is the city of Surabaya which recorded a stunting prevalence rate in 2022 of 4.8% and is the second city with the lowest stunting prevalence rate ⁹.

Incidents of stunting children influenced by several important factors, one of which is nutritional factors, namely animal and vegetable protein^{10,11}. The high nutritional value of animal and vegetable protein contained in each food ingredient is available and in sufficient quantities, however if the child does not want to eat or the wrong feeding pattern can result in a lack of nutritional intake received by the toddler ¹²⁻¹⁴. Appetite problems experienced by children are at risk of causing nutritional disorders and will have a negative impact on the health, growth and development of toddlers¹⁵⁻¹⁷

108 One of the causes of delayed growth and development in toddlers is the factor of
109 decreased appetite in toddlers. The results of interviews by researchers and village health
110 workers with several parents of toddlers who visited the Integrated Services Post (Posyandu)
111 activities at the Kenjeran Health Center, showed that parents of toddlers said that their toddlers
112 had difficulty consuming the food provided by their parents because there were several types
113 of food that they didn't like. So toddlers often do not finish the food they are given. Therefore,
114 it is necessary to pay attention to efforts in handling toddlers who have no appetite to achieve
115 optimal growth, so food therapy is needed which is high in protein and has a smooth texture so
116 that it can be consumed by toddlers ¹⁸⁻²⁰.

117 One of the efforts made to overcome the appetite of toddlers is the innovation of snacks
118 in the form of Koya Nate which has a high nutritional value which can increase the appetite of
119 toddlers. According to previous research, Koya Nate's snack food innovation can increase
120 appetite because it has a formula of 80% tuna and 20% tempeh which was obtained from
121 organoleptic tests. The composition of this formula no longer smells of the fishy smell that is
122 usually found in fish, so toddlers eat koya nate without the fishy smell ²¹. Based on this
123 description, researchers are interested in analyzing the effect of giving koya nate on the appetite
124 of stunted toddlers in kenjeran village, Surabaya City.

125 **METHODS**

126 **Research design**

127 The research design used in this study used a quasi-experimental method with a two-group pre-
128 post design approach to determine the influence of toddlers' appetite in the intervention group
129 by providing Koya Nate snacks with the control group not providing Koya Nate snacks.

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133 **Study Participants**

134 The sample used in this research was based on the results of sample size calculations using the
135 Federer formula. The sample size that was obtained from the calculation results was 8 samples
136 that were given Koya Nate and 8 samples that were not given Koya Nate. The sample selection
137 obtained was based on calculation results, also adjusted to the condition of the population in
138 this study, namely toddlers who experienced stunting in Kenjeran Village, Surabaya City, so
139 the sample with treatment groups and non-treatment groups was limited. The selecting samples
140 from treatment and non-treatment groups using techniques of Simple Random Sampling taking
141 into account the inclusion and exclusion criteria, namely: children aged 1-5 years, included in
142 the stunting criteria, not currently suffering from an illness, and willing to be involved in
143 becoming sample study.

144 **Variable, Instrument and Data Collection**

145 The independent variables in this study are demographic factors, namely the toddler's
146 identity (age, gender, height, weight, stunting category) and the mother's identity (age,
147 education level, mother's occupation, and family income), meanwhile, for the toddler's comfort
148 eating variable. The dependent variable in this research is the provision of Koya Nate snacks
149 which are sourced from 80% tuna and 20% tempeh. Koya nate was given to the intervention
150 group for one week, each day they were given koya nate once a day during the day with the
151 composition of one portion of food with the addition of 1 small 40g package. The instrument
152 used to identify toddlers' appetite is a questionnaire that has been developed by research which
153 is measured using the results of food waste from the child's initial portion of the child's meal
154 using the Comstock Method ²². This method uses a scale of 0 which is the percentage of
155 toddlers consuming the entire portion of food from the start of the meal. scale 1 is the
156 percentage of toddlers consuming $\frac{3}{4}$ of the initial amount of food. scale 2 is the percentage of
157 toddlers who consume $\frac{1}{2}$ the initial portion of food. scale 3 is the percentage of toddlers who

158 consume ¼ of the initial part of food. scale 4 is the percentage of toddlers consuming 1/9 (only
159 a tiny portion) of the initial part of food. scale 5 is the percentage of toddlers who do not eat at
160 all from the initial part of the meal. Appetite data collection was carried out using the Comstock
161 method, carried out by village health workers whose competency had been obtained at the
162 Kenjeran Health Center, Surabaya City.

163 **Data Analysis**

164 Data analysis used test *statistics paired t-tests* and *independent t-tests*. if the data obtained is
165 normally distributed. This statistical test aims to see the effect of appetite before and after being
166 given the Koya Nate intervention and the effect on appetite after being given the Koya Nate
167 intervention and not being given the Koya Nate intervention. The indicator used to measure
168 appetite is to look at the leftover food given by the toddler's parents.

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RESULTS

176 Table 1, Showed that the demographic factors, namely the age factor for toddlers < 41 months
177 and ≥ 41 months, were 50% in the treatment group and for the most part those aged ≥ 41 months
178 were 62.5% in the control group. The toddlers gender was mostly found in boys at 62.5% in
179 the treatment and control groups. The height factor for toddlers with heights < 80 cm and ≥ 80
180 cm was 50% in the treatment group and most of the toddlers' height < 80 cm was 75% in the
181 control group. The weight factor of toddlers weighing < 10 kg was 62.5% in the treatment
182 group and the majority of toddlers weighing ≥ 10 kg was 62.5% in the control group. The

183 mothers' age factor was mostly found in those aged ≥ 25 years old, amounting to 75% in the
 184 treatment group, and most of the maternal age < 25 years old, amounting to 62.5% in the control
 185 group. The majority of mothers' education levels were at the senior high school level, 87.5%
 186 in the treatment group and 100% in the control group. Regarding mother's employment status,
 187 the majority of unemployed, 87.5% in the treatment group and 62.5% in the control group.
 188 Meanwhile, the majority of mothers' income was below the MW (Minimum Wages), 75% in
 189 the treatment group, and mothers' income above and below the MW (Minimum Wages) was
 190 50% in the control group.

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192 Table 1. Characteristics of demographic factors (N=8)

Demographic Factors	Treatment group		Control group	
	f	%	f	%
Toddler Age				
< 41 Months	4	50	3	37.5
≥ 41 Months	4	50	5	62.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Gender				
Boy	5	62.5	5	62.5
Girl	3	37.5	3	37.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Height				
< 80 cm	4	50	6	75
≥ 80 cm	4	50	2	25
Total	8	100	8	100
Toddler Weight				
< 10 Kg	5	62.5	3	37.5
≥ 10 Kg	3	37.5	5	62.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Mother's Age				
< 25 Years old	2	25	5	62.5
≥ 25 Years old	6	75	3	37.5
Total	8	100	8	100
Mothers' Education Levels				
Primary School	0	0	0	0
Junior High School	1	12.5	0	0
Senior High School	7	87.5	8	100
College	0	0	0	0
Total	8	100	8	100
Mother's Employment Status				
Unemployed	7	87.5	5	62.5
Employed	1	12.5	3	37.5

Total	8	100	8	100
Mothers Income				
Below MW	6	75	4	50
Above MW	2	25	4	50
Total	8	100	8	100

193 Table 2, showed that the appetite of toddlers in the pre-treatment group mostly
194 consumed 1/9 portion of the initial portion with a percentage of 37.5%, and in the post-
195 treatment group, the appetite of toddlers increased by consuming 3/4 portion of the initial portion
196 with a percentage of 50%. Meanwhile, most of the toddlers' appetite in the pre-control group
197 consumed 1/4 portion of the initial portion with a percentage of 62.5% and in the post-control
198 group, most of the toddlers' appetite consumed 1/9 of the initial portion with a percentage of
199 37.5%.

200 Table 2. Distribution of food portions for toddlers in the treatment group and control group in
201 Surabaya

Portion spent	Pre-Test				Post-Test			
	Treatment		Control		Treatment		Control	
	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
Not Eaten	2	25	2	25	0	0	2	25
1/9 Portion	3	37.5	5	62.5	0	0	3	37.5
1/4 Portion	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	25
1/2 Portion	1	12.5	1	12.5	3	37.5	1	12.5
3/4 Portion	1	12.5	0	0	4	50	0	0
Full Portion	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0
Total	8	100	8	100	8	100	8	100

202 Table 3, showed the pre and post treatment group data shows that the data is normally
203 distributed with a significant value 0.109. Meanwhile, the data for the pre-control group shows
204 that the data is not normally distributed with a significant value. (0.001) and the post control
205 group shows that the data is normally distributed with a significant value. (0.200).

206 Table 3. Normality test for toddlers' appetite in the treatment and control groups in Surabaya

Group	Sig.*	Values
Treatment Group (Pre-Test)	0.109	Normally
Treatment Group (Post-Test)	0.109	Normally
Control Group (Pre-Test)	0.001	Not Normally
Control Group (Post-Test)	0.200	Normally

207 Note (*): Uji Kolmogrov - Smirnov

208 Table 4, showed the influence of toddlers' appetite before and after the treatment group
 209 as evidenced by the significant value (0.005) with a mean difference of -2.250. Meanwhile,
 210 there was no influence of toddlers' appetite before and after the control group as evidenced by
 211 the significant value (0.157) with a mean difference of -0.250

212 Table 4. Analysis of the influence of appetite in the pre and post-treatment and control groups
 213 in Surabaya

Indicator	Group	Mean	Std. Deviation	t	Sig.(2-tailed)
Appetite	Pre - Treatment	-2.250	1.581	-4.025	0.005(*)
	Post – Treatment				
	Pre - Control	-0.250	0.463	-1.414	0.157(**)
	Post - Control				

214 Note (*) *Paired t-test*
 215 (**) *Wilcoxon Sign Rank Test*
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217 Table 5, showed that there is an influence on appetite in the treatment group and control
 218 group as evidenced by the significant value. (0.000) with an mean difference of 4.75

219 Table 5. Analysis of the influence of toddlers' appetite in the treatment and control groups in
 220 Surabaya

Indicator	Group	n	Mean	Std. Deviation	t	Sig.(2-tailed)*
Appetite	Post – Treatment	8	4.75	0.707	5.641	0.000
	Post - control	8	2.25	1.035	5.641	

221 Note (*) *Independent t-test*

222 DISCUSSION

223 The results of the study showed that there was an influence on toddlers' appetite before
 224 and after giving Koya Nate by researchers in the treatment group. Meanwhile, there was no
 225 influence on toddlers' appetite before and after Koya Nate was not given. So far Koya Nate has
 226 been given a snack with a composition consisting of 80% tuna fish and 20% tempeh (fermented
 227 soybean). The management of Koya Nate does not contain the fishy smell that is usually found
 228 in processed fish food, so it can increase toddlers' appetite and meet daily protein needs ²¹.

229 Koya Nate is given to fulfill daily protein needs for toddlers, if it is not accompanied
230 by innovations made by parents in serving food, then protein needs cannot be met due to the
231 nature of toddlers in being picky about food ²³. Providing koya nate, which is a snack food that
232 is high in protein, which will be given over a long period of time and done consistently, can
233 help the local government in its efforts to *Scaling Up Nutrition* (SUN) ²⁴.

234 Scaling Up Nutrition in helping the government cannot be separated from the role of
235 parents, especially the role of mothers spending time with toddlers compared to fathers who
236 must pay more attention to children's eating patterns so that their appetite increases and
237 nutrition remains fulfilled ^{25,26}. The reinforcing factor in fulfilling nutrition for toddlers is the
238 family. The family plays a role in promoting the introduction and provision of nutritious food,
239 and health practices and as a role model for all family members ²⁷.

240 The results of this study, in testing the hypothesis of this study, showed that there was
241 an influence on the appetite of toddlers in the group given Koya Nate compared to the group
242 not given Koya Nate. The influence of appetite on toddlers is caused by several factors,
243 including menu preparation, food management, food presentation, and the way food is given.
244 If these factors can be carried out correctly by parents, they can indirectly increase the toddler's
245 appetite ²⁸. One type of snack that looks at food management and food presentation which is
246 quite practical, has a fairly high number of macronutrients, a smooth taste and texture so that
247 it is easy for toddlers to consume is the factor that Koya Nate prefers ^{21,29}.

248 Furthermore, the appetite of toddlers who have been given intervention in the form of
249 Koya Nate is high in the protein required, however, apart from protein, toddlers' needs also
250 require the absorption of iron and folic acid specifically for toddlers aged under 24 months ³⁰.
251 Giving Koya Nate also have not a high impact in a short time but takes quite a long time ³⁰.
252 One other effort that can reduce the incidence of stunting is not only the Koya Nate intervention

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