The Breast-Feeding Pattern and Caries Severity Index in the Children 4 to 6 years old (A study at subdistrict of Kasihan, Bantul, Yogyakarta Indonesia)

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Background. The previous research revealed that the risk of caries increased 2,27 times in children consuming bottle-milk twice or more a day. Several studies also stated the breast-feeding role in prevention of caries incidence.

Aim. The aim of this study is to determine the relationship between breast-feeding pattern and caries severity in children at of age 4 – 6 years old.

Design. This study was conducted with analytic cross-sectional design and cluster sampling technique in three kindergartens at the subdistrict of Kasihan, Bantul, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. One hundred and seven pairs of mother and child were examined as the subject. Some questionnares were administered to the mothers for inquiring the breast-feeding patterns while intra oral examination had been conducted for collecting the data of caries severity index (CSI). CSI index : $\frac{\text{caries score of the teeth}}{\text{amount of caries teeth}}$

Pict 1. Caries Severity Index (Shimono)

	Sounds
C 1	Obvious explorer catch, no soft walls or floor observed. Stained pits or fissures in enamel
C2	Obvious explorer catch with soft walls, softend floor or undermined enamel
C3	Caries exceeds C2 and involvment of the pulp exist. Fistula, abcess or hyperplastic pulpitis must be clinically pr
C4	Crown is destroyed by the caries process, retained roots present clinically

Pict 2 & 3. Collecting data from the children

Results. The score of caries severity index in the children who had exclusive breast-feeding was 2,33 and the score in those who had non exclusive breast-feeding is 2,08. Mann Whitney test showed that there was no significant difference in both of children having exclusive breast-feeding and non exclusive breast-feeding.

Table 1. Breast feeding patterns in gender

Breast Feeding Pattern	Male		Female		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Exclusive	26	36,2	15	20,7	41	56,9
Non exclusive	20	27,8	11	15,3	31	43,1
Total	46	64	27	36	72	100

Table 2. Breast feeding pattern in aged group

No.	Breast Feeding pattern	4,0-4,12 years old		5,0-6,0 years old		Total	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
1.	exclusive	9	12,5	30	41,67	39	54,17
2.	Non exclusive	4	5,5	29	40,33	33	45,83
Total		13	18	59	82	72	100

Table 3. Saphiro wilk normality test result

Brest feeding pattern	df	Signifikan (p)
Exclusive	41	.040
Non exclusive	31	.510

Table 4. Statistic test result

	skor CSI
Mann-Whitney U	626,000
Wilcoxon W	1122,000
Z	-,108
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	,914

Conclusion. There is no significant difference of caries severity between the children having exlusive breast-feeding and non exclusive breast-feeding

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