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THE EFFECT OF BREAST MILK TOWARD CHILDREN’S GROWTH: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Abstract
Exclusive breastfeeding is breast milk consumption as early as can after the birth/delivery. The breast milk is given without schedule. The baby also doesn't get any others food, include plain water until the age of 6 months. Many researcher have shown that breastfeeding is really important to the growth of a child. The breastfeeding will be able to decrease the number of stunting problem and obesity on children. The purposes’ of the research is to give the right information about breastfeeding exclusively in order to improve the quality growth of the children. The method of the research is systematic review by searching on some database such as: Google Scholar, EBSCO and Pro-Quest. The result of this systematic review shown that in many countries breastfeeding exclusively since 0-6 months is really important for the growth of children. From many characteristics, we found that breastfeeding exclusively in the age of 0 to 6 month has a significant impact to the growth of the children.

Keywords
Breastfeeding, Growth Child, Stunting, and Stunting Food
1. Introduction

Exclusive breastfeeding is giving milk to the baby in the age of 0-6 month. Breast milk is given as early as can to the baby after delivering. Breast milk is given without a schedule. The baby also doesn’t get another food except breast milk in that period (Depkes RI, 2014). Only one third of Indonesian people exclusively do breastfeeding to their baby. There are so many obstacles to give breastfeeding in Indonesia. They come from some relatives or even doctor. Some mothers are afraid that breastfeeding will be painful and un-practical, but the biggest obstacle is the problem in understanding the term and meaning of the obstacle.

For example in Aceh, as the region which is the biggest number of stunting babies in Indonesia, they have awareness in consuming breast milk but actually the problem is in the way they mean terminology of "exclusive". They give breast milk to their babies but also they give banana and honey. They believe the baby needs others food to feel full. The promotion in consumption breast milk well through primary health service is really needed. Consuming breast milk in 6 months well is necessary to decrease growth disorders in baby (UNICEF, 2016).

Based on the information from UNICEF, in neonatal service, the breast milk consumption in the world is still low such as in Nigeria, Somalia, Chad and South Africa. In Indonesia and Tunisia the breast milk consumption is decreasing. In china, the demand of formulation milk increases and attracting the attention of press. Because of that, in some countries for examples Australia and England. It is contradictive with Cambodia, Togo and Zambia. In those countries the stock are increasingly moving.

The research uses systematic review because even the government has decided to succeed the program of exclusive breast milk for 6 months. The program hasn't been achieved maximally. The breast milk consumption has a positive impact to the growth of the baby. But there are many mothers give breast milk but un - exclusively. Event worst they replace the breast milk at all. Breast milk is replaced by formulation milk. The Government Promote program of exclusively breastfeeding because breastmilk the most effective way and the cost to save a child’s life.

The research has shown that breast milk is really important to the growth of the children in the future. It even can decrease the number of stunting problem and obesity (Pudla, 2015). Some research has shown contrary result. The research showed that the breast
milk doesn't have a significant impact to the growth of the children. The result of the systematic review on this research will give us much knowledge about giving breast milk to baby. So the growth of the children will be better and better.

2. Methodology

2.1 Data Collecting Strategy

The sources and references on this systematic review come from some literatures and they be taken by downloading from the Internet. The data are the result of some research about exclusive breast milk and children growth. The data of the research are taken from the period of 2011 to 2016 via Google scholar, EBSSO and ProQuest. The key word of the searching are: breastfeeding, Child Growth, Stunting and also between breastfeeding and stunting. And we got many data related to those key words.

2.2 The Selection of the Studies

In this systematic review, they are some requirements should be fullfilled: (1) The research could be qualitative or quantitative research. (2) the research is full text research. (3) the research has been published since 2011 till 2016. (4) the research is about the impact of exclusive breastfeeding , (5) the key word is the document title.
2.3 Data Management

The researcher only takes some information which is match to the requirements, such as: (1) General Information: author, year, research location, (2) Design of the studies: method. Number of sample and technique of sampling collection, (3) result of the research.

2.4 Result and Explanation

The character of the systematic review showed that 14 studies have been chosen on table no 1, it uses retrospective cohort, cross sectional and case control as the design of the research. It's got from some relevant international and national journal. All of them should be relevant with the theme of this systematic review.

Table 1: Characteristics Used In Research

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<td>Exclusive breastfeeding of low birth weight infants for the first six</td>
<td>Philippines</td>
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<td>At six months, neither overall gain in infant weight, length and head circumferences nor mean maternal weight and body mass index differed significantly between the feeding groups. exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months can be recommended in term low birth weight infants, who were protected from diarrhea, had fewer respiratory infections, required no hospitalization and had catch up growth.</td>
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<td>months: infant morbidity and maternal and infant anthropometry</td>
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<td>Rahayu,</td>
<td>The impact of low weight on</td>
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<td>Association between breastfeeding and breathing pattern in children: a sectional study</td>
<td>Observational</td>
<td>Results of the total sample, 43.1% of the children were mouth breathers, 48.4% had been breastfed exclusively until six months of age or more, and 27.4% had non-nutritive sucking habits. Statistically significant associations were found for bottle-feeding (p &lt; 0.001) and oral habits of non-nutritive sucking (p = 0.009), with an increased likelihood of children exhibiting a predominantly oral breathing pattern. A statistically significant association was also observed between a longer duration of exclusive breastfeeding and the likelihood of exhibiting a predominantly oral breathing pattern.</td>
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social and economic class, maternal education and smoking, and breastfeeding at six months of age (p = 0.007) were still associated with the outcome.

| Ajetunmobi, 2015 | Breastfeeding is Associated with Reduced Childhood Hospitalization: Evidence from a Scottish Birth Cohort (1997-2009) | Scotland | Retrospective Cohort | Results Within the first 6 months of life, there was a greater hazard ratio (HR) of hospitalization for common childhood illnesses among formula-fed infants (HR 1.40; 95% CI 1.35-1.45) and mixed-fed infants (HR 1.18; 95% CI 1.11-1.25) compared with infants exclusively breastfed after adjustment for parental, maternal, and infant health characteristics. Within the first year of life and beyond, a greater relative risk of hospitalization was observed among formula-fed infants for a range of individual illnesses reported in childhood including gastrointestinal, respiratory, and urinary tract infections, otitis media, fever, asthma, diabetes, and dental caries. |
| Onubogu, 2015 | Changes in breastfeeding and nutritional status of Nigerian children between 1990 and 2008, and variations | Nigeria |  | In each study year, over 97% of the children were ever breastfed. The proportion of infants breastfed within 1 hour and 1 day of birth increased from 34% to 45.8%, and from 63.8% to 82.3%, respectively. Overall, breastfeeding for ≥12 months changed from 88.9% to 95.2%, an increase of 7%; however, an increase of 14% was observed in |
by region, area of residence and maternal education and occupation

the northern region (from 86.1% to 97.8%) while a decline of 7% was observed in the southern region (from 97.1% to 89.9%). Over the study period, the prevalence of all the assessed indicators of malnutrition (stunting, wasting and underweight) increased in the northern region while the southern region experienced a decline in all except severe wasting. In both urban and rural areas, stunting and wasting increased, while underweight declined. Children of non-formally educated and unemployed mothers were more malnourished in all the study years.

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| Vieira, 2015 | Trends in breastfeeding indicators in a city of northeastern Brazil | Brazil | Cross-Sectional | The annual growth of the breastfeeding indicators was 2.1% for breastfeeding in the first hour of life (from 52.2% to 68.9%); 1.1% for breastfeeding among children aged 9 to 12 months (from 45% to 59.6%); and 0.8% for exclusive breastfeeding among infants younger than 6 months (from 36.9% to 47.4%). The median duration of exclusive breastfeeding increased from 52.3 to 84.3 days, and overall breastfeeding from 278 to 376 days. Some changes in the characteristics of the population were observed, which may have positively influenced the evolution of the breastfeeding indicators (better schooling level among the mothers, less use of dummies/pacifiers, and lower proportions of adolescent mothers), or negatively (greater proportions of primiparous mothers and cesarean deliveries, and lower frequency of births in Baby-Friendly Hospitals). |
3. Result

All the 14 studies are used to show that breastfeeding exclusively since 0 month till 6 months is very important to the growth and the development of the children. Many researcher has proved that the case of stunting is caused by the miss-procedure of breastfeeding. The breastfeeding is not maximal for example. In the age of 6 month or before 6 month, the baby has got other food or formulation milk besides breast milk. The research also recommend us to do breastfeeding to premature baby, the researches state that breastfeeding will be able to gain the babies' weight.

4. Conclusion

From many characteristics above, we Found that breastfeeding exclusively in the age of 0 to 6 month has a significant impact to the growth of the children.

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