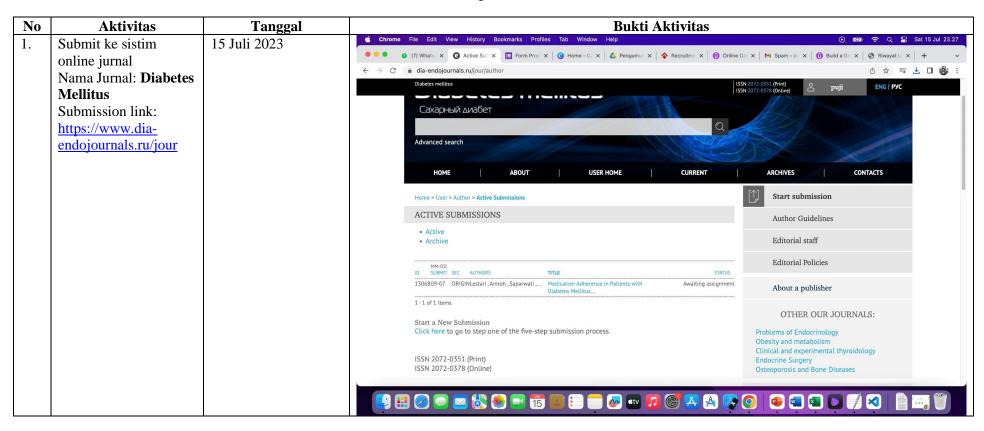
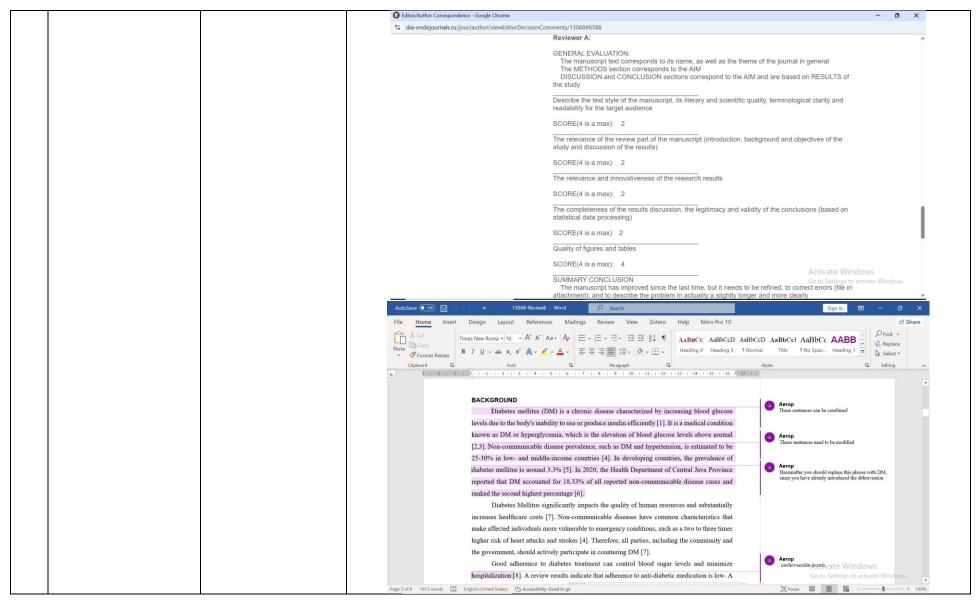
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Four factors influence medication adherence among diabetes mellitus patients, namely age (p=0.007), education (p=0.048), occupation (p=0.012), and family support (p=0.002).

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DISCUSSION

Four factors significantly influence medication adherence among diabetes mellitus patients, namely age, education, occupation, and family support. The findings of this study demonstrate that age affects medication adherence, with the highest among respondents under the age of 60. As individuals age, the risk of developing various chronic diseases increases. However, the number of coexisting chronic conditions is not related to medication non-adherence. Comorbidity can influence adherence by increasing awareness levels of a particular illness [15].

Higher levels of education enable individuals to absorb information more efficiently. Predisposing factors, one of which knowledge may influence behavior. Improved knowledge leads to better adherence behavior [12]. Individuals who work have limited time to visit healthcare facilities. Those who are unemployed tend to be more adherent to their medication than those who are employed. It may be due to individuals with jobs having more responsibilities, leaving them with less time to seek medical care.

Family support, referring to verbal information, goals, tangible assistance, or actions provided by individuals familiar with the issue, plays a role in the social environment. The interconnectedness between family and the environment is known as family support [16]. Family support can impact the health of individuals with chronic diseases, as indicated by a study conducted in Klaten. Clients are more motivated to maintain their health if they have good communication and family coping mechanisms [17]. Family support is one of the reinforcing factors that contribute to adherence behavior.

Individuals can better manage their health at home due to the family's ability to identify health issues, make decisions, offer care, maintain and improve household health, and find necessary medical facilities [18]. Generally, individuals who receive assistance from their families tend to listen to medical advice compared to those who do not. Thus, family and social support are crucial for addressing health issues [19]. Family support and medication adherence in DM patients showed a significant relationship at the Internal Medicine Polyclinic of Syamsudin Hospital, Sukabumi City, according to a study conducted in Sukabumi City [20].

LIMITATIONS OF THE RESEARCH

Researchers have been unable to control other factors that may affect medication adherence in this study, namely participation in health insurance, disease knowledge, access affordability to health services, health worker's role, and motivation to look for treatment.

DIRECTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Further research is needed to measure the various factors that influence medication adherence.

CONCLUSION

There is still a 24.4% non-adherence rate among diabetes mellitus patients. Four factors influence medication adherence among diabetes mellitus patients, namely age, education, occupation, and family support, while gender and duration of illness have no significant impact.

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TABLES

Table 1. Distribution of Respondents Characteristics, Duration of Illness, Family

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Variable	n (90)	%
Gender		
Male	38	42,2
Female	52	57,8
Age		
< 60 years old	69	76,7
\geq 60 years old	21	23,3
Education		
Low level	70	77,8
High level	20	22,2
Occupation		
Employed	36	40
Unemployed	54	60
Duration of illness		
< 2 years	32	35,6
≥ 2 years	58	64,4
Family support		
Adequate	35	38,9
Good	55	61,1
Adherence		
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Table 2. The Relationship Between Medication Adherence with Some Determinant

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Female	52	15	37			
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< 60 years	69	12	57	0,232	0,007*	
\geq 60 years	21	10	11			
Education						
Low level	70	21	49	8,143	0,048*	
High level	20	1	19			
Occupation						
Employed	36	14	22	3,659	0,012*	
Unemployed	54	8	46			
Duration of illness						
< 2 years	32	9	23	1,355	0,547	
\geq 2 years	58	13	45			
Family support						
Adequate	35	15	20	5,143	0,002*	
Good	55	7	48			

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TABLES

Table 1. Distribution of Respondents Characteristics, Duration of Illness, Family Support, and Medication Adherence

Variable	n (90)	%
Gender		
Male	38	42,72
Female	52	57 <u>.</u> ,8
Age		
< 60 years old	69	76.,7
≥ 60 years old	21	23,.3
Education		
Low level	70	77 <u>.</u> ,8
High level	20	22.,2
Occupation		
Employed	36	40
Unemployed	54	60
Duration of illness		
< 2 years	32	35.,6
≥ 2 years	58	64,4
Family support		
Adequate	35	38.,9
Good	55	61.,1
Adherence		
Low	22	24.,4
High	68	75.,6

Table 2. The Relationship Between Medication Adherence with Some Determinant

Variable	n (90)	Medicatio	on Adherence	OR	95% CI	p -value ◆
		Low	High			
Sex						
Male	38	7	31	0.,557	0.20-1.54	0.,259
Female	52	15	37			
Age						
< 60 years	69	12	57	0.,232	0.80-0.67	0.,007*
≥ 60 years	21	10	11			
Education						
Low level	70	21	49	8143	1.02-64.84	0.,048*
High level	20	1	19			
Occupation						
Employed	36	14	22	3_ -, 659	1.30-10.01	0.5012*
Unemployed	54	8	46			
Duration of illness						
< 2 years	32	9	23	1355	0.51-3.64	0.,547
≥ 2 years	58	13	45			
Family support						
Adequate	35	15	20	5 <u>.</u> ,143	1.82-14.52	0 _{5.} 002*
Good	55	7	48			

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Age	-21.582	0.000	0.00-0,01	<u>0.998</u>	•
<u>Education</u>	22.919	<u>898</u>	0.00-0.01	0.998	
Occupation,	1.675	<u>5.338</u>	1.39-20.56	0.015*	
Family support	0.880	2.410	0.66-8.81	0.184	,
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Medication Adherence in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus and Influencing Factors in Indonesia

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: Diabetes Mellitus significantly impacts the quality of human resources and substantially increases healthcare costs. Good adherence to diabetes treatment can control blood sugar levels and minimize hospitalization.

AIM: To determine the medication adherence profile in patients with diabetes mellitus and the influencing factors.

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CONCLUSION: Healthcare professionals should have to motivate patients with Diabetes Mellitus to ensure adherence to their prescribed treatment regimen.

KEYWORDS: diabetes mellitus; influencing factors; medication adherence.

BACKGROUND

Diabetes mellitus (DM) or hyperglycemia is a chronic disease characterized by increasing blood glucose levels due to the body's inability to use or produce insulin efficiently [1], which is the elevation of blood glucose levels above normal [2,3]. Globally, the non-communicable disease prevalence, such as Diabetes mellitus (DM) and hypertension, is estimated to be 25-30% in low- and middle-income countries [1] and 3.3% in developing countries [2]. Indonesia as low- and middle-income country, ranks seventh globally in diabetes mellitus (DM) prevalence, with around 10 million adults affected [3]. Complications from type 2 DM are a leading cause of death in the country [4]. Especially in Central Java, Indonesia as low- and middle income countries, DM accounted for 18.33% of all reported non-communicable disease cases and ranked the second highest percentage [5]. Experts project that non-communicable diseases will cause economic losses amounting to 4.47 trillion US\$ from 2012 to 2030, equivalent to 1.5 times Indonesia's 2012 Gross Domestic Product [6]. Furthermore, low public awareness about DM makes it challenging to manage blood glucose effectively, leading to various complications [7].

Diabetes Mellitus—M significantly impacts the quality of human resources and substantially increases healthcare costs [8]. Non-communicable diseases have common characteristics that make affected individuals more vulnerable to emergency conditions, such as a two to three times higher risk of heart attacks and strokes [1]. Therefore, all parties, including the community and the government, should actively participate in countering DM [8].

Research indicates that understanding the complexities of patient decision-making helps healthcare professionals engage better with individuals living with diabetes [7]. Good adherence to diabetes treatment can control blood sugar levels and minimize cardiovascular events [9]. For diabetic patients who are unaware of how to adhere to medication properly, unintentional factors such as irregular access to oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin can arise [10]. Patients with lower treatment adherence often exhibit poor glycemic control compared to those with higher adherence [11–13]. A review results indicate that adherence to anti-diabetic medication is low. A combined analysis of six studies on anti-diabetic medication practice determinants showed that age and place of residence are significant determinants of adherence to anti-diabetic medication in Ethiopia [14].

Factors influencing medication adherence include gender, education, employment status, duration of illness, health insurance coverage, knowledge about the disease, accessibility to healthcare services, healthcare provider's role, motivation for treatment, and family support [14–19]. Age, disease duration, treatment adherence, diet, and physical activity can affect blood glucose levels [20,21]. A combined analysis of six studies on anti-diabetic medication practice

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

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Populations under study

This research involved 90 respondents in Kalinyamatan Primary Health Center, Central Java, Indonesia. We included individuals diagnosed with type 2 DM, having the disease for more than a year, and visiting the health center, and excluded the patients with DM who did not live with their families.

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This study conducted a descriptive correlational design with a cross-sectional approach to determine the medication adherence profile in patients with type 2 DM and the influencing factors in Kalinyamatan Primary Health Center, Central Java, Indonesia. Primary data collection was from Diabetes Mellitus patients who visited --удалено редактором для рецензирования--. Respondents filled out questionnaires to gather information on gender, education, age, occupation, duration of illness, family support, and medication adherence. The Perceived Social Support-Family Questionnaire (PSS-Fa) [25], was used to measure the variable

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Statistical analysis

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Ethics review

This study was approved by the Ethics Committee of --удалено редактором для рецензирования-- on October 25, 2022, with approval number 103/KEP/EC/UNW/2022. Informed consent was provided to all respondents before participating in the study.

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Based on Table 1, the majority of the respondents were female (57.8%), below 60 years old (83.3%), had a low level of education (83.3%), were unemployed (52.2%), had a duration of illness of two years or more (64.4%), received good family support (61.1%), and demonstrated high medication adherence (75.6%). However, there was still a 24.4% non-adherence rate among DM patients.

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Table 2 shows that the simple logistic regression analysis identified four factors significantly influencing medication adherence among DM patients (p<0.05). Age was a significant predictor

(p=0.007, OR=0.232, 95% CI= 0.80-0.67), indicating that younger patients were more likely to adhere to medication. Education level also played a significant role (p=0.048, OR=8.143, 95% CI= 1.02-64.84), suggesting that patients with higher education levels were more likely to adhere to their treatment. Occupation was another influential factor (p=0.012, OR=3.659, 95% CI= 1.30-10.01), with employed individuals showing higher adherence. Lastly, family support had a strong impact (p=0.002, OR=5.143, 95% CI= 1.82-14.52), where patients with better family support were significantly more likely to follow their medication regimen. Table 2 shows that simple logistic regression analysis revealed four factors significantly influenced medication adherence (p<0.05) among DM patients: age (p=0.007, OR= 0.232, 95% CI= 0.80-0.67), education (p=0.048, OR= 8.143, 95% CI= 1.02-64.84), occupation (p=0.012, OR= 3.659, 95% CI= 1.30-10.01), and family support (p=0.002, OR= 5.143, 95% CI= 1.82-14.52). However, gender (p=0.259) and duration of illness (p=0.547) did not show a significant impact on medication adherence in this study (p>0.05), indicating that these factors were not strong predictors of adherence in the sample population. Gender and duration of illness had no significant impact in this study.

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Factors significantly influencing medication adherence were analyzed using multiple logistic regression to identify the most impactful factor. Table 3 shows that occupation emerged as the most influential factor in medication adherence (p=0.015, 95% CI= 1.39-20.56). It indicates that employed individuals were significantly more likely to adhere to their medication regimen compared to unemployed. The wide confidence interval suggests a strong effect, although there may be some variability in the estimate. Factors that significantly influenced medication adherence were proceeded with multiple logistic regression analyses to identify the most impacted factor on medication adherence. Table 3 shows that occupation was the most influential factor in medication adherence (p=0.015 and 95% CI=1.39-20.56).

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Addressing the issue of non-adherence among DM patients, healthcare providers should develop targeted educational programs, especially for older patients and those with lower education levels, emphasizing the importance of medication adherence. Involving family members in patient care is essential, as family support plays a crucial role. Workplaces should offer flexibility to help patients manage their treatment schedules. Regular monitoring and community-based interventions, such as medication reminders or visits by healthcare workers, can significantly improve adherence.

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TABLES

Table 1. Distribution of Respondents Characteristics, Duration of Illness, Family Support, and Medication Adherence

Variable	n (90)	%
Gender		
Male	38	42,2
Female	52	57.8
Age		
< 60 years old	69	76.7
≥ 60 years old	21	23.3
Education		
Low level	70	77.8
High level	20	22.2
Occupation		
Employed	36	40
Unemployed	54	60
Duration of illness		
< 2 years	32	35.6
≥ 2 years	58	64,4
Family support		
Adequate	35	38.9
Good	55	61.1
Adherence		
Low	22	24.4
High	68	75.6

Table 2. The Relationship Between Medication Adherence with Some Determinant

Variable	n (90)	Medicatio	on Adherence	OR	95% CI	p
		Low	High			
Sex						
Male	38	7	31	0.557	0.20-1.54	0.259
Female	52	15	37			
Age						
< 60 years	69	12	57	0.232	0.80-0.67	0.007*
≥ 60 years	21	10	11			
Education						
Low level	70	21	49	8.143	1.02-64.84	0.048*
High level	20	1	19			
Occupation						
Employed	36	14	22	3.659	1.30-10.01	0.012*
Unemployed	54	8	46			
Duration of illness						
< 2 years	32	9	23	1.355	0.51-3.64	0.547
≥ 2 years	58	13	45			
Family support						
Adequate	35	15	20	5.143	1.82-14.52	0.002*
Good	55	7	48			

*Significant

Table 3. Multiple Regression Medication Adherence with Some Determinant

Variable	β	Adjusted OR	95% CI	р
Age	-21.582	0.000	0.00-0,01	0.998
Education	22.919	898	0.00-0,01	0.998
Occupation	1.675	5.338	1.39-20.56	0.015*
Family support	0.880	2.410	0.66-8.81	0.184
Constant	-4.733			

*Significant

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