

**EFEKTIVITAS BERKUMUR DENGAN *VIRGIN COCONUT OIL*  
(VCO) TERHADAP JUMLAH *Streptococcus mutans*  
PADA SALIVA ANAK STUNTING**



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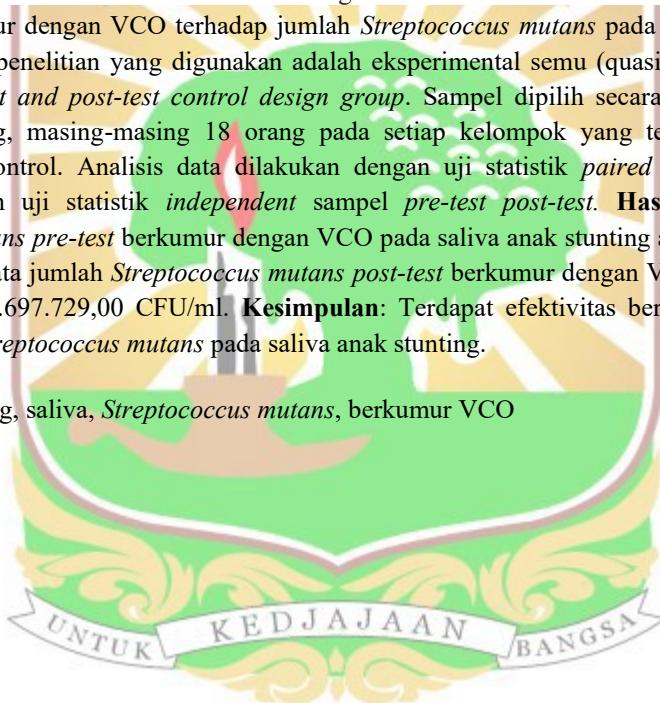
# **Efektivitas Berkumur dengan *Virgin Coconut Oil* (VCO) terhadap Jumlah *Streptococcus mutans* pada Saliva Anak Stunting**

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## **ABSTRAK**

**Latar Belakang:** Stunting masih menjadi permasalahan di dunia kesehatan. Stunting sering dikaitkan dengan malnutrisi, terutama malnutrisi energi protein, dan dapat memiliki efek jangka panjang pada perkembangan fisik dan kognitif, serta kesehatan dan kesejahteraan secara keseluruhan serta di dunia kedokteran gigi mengakibatkan hiposalivasi yang dapat mempengaruhi peluang berkembangbiaknya *Streptococcus mutans*. Keberadaan *Streptococcus mutans* dalam saliva dapat dikaitkan dengan peningkatan risiko karies gigi dan masalah kesehatan mulut lainnya. VCO dapat menjadi alternatif yang layak untuk obat kumur konvensional dalam mencegah masalah kesehatan mulut. **Tujuan:** Mengetahui efektivitas berkumur dengan VCO terhadap jumlah *Streptococcus mutans* pada saliva anak stunting. **Metode :** Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah eksperimental semu (quasi experiment) dengan pendekatan *pre-test and post-test control design group*. Sampel dipilih secara *purposive sampling* sebanyak 36 orang, masing-masing 18 orang pada setiap kelompok yang terdiri dari kelompok eksperimen dan kontrol. Analisis data dilakukan dengan uji statistik *paired sample pre-test* dan dilanjutkan dengan uji statistik *independent sample pre-test post-test*. **Hasil:** Rata-rata jumlah *Streptococcus mutans* *pre-test* berkumur dengan VCO pada saliva anak stunting adalah 47.995.827,05 CFU/ml dan rata-rata jumlah *Streptococcus mutans* *post-test* berkumur dengan VCO pada saliva anak stunting adalah 22.697.729,00 CFU/ml. **Kesimpulan:** Terdapat efektivitas berkumur dengan VCO terhadap jumlah *Streptococcus mutans* pada saliva anak stunting.

**kata kunci:** stunting, saliva, *Streptococcus mutans*, berkumur VCO



# ***Effectiveness of Gargling with Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO) on Streptococcus Mutans in Count Saliva of Stunting Children***

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## ***ABSTRACT***

**Background:** Stunting is still a problem in the world of health. Stunting is often associated with malnutrition, especially protein energy malnutrition, and can have long-term effects on physical and cognitive development, as well as overall health and wellbeing and in dentistry results in hyposalivation which can affect the breeding opportunities of *Streptococcus mutans*. The presence of *Streptococcus mutans* in saliva may be associated with an increased risk of dental caries and other oral health problems. VCO may be a viable alternative to conventional mouthwash in preventing oral health problems. **Objective:** Knowing the effectiveness of gargling with VCO on the number of *Streptococcus mutans* in the saliva of stunting children. **Method:** The research method used was a quasi experiment with a pre-test and post-test control design group approach. The sample was selected by purposive sampling as many as 36 people, 18 people each in each group consisting of experimental and control groups. Data analysis was carried out by paired sample pre-test statistical test and continued with independent sample pre-test post-test statistical test. **Results:** The average number of *Streptococcus mutans* pre-test gargling with VCO in the saliva of stunting children was 47,995,827.05 CFU/ml and the average number of *Streptococcus mutans* post-test gargling with VCO in the saliva of stunting children was 22,697,729.00 CFU/ml. **Conclusion:** There is an effectiveness of gargling with VCO on the number of *Streptococcus mutans* in the saliva of stunting children.

**keywords:** stunting, saliva, *Streptococcus mutans*, gargling with VCO

