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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I am pleased to submit our original manuscript entitled “Association between BMI, Immunocompromised Status, and Pulmonary TB History with Severity of TB Spondylitis” for consideration for publication in Jurnal Ilmiah Kedokteran Wijaya Kusuma.

This study investigates the association between individual risk factors including age, sex, nutritional status (BMI), immune status, and previous pulmonary tuberculosis history with the radiologically assessed severity of tuberculous spondylitis using the GATA (Gülhane Askeri Tip Akademisi) classification. Our findings highlight the clinical importance of assessing host-related factors in predicting disease severity and optimizing management strategies in patients with spinal tuberculosis.

To the best of our knowledge, this is among the limited number of studies in Indonesia that explore this specific correlation using standardized radiological classification, and it contributes novel insights into clinical risk stratification in TB-endemic regions.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published previously, nor is it under consideration for publication elsewhere. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to your journal and there are no conflicts of interest to declare.

We believe that the topic and findings of this manuscript are highly relevant to the scope of Jurnal Ilmiah Kedokteran Wijaya Kusuma, particularly in the context of public health, infectious disease, and musculoskeletal disorders in clinical medicine.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication. We look forward to your response and would be happy to address any revisions or suggestions during the review process.

Sincerely,

Maulidia Mulia

On behalf of all co-authors