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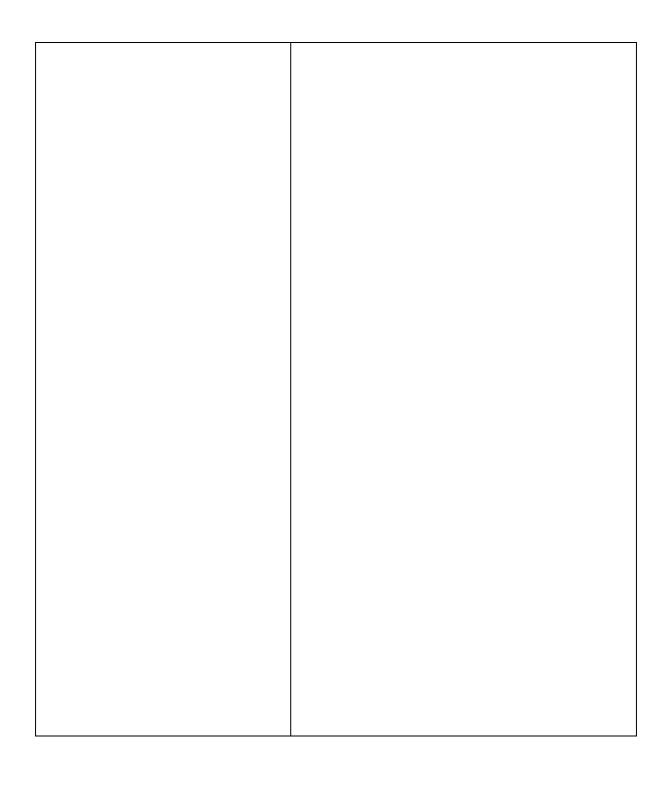
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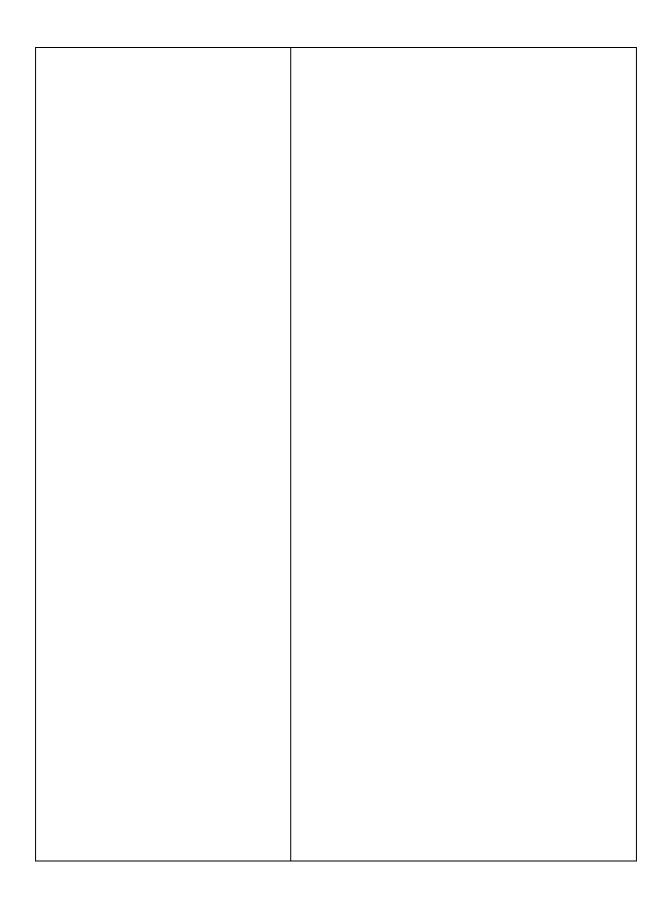
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# COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance in Notoprajan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia: a lesson learned from the pandemic

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COVID-19 vaccination began in Indonesia in January 2021, with a minimum target coverage of 70% of the total population. The government has delivered four doses of COVID-19 vaccine to date, but doses three and four have yet to meet the target. However, public acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccination has varied due to the speed of the introduction and implementation of this vaccination. Meanwhile, basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance is not yet widely known. The purpose of this study is to determine the relationship between sociodemographics and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance in Notoprajan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. A cross-sectional study was used for this analytic survey. The population is 4,726 people, and the sample size is 355 people. People between the ages of 17 and 55 were eligible, as were those who had lived in Notoprajan, Ngampilan District, Yogyakarta for at least three months. The data was analyzed using descriptive and bivariate analysis with a 95% confidence level ( $\alpha$ = 0.05) using the chi-square statistical test. Among the six observed variables, namely age, gender, education, occupation, religion and knowledge level; only sex has a significant relationship with COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. This research indicates that to increase COVID-19 vaccination, related parties need to directly target women. This is because from this study men received 1.47 times the COVID-19 vaccination compared to women.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic started in Wuhan, Hobei China in 2019, and quickly spread to the rest of the world, where it was declared a pandemic [1],[2], [3]. This has a significant impact on all human life; not only is the number of cases increasing, but so is the high mortality rate and social stigma [4],[5],[6]. To overcome this, emergency measures that are not only physical but also intervene with the body's immune system are required. The first COVID-19 vaccine used was SinoVac that approved for emergency use in life-threatening situations to achieve herd immunity in June 2021[7]. Vaccination is a strategy to provide active immunity to individuals against a certain disease, in this case, COVID-19 [8].

The COVID-19 vaccine was first introduced in Indonesia in January 2021. Since then, mass vaccinations have been carried out throughout Indonesia in several phases, according to the priority scale of target stages (Figure 1). This phase's sequence takes into account the need (urgency) and vaccine availability [9]. The ultimate goal of this mass vaccination is to achieve a minimum coverage of 70% of all targets in Indonesia for COVID-19 vaccination [10], [11].

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Figure 1. The COVID-19 vaccination priority target in Indonesia

The Indonesian government uses several vaccine variants for COVID-19 vaccination, including the CoronaVac vaccine (Sinovac), Bio Farma's COVID-19 vaccine, AstraZeneca vaccine, Sinopharm vaccine, Moderna vaccine, Comirnaty vaccine (Pfizer and BioNTech), and Sputnik-V vaccine, Janssen COVID-19 vaccine and Convidecia vaccine [12]. There are specific vaccines for specific groups, but there are also used for general population. Each vaccine also has potential Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) depend on the body's response. Until recently (January 2023), four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered: one primary dose and three booster doses. National vaccination results for doses 1 and 2 have exceeded the target (more than 70%) with a target number of more than 234 million. However, vaccine dose 3 did not achieve the coverage yet, and dose 4 is still at stage 1 or a health worker [13].

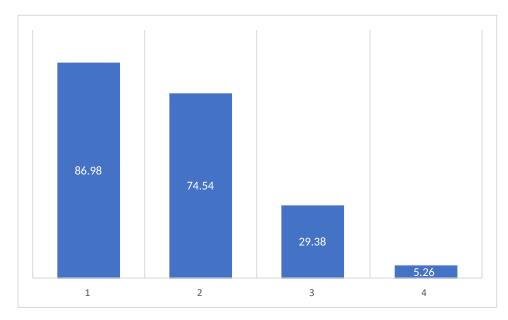


Figure 2. COVID-19 vaccination coverage in Indonesia (Dose 1-4) until January 14, 2023

Public acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccination has varied due to the speed of the introduction and implementation of this vaccination. Meanwhile, basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance is not yet widely known. Individual intrinsic and extrinsic factors, such as environmental opinions and individual beliefs, influence acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine [14]–[16]. Previous research in Northern Peru has found a link between the COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and age, family income, level of knowledge, having another chronic disease, and a more trustworthy vaccine [17]. Meanwhile, vaccination has always been a challenge in Muslim-majority countries, such as the halalness of this vaccine [18]. This study looks at what factors influence vaccine acceptance in terms of sociodemographics and religious reasons by looking at the coverage of vaccination doses 3 and 4, which are still far from this target. This research was carried out in Notoprajan Village-Yogyakarta, which has an urban setting.

### 2. METHOD

### 2.1. Study design anda participants

This research was analytic survey using a cross-sectional study conducted in Notoprajan Village, Ngampilan Sub-District, Yogyakarta that conducted on July 2022. The population for this study was 4,726. In total 355 respondents participated in this study that calculated using cross-sectional sampling procedure. We recruited people aged 17-55 years who have lived for at least 3 months in the Notoprajan Village, Ngampilan District, Yogyakarta City to participated on our survey who selected using accidental sampling.

### 2.2. Data collection and instrument

We used questionaire consisted of three sections: 1) information about characteristic respondent, 2) knowledge about COVID-19 vaccine, 3) COVID-19 vaccine acceptance to collect information from the participant. This questionnaire was pre tested before used with Cronbach's Alpha 0,75 and 0,77 for knowledge and vaccine acceptance, respectively. Researcher visited the respondent door to door to seek respondent that fulfil the criteria until the number of samples were completed using electronic form.

### 2.3. Data analysis

Data were generated and cleaned in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet before proceeding with descriptive and chi-square analysis. For sociodemographic and knowledge distribution, descriptive analysis was performed first. Before proceeding with the relationship analysis, the data were classified as follows: for knowledge questions, a score of 1 was assigned if the respondent answered correctly, and a score of 0 was assigned if the respondent answered incorrectly. Then, for knowledge categorization, a score of  $\geq 9$  median was considered sufficient, and a score of  $\leq 9$  median was considered insufficient. Vaccine acceptance was measured using 5 likert scale that have range score 5 to 1 (Strongly agree to Strongly disagree) for favourable and the vice versa for unfavourable. Acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine is classified to be positive if the score is  $\geq 36$  median and negative if the score is  $\leq 36$  median when receiving a scoring vaccine. The chi square test was used to examine the relationship between sociodemographic factors and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance using the crude odds ratio (COR) with a 95% confidence interval (95% CI).

### 2.4. Ethical approval

The study was approved by the Ethical Review Board of Ahmad Dahlan University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (ethical approval code: 012111091).

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Result

### 3.1.1 Characteristics of Respondents

Table 1 displays the characteristics of the 355 respondents who took part in this study. More than half of those polled were between the ages of 17 and 25. More than half of the respondent (63.3%) are female. The majority of our respondents are junior high and high school graduates, accounting for nearly 80% of all respondents. In terms of employment, nearly half of our respondents are high school or college students. The vast majority of our respondents are Muslims who have been immunized against COVID-19. More than half of our respondents have received vaccine doses 1 and 2, with the majority receiving the vaccine at the puskesmas. More than 60% of our respondents say their favorite source of information is social media.

**Table 1**. Respondent Characteristics (n=355)

Characteristics	Frequency	Percentage (%)		
Age (years old)				
17-25	184	51.8		
26-35	24	6.8		
36-45	61	17.2		
46-55	86	24.2		
Gender				
Male	141	39.7		
Female	214	60.3		
Education				
No/never attended school	1	0.3		
Graduated from primary school	9	2.5		
Graduated from junior high school	143	40.3		
Graduated from senior high school	160	45.1		

Graduated from university (diploma	42	11.8
or higher)		
Occupation	10	
Not employed	18	5.1
Housewife	27	7.6
Student	166	46.8
Teacher	14	3.9
Civil cervant/ government	4	1.1
employees		
Private employees	55	15.5
Entrepreneur	51	14.4
Daily worker	20	5.6
Religion		
Moslem	349	98.3
Christian	2	0.6
Catholic	4	1.1
COVID-19 Vaccination Status		
Yes, received	354	99.7
Not received yet	1	0.3
Dose Receive of COVID-19 Vaccine		
Dose 1	12	3.4
Doses 1 and 2	224	63.1
Doses 1, 2, and 3	118	33.2
Not received yet	1	0.3
<b>COVID-19 Vaccination Locations</b>		
Public health center	193	50.1
Doctor/Midwife/Hospital	85	22.1
Office/workplace	22	5.7
Educational Institution	74	19.2
Other locations	11	2.8
<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Information</b>		
<b>Platform Preference</b>		
Social media (Whatsapp, Facebook,	237	66.8
Instagram, Twitter)		
Telecommunication (SMS, telephone)	6	1.7
Online platforms (Zoom, Skye)	1	0.3
Print and electronic media (TV,	52	14.6
newspaper)		
Face to face communication	58	16.3
Not interested to seek information	1	0.3

### 3.1.2. Sociodemographic, knowledge level and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance

Table 2 shows the respondent's distribution frequency based on the category used. The majority of respondents (75.8%) were adults. The majority of them are female. More than half (56.9%) of respondents had a higher education. Only 40.6% said they were employed. The majority of them are Muslims. More than half (55.2%) of those polled believe they know enough about the COVID-19 vaccine. More than half of those polled said they would accept the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Table 2**. Distribution of sociodemographic, knowledge and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance (n=355)

Variable	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Age		
Adult (17-45)	269	75.8
Older (>45)	86	24.2
Gender		
Male	141	39.7
Female	214	60.3
Education		
Lower (No school, primary and junior high school)	153	43.1
Higher (senior high school or higher)	202	56.9
Occupation		

Not working	211	59.4
Working	144	40.6
Religion		
Moslem	349	98.3
Non-Moslem	6	1.7
Knowledge about COVID-19		
Not sufficient	159	44.8
Sufficient	196	55.2
Acceptance of COVID-19		
Vaccine		
Negative	162	45.6
Positive	193	54.4
Total	355	100

Table 3 shows the participants' knowledge of the COVID-19 vaccine delivery. More than 90% of respondents reported correctly about the substance and functions of the COVID-19 vaccine. Most of the respondent (70%) answered false when asked if vaccination could prevent 100% of COVID-19 infections. The majority (69.9%) of respondents said true that vaccines are typically administered via injections and drops in the mouth. More than 90% of respondents reported tru that they received the COVID-19 vaccination and followed health protocols. More than 90% of respondents said true that someone infected with COVID-19 could be vaccinated three months after infection and that vaccines function to form herd immunity. A large number of respondent (93%) reported true that people who could be vaccinated had blood pressures of 180/110 mmHg. The majority of respondents agreed that administering two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine would be optimal. As many as 40% of respondents answered true that if the time span between receiving two vaccine doses exceeds six months, they are classified as dropouts and must start over. The benefit of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to 98% of respondents, is to provide protection and reduce the impact of infection.

Table 3. Respondents' Responses to the COVID-19 Vaccine Knowledge Statements

	Respondents Answer					
COVID-19 Vaccine Knowledge	True	)	Fa	alse		
	n	%	n	%		
Vaccines contain pieces of viral DNA that function to respond to viruses if they attack so that the body can develop antibodies	346	97.5	9	2.5		
Vaccine delivery is 100% efficient to prevent contracting COVID-19	104	29.3	251	70.7		
The course of vaccines delivery in general can be through injections or mouth drops	248	69.9	107	30.1		
By implementing vaccination, it can stop the transmission of the COVID-19 virus while still complying with health protocols	344	96.9	11	3.1		
The time for getting the COVID-19 vaccine to those who have been exposed with the virus is given 3 months since infection	324	91.3	31	8.7		
Vaccination can generate <i>herd immunity</i> in the society	334	94.1	21	5.9		
The requirement for receiving the COVID- 19 vaccine is that blood pressure must be below 180/110 mmHg	330	93.0	25	7.0		
COVID-19 vaccine will be optimal when someone get at least twice	316	89.0	39	11.0		
If the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccination is later than 6 months after the 1st dose, the vaccine starts the 1st dose ( <i>drop out</i> ).	158	44.5	197	55.5		
The COVID-19 vaccine is useful for providing protection and reducing the impact if you contract COVID-19	348	98.0	7	2.0		

Table 4 demonstrates the responses provided by respondents to their perceptions of the COVID-19 vaccine's acceptance. The majority of respondents agreed that they received the COVID-19 vaccination to protect themselves. Almost half of those polled disagreed with the statement that they were forced to get a

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COVID-19 vaccination. The vast majority of respondents said they did not refuse vaccines for religious reasons. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and halal, according to 60.3% of respondents. When asked if they were afraid of follow-up events after immunization, 30.7% said they were, while 34.6% said they were not. Less than half of respondent (44.2%) polled disagreed with the statement that they wanted to be vaccinated due to work requirements. Because they knew the benefits, 58.9% of respondents said they wanted to be vaccinated. The statement that they did not believe in the COVID-19 vaccine was rejected by 56.9% of respondents.

Table 4. Respondent Response to Question Related to COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance

	Respondents Answer										
Acceptance to COVID-19 Vaccines	Strongly agree		Ag	Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	
I am willing to be vaccinated for self- protection	161	45.4	169	47.6	15	4.2	9	2.5	1	0.3	
I had to get vaccinated	14	3.9	29	8.2	32	9.0	175	49.3	105	29.6	
I refuse vaccines because of religious beliefs	2	0.6	9	2.5	15	4.2	185	52.1	144	40.6	
I believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations	94	26.5	214	60.3	42	11.8	5	1.4	0	0	
I believe in the halalness of the COVID-19 vaccine	78	22.0	216	60.8	51	14.4	9	2.5	1	0.3	
I am afraid of the side effects of the vaccine (fever, pain)	22	6.2	109	30.7	82	23.1	123	34.6	19	5.4	
I need vaccines because of work requirements	21	5.9	108	30.4	39	11.0	157	44.2	30	8.5	
I need vaccines because I know the benefits of vaccines	109	30.7	209	58.9	27	7.6	8	2.3	2	0.6	
I don't believe in the COVID-19 vaccine	4	1.1	10	2.8	22	6.2	202	56.9	117	33.0	

### 3.1.3 Bivariate Analysis

Table 5 shows among the independent variables, only sex that have significant association with COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. Being male have a 1.471 times chance of having a positive acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine compared to women (PR= 1.471; CI=1.222 - 1.771; p-value = <0.001).

Table 5. Chi Square Test among six variables to COVID-19 vaccine acceptance

	COV	COVID-19 vaccine acceptance			Total	P-	DD (050/)	
Variable	riable Positive Negative	1 Otai	values	PR (95%)				
	n	%	n	%				
Age								
Adult	142	52.8	127	47.2	269	0.352	0.890 (0.723-1.096)	
Older	51	59.3	35	40.7	86			
Gender								
Male	95	67.4	46	32.6	141	0.001	1.471 (1.222-1.771)	
Female	98	45.8	116	54.2	214			
Education								
Lower	114	56.4	88	43.6	202	0.428	1.093 (0.899 -1.329)	
Higher	79	51.6	74	48.4	153		· · · · · ·	
Occupation								
Working	86	59.7	58	40.3	144	0.118	1.178 (0.975 -1.423)	
Not working	107	50.7	104	49.3	211		. ,	
Religion								
Moslem	189	54.2	160	45.8	349	0.692	0.812 (0.458-1.442)	
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Non-Moslem	4	66.7	2	33.3	6		
Knowledge level	105	52.6	0.1	46.4	106	0.021	0.060 (0.000 1.170)
Sufficient	105	53.6	91	46.4	196	0.821	0.968 (0.800 -1.172)
Not sufficient	88	55.3	71	44.7	159		

#### 3.2. Discussion

The rapid spread of COVID-19 in Indonesia and around the world is concerning, prompting health officials to seek solutions to prevent high vitality. As a result, WHO launched the COVID-19 vaccination program in early 2021, which was quickly adopted by all countries around the world. On January 13, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccination was introduced for the first time in Indonesia, and it was then mass-implemented throughout the country, changing priority targets. People's acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine varies; some refuse emphatically, some accept by force, and some accept voluntarily out of necessity. The Indonesian government has set a vaccination target of 70% of the total target for COVID-19. Meanwhile, the current results for vaccine dose 1 are greater than 85% and greater than 70% for dose 2. However, for dose 3, it is still less than 30% [19]. The cause of the inadequate coverage in dose 3 vaccination should be investigated. On the other hand, the basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance is not yet widely known. Accordingly, the purpose of this study was to see if there was a link between sociodemographics and knowledge of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

We discovered that sex is a factor that influences acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine through a survey. Men are more likely than women to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. This study's findings are consistent with previous research, which found that men are more likely than women to get vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine. In other words, women tend to postpone or refuse the COVID-19 vaccine [20]–[22]. One of the reasons women refuse or postpone getting the COVID-19 vaccination is that the COVID-19 vaccine is too new and from introduction to the implementation has a short period [21]. Woman considers as uncertainty about the COVID-19 vaccine's safety and effectiveness, such as post-vaccination follow-up events, perceptions of the vaccine's benefits, including confidence in obtaining immunity, and responses from the environment and families about the COVID-19 vaccine [23].

In this study, we also observed the religious perceptions of acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine. Given that Indonesia has a Muslim majority, the issue of halal and its relationship to this belief arose during the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine. According to the findings, more than 90% of our respondents are Muslims, and more than 60% believe the COVID-19 vaccine is halal. There were many issues circulating about this issue in Indonesia at the start of the introduction, so several groups refused to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To address this, the Indonesian government issued a legal fatwa regarding the Halalness of the COVID-19 vaccine through the Indonesian Religious Leader in order to increase public confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage the vaccination program that is currently in place [24],[25]. On the other hand, religion has nothing to do with vaccines acceptance because at the beginning of this pandemic, the government imposed mandatory vaccinations so that everyone without exception must want to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Another fascinating finding from this study is the respondents' reactions to their fear of the COVID-19 vaccination in relation to Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI). The percentages of those who agreed and disagreed that they were afraid of AEFIs were nearly equal, and no clear majority was found. The public is still unsure about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine due to the presence of AEFI. During the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination, there was a lot of misinformation about AEFI. People are hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccination due to misinformation such as COVID-19 vaccine having a microchip, being dangerous, being the cause of death, and so on [26],[27]. The study's findings revealed that the AEFI incidence of the COVID-19 vaccine at doses 1 and 2 was comparable to the trial results and in the community [28]. Other studies, on the other hand, found that because they had AEFI at dose 1, people were hesitant to receive dose 2 [9],[29][17], [30].

This study may be limited by self-reported data bias, as the data collected is based on respondent information that is difficult to verify. The researcher attempted to control this response by reviewing each response collected after the data collection was completed. In addition to collecting valid data, we used a pretested questionnaire that was evaluated for consistency. Despite its limitations, this research contributes to the development of lessons and, of course, policies to increase vaccine coverage for the next dose.

### 4. CONCLUSION

COVID-19 is a disease that is highly contagious and widespread. Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is one way for preventing the severity of COVID-19. However, not all vaccine doses have reached the required coverage level. According to this study gender is a factor that influences a person's vaccine acceptance. As a result, it is

suggested that relevant health authorities develop a risk communication and gender-based approach especially targeting women. The results of this study indicate that with the program currently running, men have better acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine than women (1.47 times higher). Thus, the acceptance that needs to be increased is for women.

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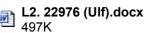
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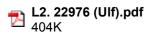
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# COVID-19 vaccine acceptance in Notoprajan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia: a lesson learned from the pandemic

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COVID-19 vaccination began in Indonesia in January 2021, with a minimum target coverage of 70% of the population. The government has delivered four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, but doses three and four have yet to meet the target. Public acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccination has varied due to the speed of the introduction and implementation of this vaccination. Meanwhile, basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance has yet to be widely known. This study aimed to determine the relationship between sociodemographics and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance in Notoprajan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. A cross-sectional study was used for this analytic survey. The population is 4,726 people, and the sample size is 355 people. People between the ages of 17 and 55 were eligible, as were those who had lived in Notoprajan, Ngampilan District, Yogyakarta, for at least three months. The data were analyzed using descriptive and bivariate analysis with a 95% confidence level ( $\alpha$ =0.05) using the Chi-square statistical test. Among the six observed variables, namely age, gender, education, occupation, religion, and knowledge level, only sex significantly correlates with COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. This research indicates that to increase COVID-19 vaccination, related parties need to target women directly. This is because men received 1.47 times the COVID-19 vaccination from this study compared to women.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Vaccination is a strategy to provide active immunity to individuals against a certain disease, such as COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic started in Wuhan, Hubei, China, in 2019 and quickly spread to the rest of the world, where it was declared a pandemic [1]–[3]. This has a significant impact on all human life; not only is the number of cases increasing but so is the high mortality rate and social stigma [4]–[6]. To overcome this, emergency measures that are physical and intervene with the body's immune system are required. The first COVID-19 vaccine used was SinoVac, that approved for emergency use in life-threatening situations to achieve herd immunity in June 2021 [7], [8].

The COVID-19 vaccine was first introduced in Indonesia in January 2021. Since then, mass vaccinations have been carried out throughout Indonesia in several phases, according to the priority scale of target stages as shown in Figure 1. This phase's sequence considers the need (urgency) and vaccine availability [9]. The ultimate goal of this mass vaccination is to achieve a minimum coverage of 70% of all targets in Indonesia for COVID-19 vaccination [10].

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Figure 1. The COVID-19 vaccination priority target in Indonesia

The Indonesian government uses several vaccine variants for COVID-19 vaccination, including the CoronaVac vaccine (Sinovac), Bio Farma's COVID-19 vaccine, AstraZeneca vaccine, Sinopharm vaccine, Moderna vaccine, Comirnaty vaccine (Pfizer and BioNTech), and Sputnik-V vaccine, Janssen COVID-19 vaccine and Convidecia vaccine [11]. There are specific vaccines for specific groups, but there are also used for the general population. Each vaccine also has potential Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) depending on the body's response. Until recently (January 2023), four doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered: one primary dose and three booster doses. National vaccination results for doses 1 and 2 have exceeded the target (more than 70%) with a target of more than 234 million. However, vaccine dose 3 did not achieve coverage yet, and dose 4 is still at stage 1 or a health worker [12]. Figure 2 shows COVID-19 vaccination coverage in Indonesia (Dose 1- 4) until January 14, 2023.

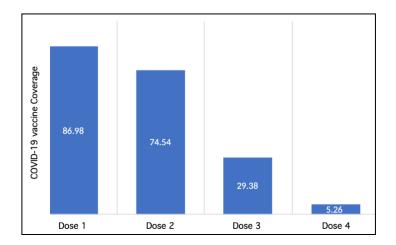


Figure 2. COVID-19 vaccination coverage in Indonesia (Dose 1-4) until January 14, 2023

Public acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccination has varied due to the speed of the introduction and implementation of this vaccination. Meanwhile, basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance is not yet widely known. Individual intrinsic and extrinsic factors, such as environmental opinions and personal beliefs, influence acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine [13]–[15]. Previous research in Northern Peru has found a link between COVID-19 vaccine acceptance and age, family income, level of knowledge, having another chronic disease, and a more trustworthy vaccine [16]. Meanwhile, vaccination has always been a challenge in Muslim-majority countries, such as the halalness of this vaccine [17]. This study looks at what factors influence vaccine acceptance in terms of sociodemographics and religious reasons by looking at the coverage of vaccination doses 3 and 4, which are still far from this target. This research was conducted in Notoprajan Village-Yogyakarta, which has an urban setting.

### 2. METHOD

### 2.1. Study design, participants, and ethical approval

This research was an analytic survey using a cross-sectional study conducted in Notoprajan Village, Ngampilan Sub-District, Yogyakarta, that was conducted on July 2022. The study was approved by the Ethical Review Board of Universitas Ahmad Dahlan, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (ethical approval code: 012111091).

The population for this study was 4,726. We recruited people aged 17-55 who have lived for at least three months in the Notoprajan Village, Ngampilan District, Yogyakarta City, to participate in our survey, which was selected using accidental sampling. In total, 355 respondents participated in this study, that calculated using the Raosoft sample calculator by considering the 5% margin of error and 95% confidence level.

### 2.2. Data collection and instrument

We used a questionnaire consisting of three sections: i) information about characteristic respondents, ii) knowledge about the COVID-19 vaccine, iii) COVID-19 vaccine acceptance to collect information from the participant. This questionnaire was pre-tested before being used with Cronbach's Alpha 0.75 and 0.77 for knowledge and vaccine acceptance, respectively. The researcher visited the respondent door to door to seek respondents who fulfilled the criteria until the number of samples was completed using an electronic form.

### 2.3. Data analysis

Data were generated and cleaned in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet before conducting descriptive and Chi-square analyses. For sociodemographic and knowledge distribution, descriptive analysis was performed first. The Chi-square test examined the relationship between sociodemographic factors and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance using the crude odds ratio (COR) with a 95% confidence interval (95% CI). Before proceeding with the relationship analysis, the data were classified as follows: for knowledge questions, a score of 1 was assigned if the respondent answered correctly, and a score of 0 was assigned if the respondent answered incorrectly. Then, for knowledge categorization, a score of ≥9 medians were considered sufficient, and a score of <9 was considered insufficient. Vaccine acceptance was measured using a 5 Likert scale with a range score of 5 to 1 (Strongly agree to Strongly disagree) for favorable and vice versa for unfavorable. Acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine is classified as positive if the score is ≥36 median and negative if the score is <36 median when receiving a scoring vaccine.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Result

### 3.1.1. Characteristics of respondents

Table 1 displays the characteristics of the 355 respondents who participated in this study. More than half of those polled were between 17 and 25. More than half of the respondents (63.3%) are female. Most of our respondents are junior high and high school graduates, accounting for nearly 80% of all respondents. Regarding employment, almost half of all our respondents are high school or college students. Most of our respondents are Muslims who have been immunized against COVID-19. More than half of our respondents have received vaccine doses 1 and 2, with the majority receiving the vaccine at the puskesmas. More than 60% of our respondents say their favorite source of information is social media.

### 3.1.2. Sociodemographic, knowledge level, and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance

Table 2 shows the respondent's distribution frequency based on the category used. The majority of respondents (75.8%) were adults. The majority of them are female. More than half (56.9%) of respondents had higher education. Only 40.6% said they were employed. The majority of them are Muslims. More than half (55.2%) of those polled believe they know enough about the COVID-19 vaccine. More than half of those surveyed said they would accept the COVID-19 vaccine.

Table 3 revealss the respondents' knowledge of the COVID-19 vaccine delivery. More than 90% of respondents reported correctly about the substance and functions of the COVID-19 vaccine. Most respondents (70%) answered false when asked if vaccination could prevent 100% of COVID-19 infections. The majority (69.9%) of respondents said honestly that vaccines are typically administered via injections and drops in the mouth. More than 90% of respondents reported tru that they received the COVID-19 vaccination and followed health protocols. More than 90% of respondents said honestly that someone infected with COVID-19 could be vaccinated three months after infection and that vaccines function to form herd immunity. A large number of the respondent (93%) reported true that people who could be vaccinated had blood pressures of 180/110 mmHg. Most respondents agreed that administering two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine would be optimal. As many as 40% of respondents answered honestly that if the period between receiving two vaccine doses exceeds six months, they are classified as dropouts and must start over. The benefit of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to 98% of respondents, is to provide protection and reduce the impact of infection.

Table 1. Respondent characteristics (n=355)

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Characteristics	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Age (years old)		
17-25	184	51.8
26-35	24	6.8
36-45	61	17.2
46-55	86	24.2
Gender		
Male	141	39.7
Female	214	60.3
Education		
No/never attended school	1	0.3
Graduated from primary school	9	2.5
Graduated from junior high school	143	40.3
Graduated from senior high school	160	45.1
Graduated from university (diploma or higher)	42	11.8
Occupation		
Not employed	18	5.1
Housewife	27	7.6
Student	166	46.8
Teacher	14	3.9
Civil servants/government employees	4	1.1
Private employees	55	15.5
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Entrepreneur		14.4
Daily worker	20	5.6
Religion	240	00.2
Moslem	349	98.3
Christian	2	0.6
Catholic	4	1.1
COVID-19 vaccination status		
Yes, received	354	99.7
Not received yet	1	0.3
Dose Receive of COVID-19 vaccine		
Dose 1	12	3.4
Doses 1 and 2	224	63.1
Doses 1, 2, and 3	118	33.2
Not received yet	1	0.3
COVID-19 vaccination locations		
Public health center	193	50.1
Doctor/Midwife/Hospital	85	22.1
Office/Workplace	22	5.7
Educational Institution	74	19.2
Other locations	11	2.8
COVID-19 vaccine information platform preference		
Social media (Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)	237	66.8
Telecommunication (SMS, telephone)	6	1.7
Online platforms (Zoom, Skye)	1	0.3
Print and electronic media (TV, newspaper)	52	14.6
Face-to-face communication	58	16.3
Not interested in seeking information	1	0.3
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Table 2. Distribution of sociodemographic knowledge and COVID-19 vaccine acceptance (n=355)

Variable	Frequency	Percentage (%)	
Age			
Adult (17-45)	269	75.8	
Older (>45)	86	24.2	
Gender			
Male	141	39.7	
Female	214	60.3	
Education			
Lower (No school, primary and junior high school)	153	43.1	
Higher (senior high school or higher)	202	56.9	
Occupation			
Not working	211	59.4	
Working	144	40.6	
Religion			
Moslem	349	98.3	
Non-Moslem	6	1.7	
Knowledge about COVID-19			
Not sufficient	159	44.8	
Sufficient	196	55.2	
Acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine			
Negative	162	45.6	
Positive	193	54.4	
Total	355	100	

Table 3. Respondents' responses to the COVID-19 vaccine knowledge statements

<u> </u>	Re	esponde	nts ans	wer
COVID-19 vaccine knowledge	Ti	rue	False	
	n	%	n	%
Vaccines contain pieces of viral deoxyribo nucleic acid (DNA) that function to respond to viruses if they attack so that the body can develop antibodies	346	97.5	9	2.5
Vaccine delivery is 100% efficient in preventing contracting COVID-19	104	29.3	251	70.7
The course of vaccines delivery, in general, can be through injections or mouth drops	248	69.9	107	30.1
By implementing vaccination, it can stop the transmission of the COVID-19 virus while still complying with health protocols	344	96.9	11	3.1
The time for getting the COVID-19 vaccine to those who have been exposed to the virus is given threemonths after the infection	324	91.3	31	8.7
Vaccination can generate herd immunity in the society	334	94.1	21	5.9
The requirement for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is that blood pressure must be below 180/110 mmHg	330	93.0	25	7.0
COVID-19 vaccine will be optimal when someone gets it at least twice	316	89.0	39	11.0
If the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccination is later than six months after the 1st dose, the vaccine starts the 1st dose ( <i>drop out</i> ).	158	44.5	197	55.5
The COVID-19 vaccine is useful for providing protection and reducing the impact of you contracting COVID-19	348	98.0	7	2.0

Table 4 demonstrates the responses provided by respondents to their perceptions of the COVID-19 vaccine's acceptance. Most respondents agreed that they received the COVID-19 vaccination to protect themselves. Almost half of those polled disagreed with the statement that they were forced to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Most respondents said they did not refuse vaccines for religious reasons. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and halal, according to 60.3% of respondents. When asked if they were afraid of follow-up events after immunization, 30.7% said they were, while 34.6% said they were not. Less than half of the respondents (44.2%) polled disagreed with the statement that they wanted to be vaccinated due to work requirements. Because they knew the benefits, 58.9% of respondents wanted vaccinated. The statement that they did not believe in the COVID-19 vaccine was rejected by 56.9% of respondents.

### 3.1.3. Bivariate analysis

We assessed the relationship between the acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine versus the sociodemographic respondent (age, gender, education, occupation, religion and knowledge level. Among the independent variables, the only sex significantly associated with COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. Being male has a 1.471 times chance of having a positive acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine compared to women (PR=1.471; CI=1.222-1.771; p-value=<0.001). While the other variables were no relationship with vaccine acceptance. The detail information is presented in Table 5.

Table 4. Respondent's response to question-related to COVID-19 vaccine acceptance

	Respondents answer									
Acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines	Strongly agree		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Strongly disagree	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
I am willing to be vaccinated for self- protection	161	45.4	169	47.6	15	4.2	9	2.5	1	0.3
I had to get vaccinated	14	3.9	29	8.2	32	9.0	175	49.3	105	29.6
I refuse vaccines because of my religious beliefs	2	0.6	9	2.5	15	4.2	185	52.1	144	40.6
I believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations	94	26.5	214	60.3	42	11.8	5	1.4	0	0
I believe in the halalness of the COVID-19 vaccine	78	22.0	216	60.8	51	14.4	9	2.5	1	0.3
I am afraid of the side effects of the vaccine (fever, pain)	22	6.2	109	30.7	82	23.1	123	34.6	19	5.4
I need vaccines because of work requirements	21	5.9	108	30.4	39	11.0	157	44.2	30	8.5
I need vaccines because I know the benefits of vaccines	109	30.7	209	58.9	27	7.6	8	2.3	2	0.6
I don't believe in the COVID-19 vaccine	4	1.1	10	2.8	22	6.2	202	56.9	117	33.0

Table 5. Chi-square test among six variables of COVID-19 vaccine acceptance

	COVI	D-19 vac	cine acc	ceptance Total p-values PR (			PR (95%)	
Variable	Pos	itive	Neg	ative	Total	p-values	IK (93%)	
	n	%	n	%				
Age								
Adult	142	52.8	127	47.2	269	0.352	0.890 (0.723-1.096)	
Older	51	59.3	35	40.7	86			
Gender								
Male	95	67.4	46	32.6	141	0.001	1.471 (1.222-1.771)	
Female	98	45.8	116	54.2	214			
Education								
Lower	114	56.4	88	43.6	202	0.428	1.093 (0.899 -1.329)	
Higher	79	51.6	74	48.4	153			
Occupation								
Working	86	59.7	58	40.3	144	0.118	1.178 (0.975 -1.423)	
Not working	107	50.7	104	49.3	211			
Religion								
Moslem	189	54.2	160	45.8	349	0.692	0.812 (0.458-1.442)	
Non-Moslem	4	66.7	2	33.3	6			
Knowledge level								
Sufficient	105	53.6	91	46.4	196	0.821	0.968 (0.800 -1.172)	
Not	88	55.3	71	44.7	159			
Sufficient								

### 3.2. Discussion

The rapid spread of COVID-19 in Indonesia and worldwide is concerning, prompting health officials to seek solutions to prevent high vitality. As a result, WHO launched the COVID-19 vaccination program in early 2021, which was quickly adopted by all countries worldwide. On January 13, 2021, the COVID-19 vaccination was introduced in Indonesia, and it was then mass-implemented throughout the country, changing priority targets. People's acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine varies; some refuse emphatically, some accept by force, and some accept voluntarily out of necessity. The Indonesian government has set a vaccination target of 70% of the total target for COVID-19. Meanwhile, the current results for vaccine dose 1 are greater than 85% and greater than 70% for dose 2. However, for dose 3, it is still less than 30% [18]. The cause of the inadequate coverage in dose 3 vaccination should be investigated. On the other hand, the basic information about the factor's influencing acceptance has yet to be widely known. Accordingly, this study aimed to see if there was a link between sociodemographics and knowledge of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

We discovered that sex is a factor that influences acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine through a survey. Men are more likely than women to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. This study's findings are consistent with previous research, which found that men are more likely than women to get vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. In other words, women tend to postpone or refuse the COVID-19 vaccine [19]–[21]. One of the reasons women deny or delay getting the COVID-19 vaccination is that the COVID-19 vaccine is too new and, from introduction to implementation, has a short period [20]. The woman considers uncertainty about the COVID-19 vaccine's safety and effectiveness, such as post-vaccination follow-up events, perceptions of the vaccine's benefits, including confidence in obtaining immunity, and responses from the environment and families about the COVID-19 vaccine [22].

In this study, we also observed the religious perceptions of acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine. According to the findings, more than 90% of our respondents are Muslims, and more than 60% believe the COVID-19 vaccine is halal. Given that Indonesia has a Muslim majority, the issue of halal and its relationship to this belief arose during the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine. Many issues were circulating about this issue in Indonesia at the start of the introduction, so several groups refused to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To address this, the Indonesian government issued a legal fatwa regarding the Halalness of the COVID-19 vaccine through the Indonesian Religious Leader to increase public confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage the vaccination program currently in place [23], [24]. On the other hand, religion has nothing to do with vaccine acceptance because, at the beginning of this pandemic, the government imposed mandatory vaccinations so that everyone without exception must want to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Another fascinating finding from this study is the respondents' reactions to their fear of the COVID-19 vaccination about adverse events following immunisation (AEFI). The percentages of those who agreed and disagreed that they were afraid of AEFIs were nearly equal, and no clear majority was found. The public still needs to learn about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine due to the presence of AEFI. During the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination, there was a lot of misinformation about AEFI. People are hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccination due to misinformation such as the COVID-19 vaccine having a microchip, being dangerous, being the cause of death, and so on [25], [26]. The study's findings revealed that

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the AEFI incidence of the COVID-19 vaccine at doses 1 and 2 was comparable to the trial results and in the community [27]. Other studies, on the other hand, found that because they had AEFI at dose 1, people were hesitant to receive dose 2 [9], [16], [28], [29].

This study may be limited by self-reported data bias, as the data collected is based on respondent information that is difficult to verify. The researcher attempted to control this response by reviewing each response collected after completing the data collection. In addition to collecting valid data, we used a pretested questionnaire that was evaluated for consistency. Despite its limitations, this research contributes to developing lessons and policies to increase vaccine coverage for the next dose.

### **CONCLUSION**

COVID-19 is a disease that is highly contagious and widespread. Getting a COVID-19 vaccination is one way to prevent the severity of COVID-19. However, not all vaccine doses have reached the required coverage level. According to this study, gender is a factor that influences a person's vaccine acceptance. As a result, it is suggested that relevant health authorities develop a risk communication and gender-based approach especially targeting women. The results of this study indicate that with the program currently running, men have a better acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine than women (1.47 times higher). Thus, the acceptance that needs to be increased is for women. Based on the findings of this study, we recommend that local governments target women in increasing demand for the COVID-19 vaccine

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