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**Midwives' Knowledge and attitude towards disorders of sex development (DSD) and its psychological impact**

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In Indonesia, midwife plays important role in the birth of babies with disorders of sex development (DSD). However study in this field is lacking. This study aims to investigate the midwives' knowledge and attitude toward DSD. The participants were 211 midwives. Data were collected using the Midwives' Knowledge and Attitude towards DSD Questionnaire. The results showed that the term \*ambiguous genitalia\* wa known better than intersex or DSD. The majority of midwives (75%) identified genetic factors that explained the occurrence of babies with ambiguous genitalia and believed that it can be cured with sugery (80,6%). Moreover, 82% of midwives realized that ambiguous genitalia leading to psychological probelm but only 39% of midwives believed that psychological therapies could help. Findings form this study highlight the need to educate widwives about DSD and its psychological impact and to provide valid information about DSD for educational purposes to health practitioners in the internet.

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