

The Effect of Halal-Status and Safety of Covid-19 Vaccines Towards Willingness to Vaccinate Among Urban Muslims in Makassar City

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Abstract. The objective of this study is to investigate the effect of halal status and safety of Covid-19 vaccines towards willingness to vaccinate among urban Muslims, especially in Makassar city. The category of active case of Covid-19 in Makassar is higher than other cities in South Sulawesi Province. On September 2021, Makassar has reached 56% of the vaccination target of 1.102.330 people. However, many people from outside Makassar participated in the vaccination and it doesn't represent the actual number of vaccination rate in Makassar city. The important factors that might affect a person's willingness to vaccinate are its halal status and safety of Covid-19 vaccines. Previous studies found that some Muslims in Indonesia feel uncomfortable with accepting vaccinations containing non-halal ingredients. Vaccination is the choice of individuals, especially for Muslim, where the halal status of vaccines has been identified as the biggest issue among Muslim community. Therefore, expected results of this study are the information whether halal status and safety of Covid-19 vaccines are essential for urban Muslim in Makassar city, so these would become the main recommendation in vaccines productions.

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