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To:

Editors-in-Chief – Early Childhood Research Quarterly

Subject: Submission of Manuscript

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm sending you this letter to submit my manuscript entitled *“****Effect of Children's Socio-economic and Health Status in Early Childhood Education Programs in Bangladesh: A Cross-sectional Study of MICS-2019****”* for consideration for publication in **Early Childhood Research Quarterly**.

We thoroughly evaluated the journal's scope and prior publications, and we feel that our study is well aligned with the journal's aims and objectives.

As Early childhood Education (ECE) Programs are crucial to a child's development, it is very important to figure out how the factors are affecting enrollment rate in ECE Programs. The main objective of this study was to figure out the underlying factors affecting ECE program enrollment. We used the MICS-2019 data set. The result of this study's findings is an important contribution to the area, and I think your renowned journal's readers would find this study's results interesting the enrollment rate in males and females in ECE programs among 36- to 59-month-old children is very low in Bangladesh (Male:19.86% Female:18.92%). Children from the urban and rural areas have a respective 23.64% and 18.27% participation in ECE programs. For secondary Complete or Higher mothers, the Odd Ratio (OR) is 2.20 (CI: 1.61-3.02) compared to the primary incomplete mothers. ECE program enrollment among children from the Richest families has an OR of 1.23(CI: 0.93-1.64) compared to the poor families. Households that contain picture books for children have an OR of 1.76 (CI:1.5-2.07) compared to their counterparts. Stunned children have an OR of 0.60 (CI: 0.49-0.73) compared to their counterparts.

I have made sure the work complies with the formatting standards and submission procedures of the journal. I certify that this paper has not already been published and is not being considered for publication in any other journals. All co-authors have been thanked and have given their permission for this work to be submitted to **Early Childhood Research Quarterly**. I'd also be grateful if the editorial board would take reviewers into account who have expertise in **Early Childhood Research Quarterly**.

I value your time and consideration given to my proposal. Regarding the outcome of the review process, I'm looking forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely



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