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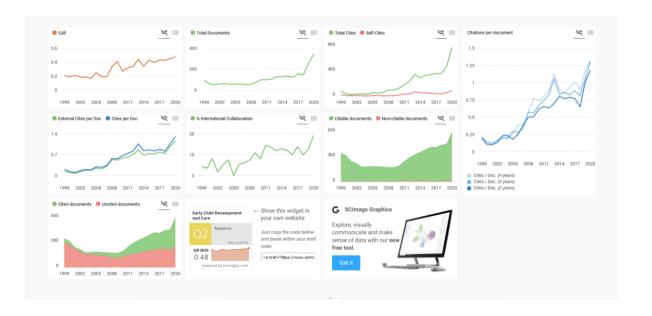
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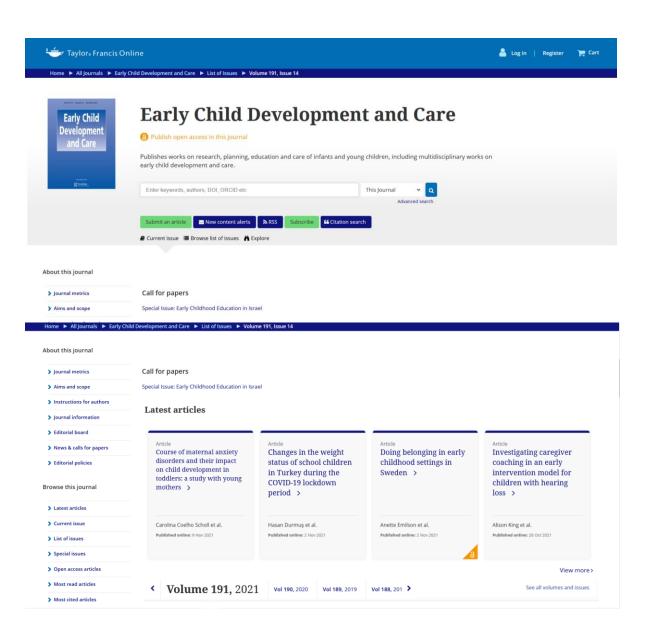
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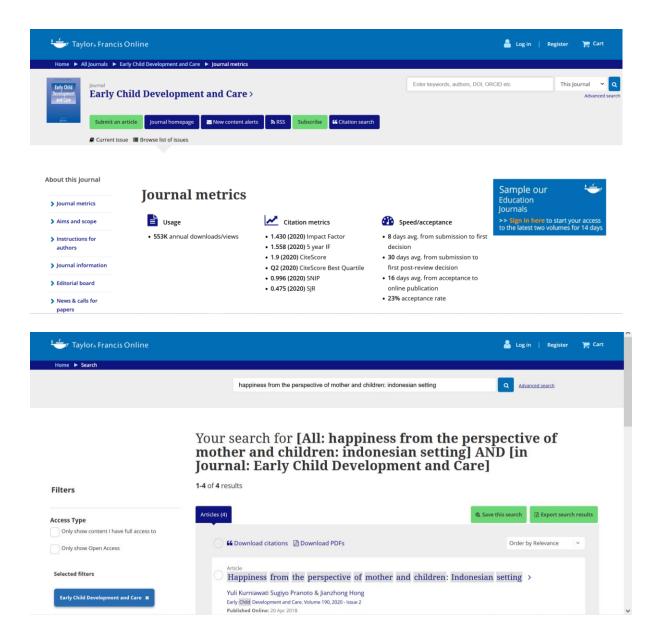
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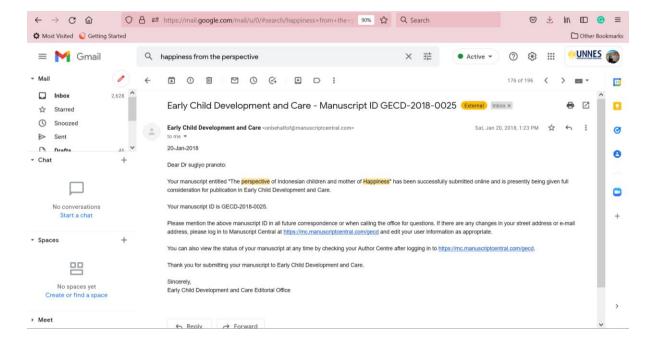




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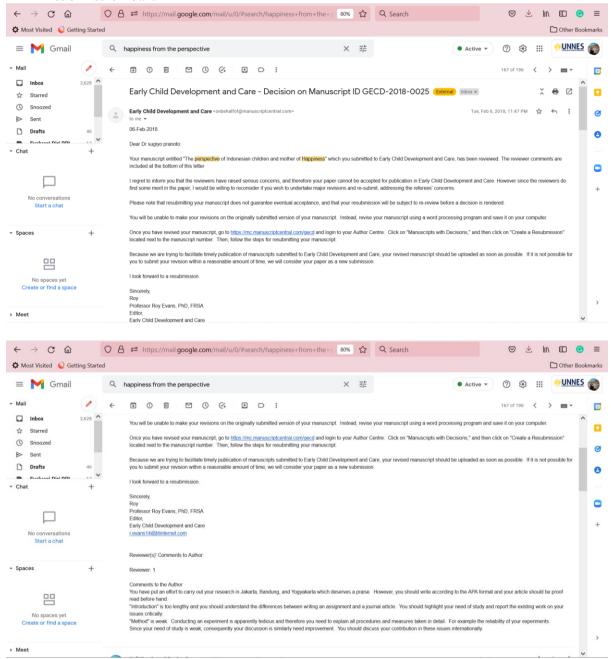
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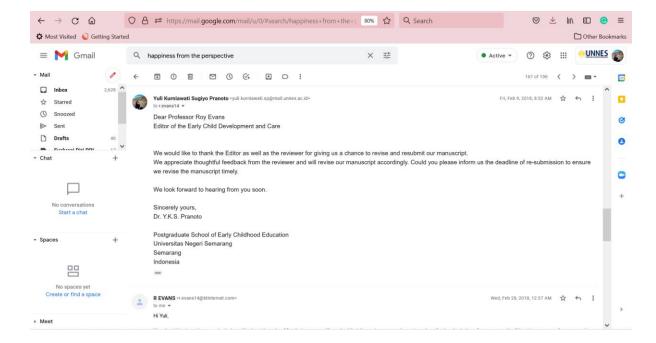
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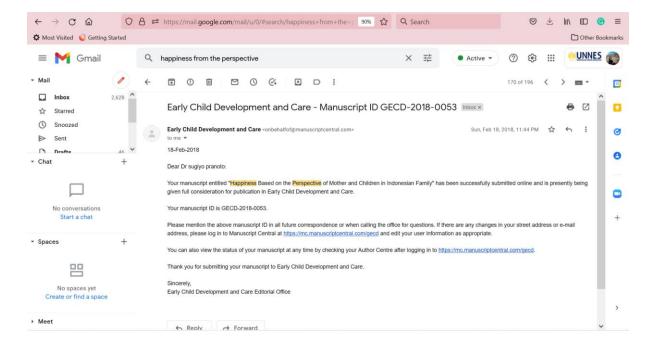
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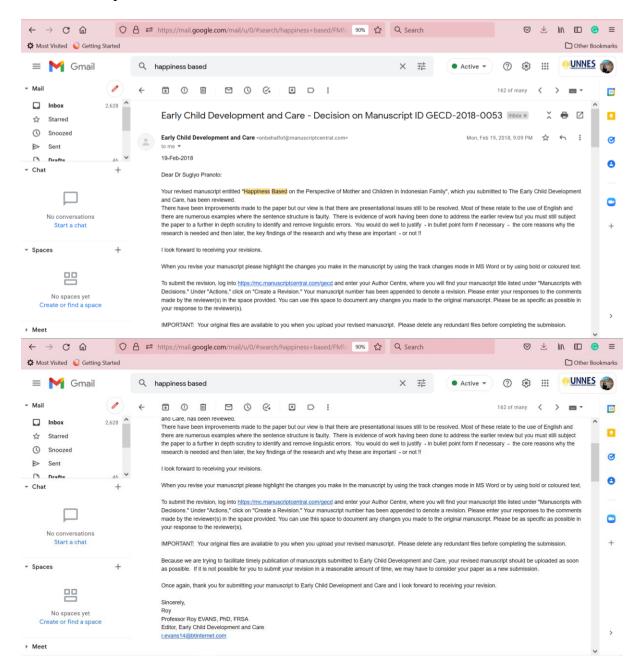
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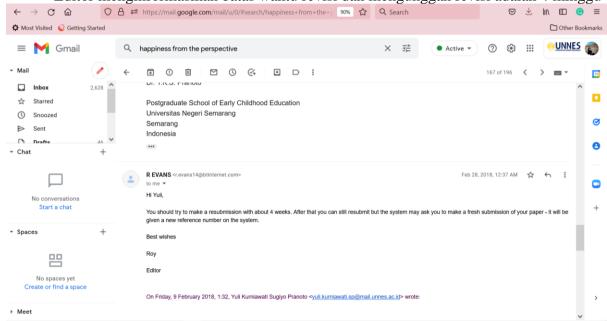
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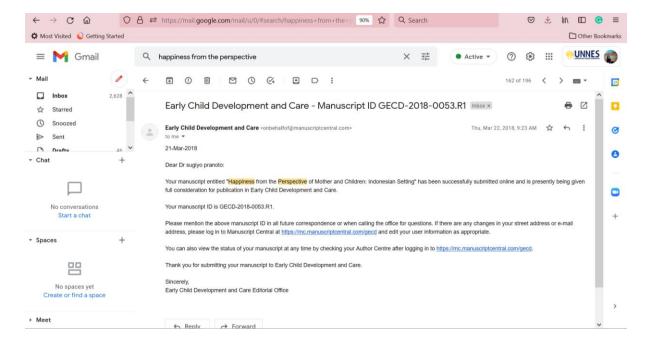
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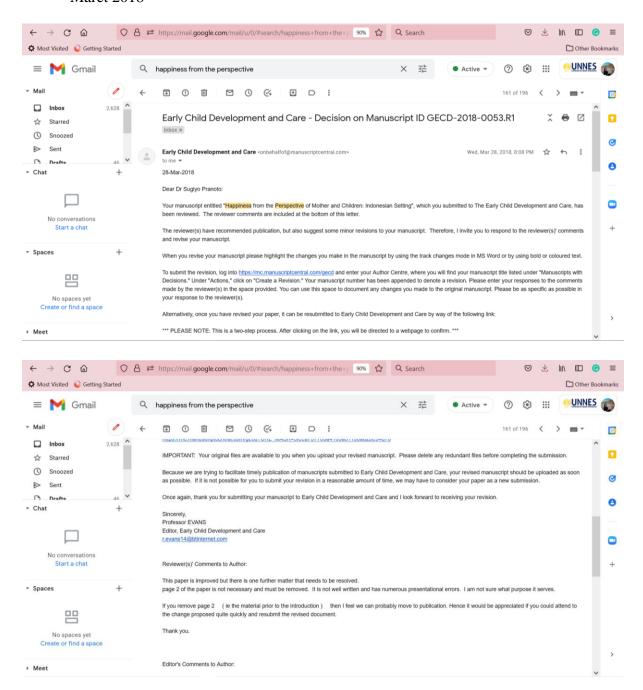
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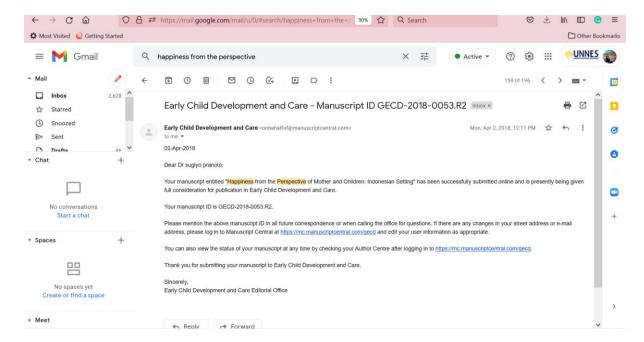
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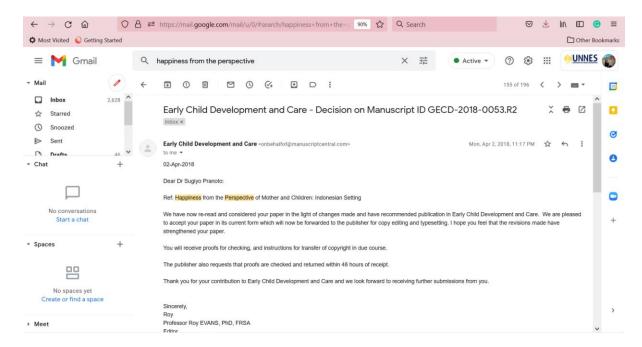


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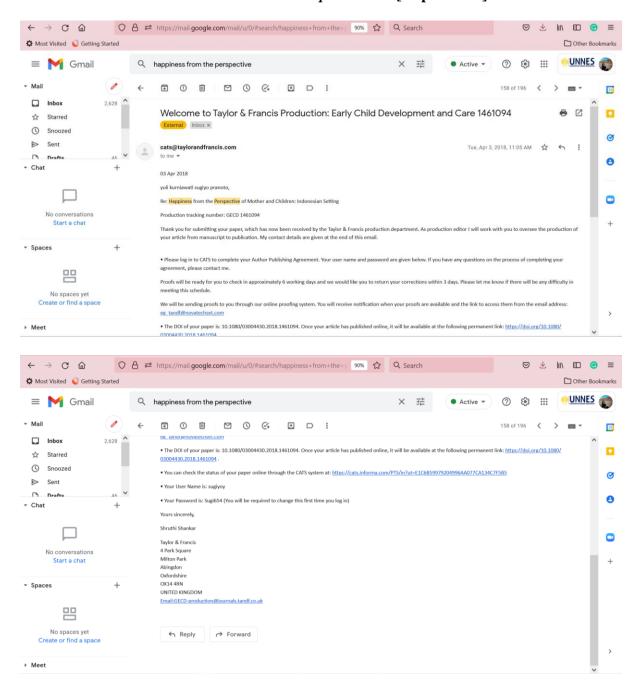
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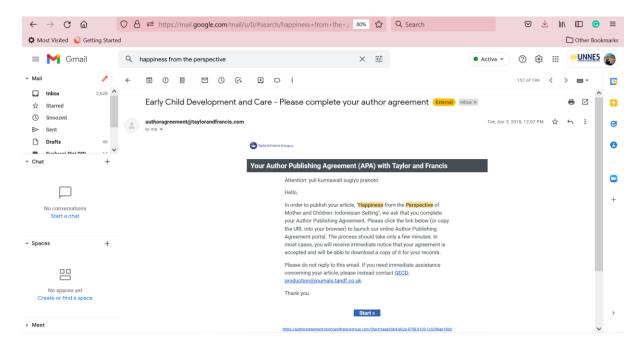
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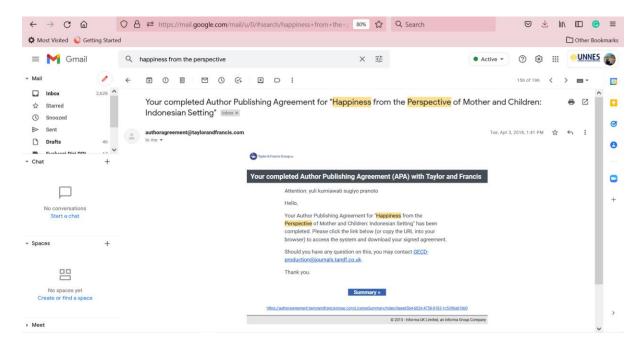
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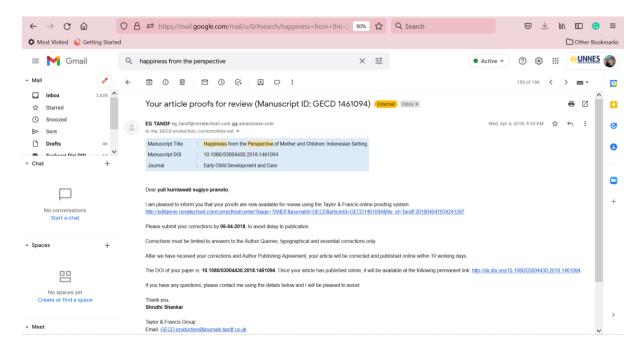
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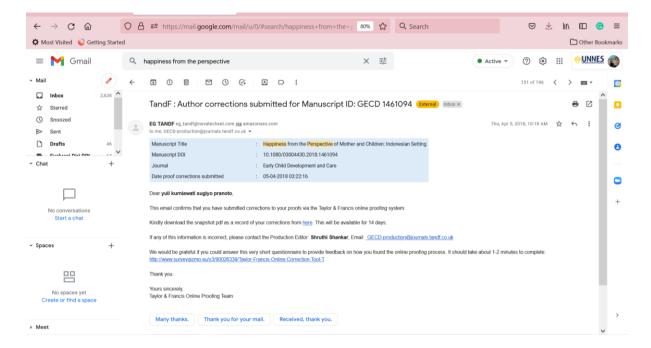
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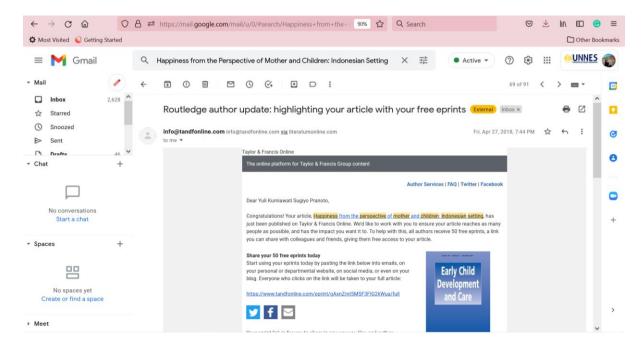
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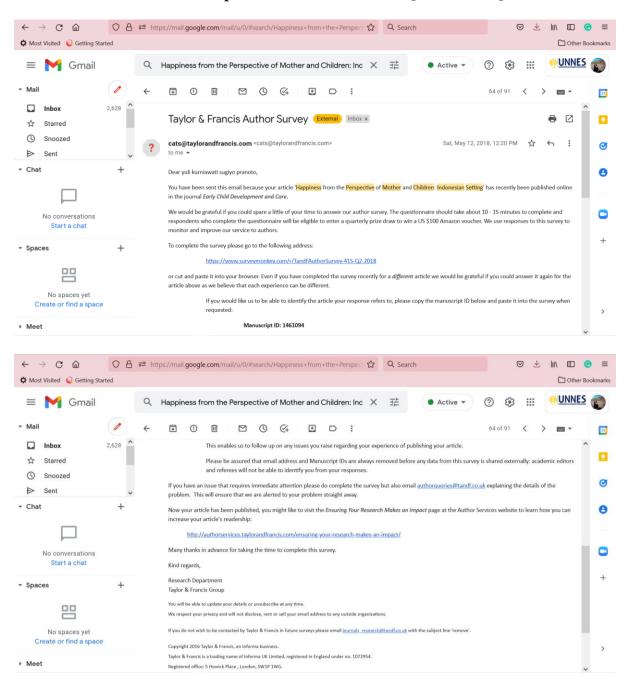
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ABSTRACT

This study aims to evaluate whether mothers and their children have the same perspective on the children's happiness. It enriched studies gap concerning agreement on perspective about young children happiness. Some studies showed agreement between mother's perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed disagreement.

In total 777 children and 367 mothers were involved in this study. This study used face scale test for children to address their happiness. This study required mothers to recognize face scales. Mothers were asked to give ratings as to what the level of their children's happiness was. The Spearman rho analysis was used to test that there was agreement between children self-report and mothers description on children's happiness.

This study revealed that Indonesian mothers and children have discrepancies on happiness (r=0.091; p=.080). In view of gender difference, agreement was found between mothers and sons (r=0.195; p=.009), but not on daughters. It is needed to develop parenting program to educate mothers on how build better communication particularly with daughters.

Keywords: happiness, mother-child agreement, young children, Indonesian.

Higlighted:

- This study was based on previous study by Hunsley and Mash (2007) that the best practice in measuring children happiness is by involving multiple respondents. However, a measurements which involving multiple respondents would allow for discrepancies (Treutler & Epkins, 2003). Previous studies showed a trend of study results leading to disagreement among respondents especially in studies involving children under the age of 7 years (e.g., Durbin & Wilson, 2012; Lagattuta et al., 2012; Youngstrom et al., 1999). Parents of children under the age of 7 tend to overestimate their child's happiness level when compared to the child's report.
- Further review on previous studies related to parent and children agreement on happiness, showed a gap between its results. Some showed disagreement, the others showed agreement between parent's (mother's) perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves (Levine, et.al, 1999; Karp et al, 2004; De Los Reyes, et.al, 2013). Considering that challenge, there should have been more studies on identifying agreements of perceptions among parents and the self-report made by their children. This dis-or-agreement will provide a rare opportunity for researchers to understand the underlying factors of the disagreement.
- This study result enriched studies gap concerning agreement on perspective about young children happiness, especially on gender differences issues. This study revealed that in view of gender difference, agreement was found between mothers and sons but not on daughters, so it is needed to develop parenting program to educate parents (mothers) on how they build better communication with daughters.

Happiness in View of the Perspective of Mother and Children: Indonesian Setting

Introduction

One of the most obvious questions in the literature over the last few years is the need for research on children happiness. As mentioned by Chaplin (2009), more studies that involved children, rather than adults, as informants are needed. This statement is supported by Ben-Arieh et al. (2001) who mentioned that we want to be able to properly measure happiness in children, therefore children should be involved in all of the research process regarding with evaluating and observing their happiness.

Some research on happiness in young children using adults' perspective were carried out by Park and Peterson (2006). The study used descriptions from parents (indirectly from children) to obtain a description on characters and levels of happiness among children. Park and Peterson suggested that parents and children should have common understandings on positive emotions children experience, as it was also mentioned earlier by Levine, Stein, and Liwag (1999).

One of the strategies used to assess children's happiness is collecting information from respondents (Hunsley & Mash, 2007). The assessments include reports from parents, teachers, and the children themselves (De Los Reyes, Salas, Menzer, & Daruwala, 2013). Nonetheless, most research concerning children under the age of 7 did not directly involve the children themselves (e.g., Bilancia & Rescorla 2010; Furniss, Byer, & Mueller, 2009).

However, a measurements which involving multiple respondents would allow for discrepancies (Treutler & Epkins, 2003). In the previous study there was a trend of study results leading to disagreement among respondents especially in studies involving children under the age of 7 years (e.g., Durbin & Wilson, 2012; Lagattuta et al., 2012; Youngstrom et al., 1999).

The results showed that parents of children under the age of 7 tend to overestimate their child's happiness level when compared to the child's private report.

Lagattuta, Sayfan, and Bamford (2012) recently identified the relationships of reports from parents and children aged 4 to 11. Their results indicated positive bias, meaning that parents tend to provide higher scores for optimism aspects, and lower scores for pessimism facets, compared to those of their children. This is in line with previous results provided by Youngstrom, Izard, and Ackerman (1999). Another investigation on children aged 8 and 12 showed that parents tend to overrate children's happiness compared to the report by the children themselves (Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010).

Other research by Kristin, Sayfan, and Bamford (2012) tried to involve both parents and children. It is aimed at measuring misunderstandings between parents and their children (aged 4 – 11) on daily emotions. Despite the fact that both parents and children provide internally consistent responses, the parents' perception on their children's emotional well-being fails to provide any correlation. Parents were significantly underestimating the concerns and worries and also optimism of their children.

Further review on previous studies related to parent and children agreement on happiness, showed a gap between its results. Some showed disagreement between parent's (mother's) perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed agreement (Levine, et.al, 1999; Karp et al, 2004; De Los Reyes, et.al, 2013).

The study by Levine, Stein and Liwag (1999) involved parents and asked them to recall and describe the events that lead to happiness, sadness, anger and fear in children. Understanding between parents and children in the study was found to vary in a wide range of emotions function. Children frequently encountered to agree with parents when it comes to emotional

attributions that evoke happiness and sadness, rather than fear or even anger. Parents recognize emotions on events that have occurred previously but failed to recognize the purpose of those events on their children.

It is a common assumption that parents who know and understand more about their children's growth will be more sensitive toward their children's needs (Goodnow, Knight, & Cashmore, 1985). Parents know their children best. Their everyday observation should provide the most reliable information of their children's behavior (Karp et al, 2004). A study by De Los Reyes et al (2013) revealed the relationship reports from both parents and children concerning emotions in children aged 7 and older who are diagnosed with emotional disorder.

Based on those empirical findings, there was a gap between its results. Some showed agreement between parent's (mother's) perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed a disagreement. Considering that challenge, there should have been more research on identifying agreements of perceptions among parents and the self-report made by their children. This dis-or-agreement will provide a rare opportunity for researchers to understand the underlying factors of the dis-or-agreement.

Aim and research questions

The purpose of this study was describe Indonesian children's happiness both form the perspective of children and their mothers and to investigate whether parents and their children reported an agreement of opinions upon children's happiness. The following research questions were addresed:

- How do children describe their happiness (at most of the time)?
- How do parents (mothers) describe their children happiness (at most of the time)?

• Is there any agreement between parents (mothets) and their children when reported children happiness?

Conceptual and theoretical framework

Happiness is a positive emotional status subjectively stated by an individual personally or subjectively (Snyder & Lopez, 2007). Happiness is also defined as a global satisfaction in life or a perception on quality of life, the presence of positive affect, and the absence of negative affect (Diener, 1984). Argyle et al. (1989) defines happiness as the average satisfaction at certain period with certain frequencies of positive and negative effects.

Chappell and Crisp (1998) stated that a subjectively experienced mental states (i.e happiness) cannot be measured, only people's preferences can be stated and inferred from their behavior, objectively. Angner (2013) tries to break that notion by writing an article entitled "Is it possible to measure happiness? The argument from measurability". This article tries to convince us that distributing questionnaires and input the data gained into a computer program such as SPSS to get a general impression on the matter, simply can be conducted. Ware and Sherbourne (1992) stated that it is only true that happiness can simply be measured from a single question, compared to depression that requires a 21-item Beck Depression Inventory or perhaps health status that needs a 36-item Short Form Health Survey (SF-36).

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Based on previous literartures and studies, children happiness is defined as average satisfaction at certain period which can be measured from a single question. Children's overall happiness is measured using one item scales such as the Facial Scale (Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010; Agner, 2013. It has been widely used due to its validity and reliability (Abdel-Khalek, 2006).

Method

This study was designed from children and mothers perspective on happiness, responded to previous study by Hunsley and Mash (2007) that the best practice in measuring children happiness is by involving multiple respondents.

Participant and data collection

This study involved 777 children and 367 mothers. Participating children were aged 4-6 years old and still in kindergarten. The flowchart below describes participation from both children and parents (mothers).

[insert figure.1 here]

All participant were living in Java islands which consist of Javanese (in Yogyakarta), Sundanese (in Bandung, west Java), and mixed ethnicity (in Jakarta, capital city of Indonesia). The research carried out in two largest ethnic group in Indonesia.

The Face scale - children self report.

A modified face scale was modified to look more real, considering that participant of age was as young as 4. Adjustments were made by reducing the number of pictures (from 7 to 6).

This was in line with an previous clinical study that also used the face scale to identify pain in children. The Faces Pain Rating Scale by Wong-Baker is the dominant method used nowadays to measure pain intensity in children. This scale was depicted in Fig. 1. Six faces are shown to 3 year olds or older; 0) is very happy because he does not feel hurt at all; 1) hurts a little bit; 2) hurts a little more; 3) hurts even more; 4) hurts a whole lot; and 5) hurts worst. (Wong & Baker, 1988). This face scale has been widely applied in children as respondent, as a graphical representation of emotions that can be recognized by children (MacDonald, et.al. 1996).

The face scale was used to measure one's perception on happiness (Andrews & Withey, 1976; Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010; Agner, 2013. It has been widely used due to its validity and reliability (Abdel-Khalek, 2006). In Indonesian setting, a validity and reliability test for Face Scale was done previously (Pranoto & Hong, unpublished manuscript).

Once children names and ages were confirmed, they underwent the face scale test to address the area of their happiness. This scale used Likert type scale with six simple pictures positioned parallel to the horizontal line. These pictures depict varied mouth expressions, from very upturned (indicating great happiness) to the very downturned (indicating unhappiness) (Fig.2). Researchers asked children to value their happiness as "most of the time".

[insert figure.2 here]

The Face scale - mothers report.

Before the questionnaire for mothers' session, a procedure was implemented, sending enveloped invitation to parents. These envelopes were given to parents through their children.

Inside the envelopes, there was a letter from the school attached that invited to attend a session

for questionnaire filling. This study required mothers to recognize face scales. Mothers were

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asked to give ratings as to what the level of their children's happiness was. These pictures were graded from the happiest to the least happy.

Pre-testing

There was a need to have pre-testing to examine external judgement on the questionnaire and face scale prior to its distribution to the intended children. The pilot study involved 60 children and 60 mothers who represented 20 ethnic categories. Besides, kindergarten teachers were also involved as professional expert in checking the questionnaire and the face scale. This external judgement is meant to identify any possible problem the children might faced while responding to the questions asked. Teachers were considered as the best people to provide input as they were professionals who worked and actively involved in children's day to day life. The teachers also involved to represent all ethnicity (two for each ethnic group) in the whole process of test design and trial. Once the test was tried on some children, a discussion with those teachers would ensue; related to problems experienced by the children while trying to answer the research question and give response to face scale. Their suggestions had been taken into account.

The pilot study included reliability test for face scale. Since the face scale used a single item measure, test-retest was needed to evaluate the reability of its instrument. After the children filled out the face scale, the reliability of the face scale was examined. The reliability was acceptable with Cronbach's Alpha is 0.833. Next, mothers filled out the face scale by recognizing their children happiness of almost the time. The reliability of the face scale was acceptable with Alpha Cronbach is 0.901. Both displayed the degree to which the response were consistent or stable over time (Pranoto & Hong, unpublished manuscript).

Ethical consideration

The researcher asked for permission from the school principals of eight public kindergartens in Bandung, Yogyakarta, and Jakarta, prior to data collection. After permission was granted, the researcher (YKSP) gave study information in written to parents together woth invitation to attend parent meeting at school.

During parent meeting, the researcher gave information about the study and gave opportunity for parents to ask questions and make decisions to join the study and also gave consent in written for their children to participate in the study as well. Children, under the consent of their parents, were involved. In the interview session, the researcher gave a brief explanation regarding to the study conducted.

Data analysis

The Chi-square analysis was used to test response distribution of children and mothers on happiness. Further, the Spearman's rho analysis was used to test the agreement between children and mothers data on children's happiness based on age, gender, and ethnicity perspective.

Results and discussion

The study aimed to describe happiness from the perspective of children and mothers and to investigate whether parents and their children reported an agreement of response upon children's happiness. The merit of this research is that it involved children as active participants and parents as second participants.

The Spearman's rho analysis showed discrepancies of response between Indonesian mothers and children on happiness. This happened either in the category of ethnic and children's

age. The frequency of distribution showed that most children reported happiness at level 1 which means very happy, whereas mothers mostly reported happiness at level 2 which means happy.

Children and mothers report on happiness

Based on table below, Indonesian mothers tend to report lower level of children happiness compare to child self report.

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[insert table. 4 here]

This result is in contrast to previous studies result. One of them is the finding of Lagattuta, et.al (2012) that tries to identify the relationship of reports from both informants (children age 4-11 and their mothers) on (optimism) and worries. Their finding showed that parents reported higher level of optimism and lower level of worries. This was incompatible with what their children said. Others previous study result revealed there was a trend of study results leading to disagreement among respondents especially in studies involving children under the age of 7 years (e.g., Durbin & Wilson, 2012; Lagattuta et al., 2012; Youngstrom et al., 1999). The results showed that parents of children under the age of 7 tend to overestimate their child's happiness level when compared to the child's private report.

Agreement on happiness between Children and Mothers

The result of analysis using the Spearman's rho analysis (see table 1 and 4 above), showed disagreement between daughters and mothers report. Based on that table above, the Spearman's rho test showed that there was not a statistically significant correlation between Indonesian children's self-report and mother's description on children's happiness (r= 0.091, p=.080). An agreement was found between sons and mothers report (r=0.195; p=.009).

There were not many researches that specifically revealed correspondence among the informants, meaning on whether parents agree with what their children have reported, in terms of happiness. There are only few studies dedicated to gain reports from both parents and their children on happiness. All these research supported this positive bias. A research by Holder, Coleman, and Wallace (2010) indicated that there was no agreement between reports from parents and those from their children. Parents tend to overrate happiness compared to what their children really feel/experience. Even for the laboratory research using bubbles (which the children play with freely), parents report more happiness compared to what their children actually feel themselves - as described by trained coders (Durbin & Wilson, 2012).

The reason as to why parents overrate the happiness of their 12 year olds or younger children is their egocentric bias that they use as the anchor point to estimate or justify their children's emotions. The effect of egocentric bias should be put into consideration, despite the fact that mothers tend to underrate happiness of their children.

Another study emphasized that parents of children aged 5 or younger were less happy than those who have older children (Nelson et.al, 2014). In reality, parents with younger children have more experiences in which their children are sources of happiness and pride, but they also feel the stress of their negative attitude and the many time consuming chores and confusing situations

that sometimes frustrates or irritate them (Crnic & Low, 2002, p. 243). Hence, Lagattuta et al. (2012) stated that parents can either be happier or less happy, this was where the bias stems from.

A research by López-Pérez and Wilson (2015) that investigated agreement between parents and their children aged 12 or younger and also perceptions between them, stresses this bias. Another research by Durbin and Wilson, (2012) and Lagattuta et al. (2012) confirmed bias in estimation. There was a clear difference between mothers' estimation and that of the children's (Durbin & Wilson, 2012). This research, however, was not focused on the life satisfaction of mothers. Hence, it was not intended to measure egocentric bias. Instead, this would be a challenge for further research.

Comparison analysis on ethnic, age, and gender differences

Overall, this study found disagreement between children and mothers report in view of ethnic and age differences. From gender point of view, it was mothers and their boys who had agreement in response on the issue of happiness (r=0.195; p=.009), not on daughters (r=0.039; p=.590).

Gender played a significant role in the level of agreement between parents and children. Mothers had different expectations for their sons or daughters. Nonetheless, previous studies showed no gender differences in the level of agreement between parents and children (Duhig et al., 2000; Hughes & Gullone, 2010; Langberg et al., 2010).

Gender differences on the level of agreement was perhaps because mothers tend to recognize boy's emotion expressed better compared to girls, due to an emotional display norm (Saarni, 1993). Emotional display norm was understood by girls that they learnt to hold back

emotions. Boys, on the contrary, were allowed to express themselves more. This explained why mothers know the emotions of their boys better.

Emotional display norm that usually applies to girls prevent them from doing self-retrospect and understand emotional changes within themselves. According to Kraemer Measelle, Ablow, Essex, Boyce, & Kupfer (2003), self-retrospect and self-monitoring skills were factors that influence the level of agreement. This is consistent with what other expert said (i.e. Renouf & Kovacs, 1994).

For Indonesian young girls, they experience limited emotional expression as this is against the norms for majority in Indonesia, (Garna, 1984). The philosophy of harmonious integration prevents any intense feelings of resentment to manifest itself. Less expressive win-win solution is the norm in cases of conflicts. This value has seemed to penetrate to the whole Indonesian way of life as well (Shiraisi, 1997).

Although rare studies examining ethnic differences in socialization of emotions, but it appears in all the different groups or ethnic involved in the research. For example, the results of study by Markus & Kitayama, (1991) proved that these overt emotional expressions correlated with individual orientation on individuality and had character independence as it was owned by people of European American in the United States, when compared to the individual-oriented collectivist or family orientation in which the expression of emotions tend to be suppressed.

Some of the literature review as submitted by Dunsmore and Halberstadt (1997) and Eisenberg et al., (1998) emphasized the importance of parental emotion beliefs affect emotion socialization practices. Wong, Diener, & Isabella, (2008) in his research indicated that parents who accepted and appreciated her children emotions tended to support on display negative emotions, and parents tended to treat their children less hostile or dismissive response to the

negative emotions of children. In fact, Halberstadt, Thompson, Parker, & Dunsmore, (2008) found that these types of parents who preferred to discuss any event occurred with the child could potentially trigger negative emotions. Similarly, research by Leerkers (2010) found that mothers who had positive beliefs about the importance of negative emotions in the infant, tended to be sensitive to the child's condition, especially when they were in distressed conditions.

In Indonesian setting, mothers tend to accept emotional expression of sons than daughter might because of the cultural values that have been believed. In Indonesian culture, the position of the wife (mother) is lower than husband. In Indonesia, a wife must respect the man. Koentjaraningrat (1994) states that a wife must "respect", showing respect for her husband. Based on the study Liliani (2000) indicates that even in modern women still found that women still have an obligation to please her husband, obedient and submissive to the husband's orders. The value which a wife believes is manifested in her role as a mother and how she build relationship with her children. Mothers tend to accept and appreciate emotions of sons than daughters, because of the value of sons within patriarchal society is higher than daughters.

Conclusions and implications for research

The Spearman's rho analysis showed discrepancies of response between Indonesian mothers and children on happiness. Agreement was found only between mothers and sons. The frequency of distribution showed that most children reported happiness at level 1 which means very happy, whereas mothers mostly reported happiness at level 2 which means happy. Practically, the findings of this study can help parents, social workers and education professionals, researchers in the field of educational and children's development to develop

parenting program and seminar to educate mothers to build better communication with their daughters.

Future researchers should consider involving mothers and fathers at the same time, in order to get better portrayal of how fathers-children and mother-children agreement or disagreement look like. This measure has been earlier attempted by Treutler and Epkins (2003) who revealed that there was a difference in the level of agreement between children with their mothers and children with their fathers.

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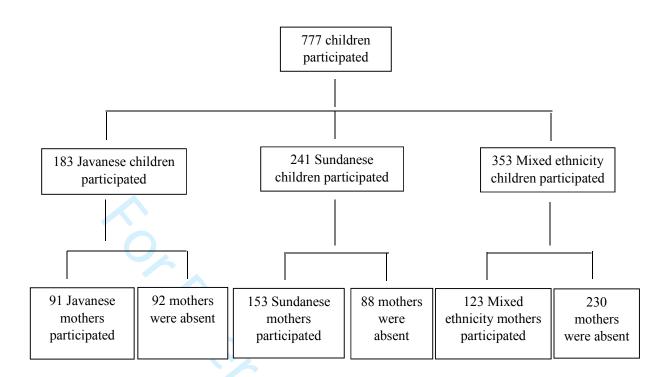


Figure 1. Flowchart of participants



Figure 2. A Modified Face scale.

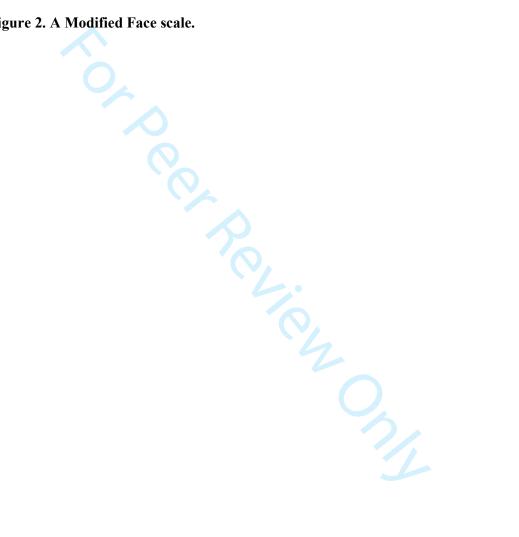


Table. 1 Children and mother's report of children's happiness

	_	Child	Mother	<u></u>
	Level of Happiness	n=777	n=367	r [p value]
		f(%)	f(%)	
1		559 (71.9)	143 (39.0)	
2		147 (18.9)	180 (49.0)	
3		22 (2.8)	39 (10.6)	
4		4 (.5)	1 (.3)	n.s
5		7 (.9)	4 (1.1)	
6		38 (4.9)	-	

Chi-square is applied. In each cell, the first number is the frequency of level chosen followed by percentage in the bracket.

Table. 1 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different ethnic

I amal of	Javanese			Sundanese			Mixed ethnicity		
Level of Happiness	Child n=183	Mother n=91	r	Child n=241	Mother n=153	r	Child n=353	Mother n=123	r
	f(%)	f(%)	[p]	f(%)	f(%)	- [p]	f(%)	f(%)	[p]
1	140 (76.5)	26 (28.6)		154 (63.9)	53 (34.6)		265 (75.1)	64 (52.0)	
2	33 (18.0)	46 (50.5)		53 (22.0)	84 (54.9)		61 (17.3)	50 (40.7)	
3	3 (1.6)	18 (19.8)	n.s	9 (3.7)	14 (9.2)	n.s	10 (2.8)	7 (5.7)	n.s
4	1 (.5)	-	11.5	1 (.4)	1 (.7)	11.5	2 (.6)	-	11.5
5	_	1 (1.1)		5 (2.1)	1 (.7)		2 (.6)	2 (1.6)	
6	6 (3.3)	/		19 (7.9)	-		13 (3.7)	-	

Chi-square is applied. In each cell, the first number is the frequency of level chosen followed by percentage in the bracket.

Table. 3 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different age

Laval of		Age 4			Age 5			Age 6	
Level of Happiness	Child n=139	Mother n=82	r	Child n=390	Mother n=186	r	Child n=248	Mother n=99	r
	f(%)	f(%)	[p]	f(%)	f(%)	[p]	f(%)	f(%)	[p]
1	98 (70.5)	36 (43.9)		290 (74.4)	72 (38.7)		171 (69)	35 (35.4)	
2	25 (18)	35 (42.7)		66 (16.9)	91 (48.9)		56 (22.6)	54 (54.5)	
3	7 (5)	9 (11.0)	n.s	8 (2.1)	22 (11.8)	n.s	7 (2.8)	8 (8.1)	n.s
4	2 (1.4)	-		1 (.3)	1 (.5)		1 (.4)	-	
5	1 (.7)	1 (2.4)		2 (.5)	-		4 (1.6)	2(2.0)	
6	6 (4.3)	=		23 (5.9)	-		9 (3.6)	-	

Chi-square is applied. In each cell, the first number is the frequency of level chosen followed by percentage in the bracket.

Table. 2 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different gender

		Boys			Girls	
Level of Happiness	child	mother		child	mother	
	n=381	n=176	r [p]	n=396	n=191	r [p]
	f(%)	f(%)		f(%)	f(%)	
1	298	62 (35.2)		261	81 (42.4)	
	(78.2)			(65.9)		
2	51 (13.4)	61 (51.7)	0.1050	96 (24.2)	89 (46.6)	
3	11 (2.9)	20 (11.4)	0.1950 [0.0095]	11 (2.8)	19 (9.9)	n.s
4	2 (.5)	-		2 (.5)	1 (.5)	
5	2 (.5)	3 (1.7)		5 (1.3)	1 (.5)	
6	17 (4.5)	<u> </u>		21 (5.3)	-	

Chi-square is applied. In each cell, the first number is the frequency of level chosen followed by percentage in the bracket.



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ABSTRACT

This study aims to evaluate whether mothers and their children have the same perspective on the children's happiness. It enriched studies gap concerning agreement on perspective about young children happiness. Some studies showed agreement between mother's perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed disagreement.

In total 777 children and 367 mothers were involved in this study. This study used face scale test for children to address their happiness. This study required mothers to recognize face scales. Mothers were asked to give ratings as to what the level of their children's happiness was. The Spearman rho analysis was used to test that there was agreement between children self-report and mothers description on children's happiness.

This study revealed that Indonesian mothers and children have discrepancies on happiness (r=0.091; p=.080). In view of gender difference, agreement was found between mothers and sons (r=0.195; p=.009), but not on daughters. It is needed to develop parenting program to educate mothers on how build better communication particularly with daughters.

Keywords: happiness, mother-child agreement, young children, Indonesian.

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Introduction

One of the most obvious questions in the literature over the last few years is the need for research on children happiness. As mentioned by Chaplin (2009), more studies that involved children, rather than adults, as informants are needed. This statement is supported by Ben-Arieh et al. (2001) who mentioned that we want to be able to properly measure happiness in children, therefore children should be involved in all of the research process regarding with evaluating and observing their happiness.

Some research on happiness in young children using adults' perspective were carried out by Park and Peterson (2006). The study used descriptions from parents (indirectly from children) to obtain a description on characters and levels of happiness among children. Park and Peterson suggested that parents and children should have common understandings on positive emotions children experience, as it was also mentioned earlier by Levine, Stein, and Liwag (1999).

One of the strategies used to assess children's happiness is collecting information from respondents (Hunsley & Mash, 2007). The assessments include reports from parents, teachers, and the children themselves (De Los Reyes, Salas, Menzer, & Daruwala, 2013). Nonetheless, most research concerning children under the age of 7 did not directly involve the children themselves (e.g., Bilancia & Rescorla 2010; Furniss, Byer, & Mueller, 2009).

However, a measurements which involving multiple respondents would allow for discrepancies (Treutler & Epkins, 2003). In the previous study there was a trend of study results leading to disagreement among respondents especially in studies involving children under the age of 7 years (e.g., Durbin & Wilson, 2012; Lagattuta et al., 2012; Youngstrom et al., 1999).

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The results showed that parents of children under the age of 7 tend to overestimate their child's happiness level when compared to the child's private report.

Lagattuta, Sayfan, and Bamford (2012) recently identified the relationships of reports from parents and children aged 4 to 11. Their results indicated positive bias, meaning that parents tend to provide higher scores for optimism aspects, and lower scores for pessimism facets, compared to those of their children. This is in line with previous results provided by Youngstrom, Izard, and Ackerman (1999). Another investigation on children aged 8 and 12 showed that parents tend to overrate children's happiness compared to the report by the children themselves (Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010).

Other research by Kristin, Sayfan, and Bamford (2012) tried to involve both parents and children. It is aimed at measuring misunderstandings between parents and their children (aged 4 – 11) on daily emotions. Despite the fact that both parents and children provide internally consistent responses, the parents' perception on their children's emotional well-being fails to provide any correlation. Parents were significantly underestimating the concerns and worries and also optimism of their children.

Further review on previous studies related to parent and children agreement on happiness, showed a gap between its results. Some showed disagreement between parent's (mother's) perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed agreement (Levine, et.al, 1999; Karp et al, 2004; De Los Reyes, et.al, 2013).

The study by Levine, Stein and Liwag (1999) involved parents and asked them to recall and describe the events that lead to happiness, sadness, anger and fear in children. Understanding between parents and children in the study was found to vary in a wide range of emotions function. Children frequently encountered to agree with parents when it comes to emotional

attributions that evoke happiness and sadness, rather than fear or even anger. Parents recognize emotions on events that have occurred previously but failed to recognize the purpose of those events on their children.

It is a common assumption that parents who know and understand more about their children's growth will be more sensitive toward their children's needs (Goodnow, Knight, & Cashmore, 1985). Parents know their children best. Their everyday observation should provide the most reliable information of their children's behavior (Karp et al, 2004). A study by De Los Reyes et al (2013) revealed the relationship reports from both parents and children concerning emotions in children aged 7 and older who are diagnosed with emotional disorder.

Based on those empirical findings, there was a gap between its results. Some showed agreement between parent's (mother's) perception of their children and children's self-report of themselves, the others showed a disagreement. Considering that challenge, there should have been more research on identifying agreements of perceptions among parents and the self-report made by their children. This dis-or-agreement will provide a rare opportunity for researchers to understand the underlying factors of the dis-or-agreement.

Aim and research questions

The purpose of this study was describe Indonesian children's happiness both form the perspective of children and their mothers and to investigate whether parents and their children reported an agreement of opinions upon children's happiness. The following research questions were addresed:

- How do children describe their happiness (at most of the time)?
- How do parents (mothers) describe their children happiness (at most of the time)?

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• Is there any agreement between parents (mothets) and their children when reported children happiness?

Conceptual and theoretical framework

Happiness is a positive emotional status subjectively stated by an individual personally or subjectively (Snyder & Lopez, 2007). Happiness is also defined as a global satisfaction in life or a perception on quality of life, the presence of positive affect, and the absence of negative affect (Diener, 1984). Argyle et al. (1989) defines happiness as the average satisfaction at certain period with certain frequencies of positive and negative effects.

Chappell and Crisp (1998) stated that a subjectively experienced mental states (i.e happiness) cannot be measured, only people's preferences can be stated and inferred from their behavior, objectively. Angner (2013) tries to break that notion by writing an article entitled "*Is it possible to measure happiness? The argument from measurability*". This article tries to convince us that distributing questionnaires and input the data gained into a computer program such as SPSS to get a general impression on the matter, simply can be conducted. Ware and Sherbourne (1992) stated that it is only true that happiness can simply be measured from a single question, compared to depression that requires a 21-item Beck Depression Inventory or perhaps health status that needs a 36-item Short Form Health Survey (SF-36).

Based on previous literartures and studies, children happiness is defined as average satisfaction at certain period which can be measured from a single question. Children's overall happiness is measured using one item scales such as the Facial Scale (Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010; Agner, 2013. It has been widely used due to its validity and reliability (Abdel-Khalek, 2006).

Method

This study was designed from children and mothers perspective on happiness, responded to previous study by Hunsley and Mash (2007) that the best practice in measuring children happiness is by involving multiple respondents.

Participant and data collection

This study involved 777 children and 367 mothers. Participating children were aged 4-6 years old and still in kindergarten. The flowchart below describes participation from both children and parents (mothers).

[insert figure.1 here]

All participant were living in Java islands which consist of Javanese (in Yogyakarta), Sundanese (in Bandung, west Java), and mixed ethnicity (in Jakarta, capital city of Indonesia). The research carried out in two largest ethnic group in Indonesia.

The Face scale - children self report.

A modified face scale was modified to look more real, considering that participant of age was as young as 4. Adjustments were made by reducing the number of pictures (from 7 to 6).

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This was in line with an previous clinical study that also used the face scale to identify pain in children. The Faces Pain Rating Scale by Wong-Baker is the dominant method used nowadays to measure pain intensity in children. This scale was depicted in Fig. 1. Six faces are shown to 3 year olds or older; 0) is very happy because he does not feel hurt at all; 1) hurts a little bit; 2) hurts a little more; 3) hurts even more; 4) hurts a whole lot; and 5) hurts worst. (Wong & Baker, 1988). This face scale has been widely applied in children as respondent, as a graphical representation of emotions that can be recognized by children (MacDonald, et.al. 1996).

The face scale was used to measure one's perception on happiness (Andrews & Withey, 1976; Holder, Coleman, & Wallace, 2010; Agner, 2013. It has been widely used due to its validity and reliability (Abdel-Khalek, 2006). In Indonesian setting, a validity and reliability test for Face Scale was done previously (Pranoto & Hong, unpublished manuscript).

Once children names and ages were confirmed, they underwent the face scale test to address the area of their happiness. This scale used Likert type scale with six simple pictures positioned parallel to the horizontal line. These pictures depict varied mouth expressions, from very upturned (indicating great happiness) to the very downturned (indicating unhappiness) (Fig.2). Researchers asked children to value their happiness as "most of the time".

[insert figure.2 here]

The Face scale - mothers report.

Before the questionnaire for mothers' session, a procedure was implemented, sending enveloped invitation to parents. These envelopes were given to parents through their children.

Inside the envelopes, there was a letter from the school attached that invited to attend a session

for questionnaire filling. This study required mothers to recognize face scales. Mothers were asked to give ratings as to what the level of their children's happiness was. These pictures were graded from the happiest to the least happy.

Pre-testing

There was a need to have pre-testing to examine external judgement on the questionnaire and face scale prior to its distribution to the intended children. The pilot study involved 60 children and 60 mothers who represented 20 ethnic categories. Besides, kindergarten teachers were also involved as professional expert in checking the questionnaire and the face scale. This external judgement is meant to identify any possible problem the children might faced while responding to the questions asked. Teachers were considered as the best people to provide input as they were professionals who worked and actively involved in children's day to day life. The teachers also involved to represent all ethnicity (two for each ethnic group) in the whole process of test design and trial. Once the test was tried on some children, a discussion with those teachers would ensue; related to problems experienced by the children while trying to answer the research question and give response to face scale. Their suggestions had been taken into account.

The pilot study included reliability test for face scale. Since the face scale used a single item measure, test-retest was needed to evaluate the reability of its instrument. After the children filled out the face scale, the reliability of the face scale was examined. The reliability was acceptable with Cronbach's Alpha is 0.833. Next, mothers filled out the face scale by recognizing their children happiness of almost the time. The reliability of the face scale was acceptable with Alpha Cronbach is 0.901. Both displayed the degree to which the response were consistent or stable over time (Pranoto & Hong, unpublished manuscript).

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Ethical consideration

The researcher asked for permission from the school principals of eight public kindergartens in Bandung, Yogyakarta, and Jakarta, prior to data collection. After permission was granted, the researcher (YKSP) gave study information in written to parents together woth invitation to attend parent meeting at school.

During parent meeting, the researcher gave information about the study and gave opportunity for parents to ask questions and make decisions to join the study and also gave consent in written for their children to participate in the study as well. Children, under the consent of their parents, were involved. In the interview session, the researcher gave a brief explanation regarding to the study conducted.

Data analysis

The Chi-square analysis was used to test response distribution of children and mothers on happiness. Further, the Spearman's rho analysis was used to test the agreement between children and mothers data on children's happiness based on age, gender, and ethnicity perspective.

Results and discussion

The study aimed to describe happiness from the perspective of children and mothers and to investigate whether parents and their children reported an agreement of response upon children's happiness. The merit of this research is that it involved children as active participants and parents as second participants.

The Spearman's rho analysis showed discrepancies of response between Indonesian mothers and children on happiness. This happened either in the category of ethnic and children's

age. The frequency of distribution showed that most children reported happiness at level 1 which means very happy, whereas mothers mostly reported happiness at level 2 which means happy.

Children and mothers report on happiness

Based on table below, Indonesian mothers tend to report lower level of children happiness compare to child self report.

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This result is in contrast to previous studies result. One of them is the finding of Lagattuta, et.al (2012) that tries to identify the relationship of reports from both informants (children age 4-11 and their mothers) on (optimism) and worries. Their finding showed that parents reported higher level of optimism and lower level of worries. This was incompatible with what their children said. Others previous study result revealed there was a trend of study results leading to disagreement among respondents especially in studies involving children under the age of 7 years (e.g., Durbin & Wilson, 2012; Lagattuta et al., 2012; Youngstrom et al., 1999). The results showed that parents of children under the age of 7 tend to overestimate their child's happiness level when compared to the child's private report.

Agreement on happiness between Children and Mothers

The result of analysis using the Spearman's rho analysis (see table 1 and 4 above), showed disagreement between daughters and mothers report. Based on that table above, the Spearman's rho test showed that there was not a statistically significant correlation between Indonesian children's self-report and mother's description on children's happiness (r= 0.091, p=.080). An agreement was found between sons and mothers report (r=0.195; p=.009).

There were not many researches that specifically revealed correspondence among the informants, meaning on whether parents agree with what their children have reported, in terms of happiness. There are only few studies dedicated to gain reports from both parents and their children on happiness. All these research supported this positive bias. A research by Holder, Coleman, and Wallace (2010) indicated that there was no agreement between reports from parents and those from their children. Parents tend to overrate happiness compared to what their children really feel/experience. Even for the laboratory research using bubbles (which the children play with freely), parents report more happiness compared to what their children actually feel themselves - as described by trained coders (Durbin & Wilson, 2012).

The reason as to why parents overrate the happiness of their 12 year olds or younger children is their egocentric bias that they use as the anchor point to estimate or justify their children's emotions. The effect of egocentric bias should be put into consideration, despite the fact that mothers tend to underrate happiness of their children.

Another study emphasized that parents of children aged 5 or younger were less happy than those who have older children (Nelson et.al, 2014). In reality, parents with younger children have more experiences in which their children are sources of happiness and pride, but they also feel the stress of their negative attitude and the many time consuming chores and confusing situations

that sometimes frustrates or irritate them (Crnic & Low, 2002, p. 243). Hence, Lagattuta et al. (2012) stated that parents can either be happier or less happy, this was where the bias stems from.

A research by López-Pérez and Wilson (2015) that investigated agreement between parents and their children aged 12 or younger and also perceptions between them, stresses this bias. Another research by Durbin and Wilson, (2012) and Lagattuta et al. (2012) confirmed bias in estimation. There was a clear difference between mothers' estimation and that of the children's (Durbin & Wilson, 2012). This research, however, was not focused on the life satisfaction of mothers. Hence, it was not intended to measure egocentric bias. Instead, this would be a challenge for further research.

Comparison analysis on ethnic, age, and gender differences

Overall, this study found disagreement between children and mothers report in view of ethnic and age differences. From gender point of view, it was mothers and their boys who had agreement in response on the issue of happiness (r=0.195; p=.009), not on daughters (r=0.039; p=.590).

Gender played a significant role in the level of agreement between parents and children. Mothers had different expectations for their sons or daughters. Nonetheless, previous studies showed no gender differences in the level of agreement between parents and children (Duhig et al., 2000; Hughes & Gullone, 2010; Langberg et al., 2010).

Gender differences on the level of agreement was perhaps because mothers tend to recognize boy's emotion expressed better compared to girls, due to an emotional display norm (Saarni, 1993). Emotional display norm was understood by girls that they learnt to hold back

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emotions. Boys, on the contrary, were allowed to express themselves more. This explained why mothers know the emotions of their boys better.

Emotional display norm that usually applies to girls prevent them from doing self-retrospect and understand emotional changes within themselves. According to Kraemer Measelle, Ablow, Essex, Boyce, & Kupfer (2003), self-retrospect and self-monitoring skills were factors that influence the level of agreement. This is consistent with what other expert said (i.e. Renouf & Kovacs, 1994).

For Indonesian young girls, they experience limited emotional expression as this is against the norms for majority in Indonesia, (Garna, 1984). The philosophy of harmonious integration prevents any intense feelings of resentment to manifest itself. Less expressive win-win solution is the norm in cases of conflicts. This value has seemed to penetrate to the whole Indonesian way of life as well (Shiraisi, 1997).

Although rare studies examining ethnic differences in socialization of emotions, but it appears in all the different groups or ethnic involved in the research. For example, the results of study by Markus & Kitayama, (1991) proved that these overt emotional expressions correlated with individual orientation on individuality and had character independence as it was owned by people of European American in the United States, when compared to the individual-oriented collectivist or family orientation in which the expression of emotions tend to be suppressed.

Some of the literature review as submitted by Dunsmore and Halberstadt (1997) and Eisenberg et al., (1998) emphasized the importance of parental emotion beliefs affect emotion socialization practices. Wong, Diener, & Isabella, (2008) in his research indicated that parents who accepted and appreciated her children emotions tended to support on display negative emotions, and parents tended to treat their children less hostile or dismissive response to the

negative emotions of children. In fact, Halberstadt, Thompson, Parker, & Dunsmore, (2008) found that these types of parents who preferred to discuss any event occurred with the child could potentially trigger negative emotions. Similarly, research by Leerkers (2010) found that mothers who had positive beliefs about the importance of negative emotions in the infant, tended to be sensitive to the child's condition, especially when they were in distressed conditions.

In Indonesian setting, mothers tend to accept emotional expression of sons than daughter might because of the cultural values that have been believed. In Indonesian culture, the position of the wife (mother) is lower than husband. In Indonesia, a wife must respect the man. Koentjaraningrat (1994) states that a wife must "respect", showing respect for her husband. Based on the study Liliani (2000) indicates that even in modern women still found that women still have an obligation to please her husband, obedient and submissive to the husband's orders. The value which a wife believes is manifested in her role as a mother and how she build relationship with her children. Mothers tend to accept and appreciate emotions of sons than daughters, because of the value of sons within patriarchal society is higher than daughters.

Conclusions and implications for research

The Spearman's rho analysis showed discrepancies of response between Indonesian mothers and children on happiness. Agreement was found only between mothers and sons. The frequency of distribution showed that most children reported happiness at level 1 which means very happy, whereas mothers mostly reported happiness at level 2 which means happy. Practically, the findings of this study can help parents, social workers and education professionals, researchers in the field of educational and children's development to develop

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parenting program and seminar to educate mothers to build better communication with their daughters.

Future researchers should consider involving mothers and fathers at the same time, in order to get better portrayal of how fathers-children and mother-children agreement or disagreement look like. This measure has been earlier attempted by Treutler and Epkins (2003) who revealed that there was a difference in the level of agreement between children with their mothers and children with their fathers.

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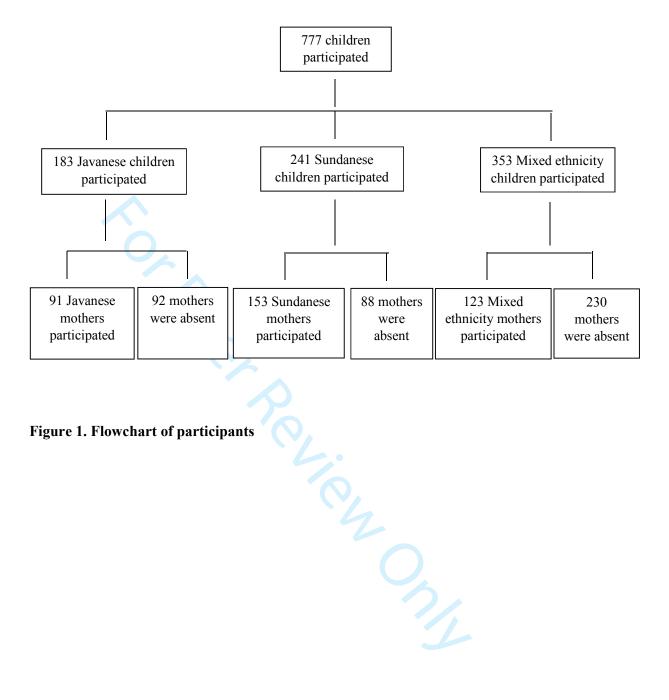
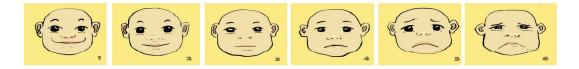


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Table. 1 Children and mother's report of children's happiness

	_	Child	Mother	<u></u>	
Level of Happiness		n=777	n=367	r [p value]	
		f(%)	f(%)		
1		559 (71.9)	143 (39.0)		
2		147 (18.9)	180 (49.0)		
3		22 (2.8)	39 (10.6)		
4		4 (.5)	1 (.3)	n.s	
5		7 (.9)	4 (1.1)		
6		38 (4.9)	-		

Chi-square is applied. In each cell, the first number is the frequency of level chosen followed by percentage in the bracket.

Table. 1 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different ethnic

Level of	Javanese			Sundanese			Mixed ethnicity		
Happiness	Child n=183	Mother n=91	r	Child n=241	Mother n=153	r	Child n=353	Mother n=123	r
	f(%)	f(%)	[p]	f(%)	f(%)	- [p]	f(%)	f(%)	[p]
1	140 (76.5)	26 (28.6)		154 (63.9)	53 (34.6)		265 (75.1)	64 (52.0)	
2	33 (18.0)	46 (50.5)		53 (22.0)	84 (54.9)	n.s	61 (17.3)	50 (40.7)	n.s
3	3 (1.6)	18 (19.8)		9 (3.7)	14 (9.2)		10 (2.8)	7 (5.7)	
4	(.5)	-	n.s	1 (.4)	(.7)		2 (.6)	-	
5	_	1 (1.1)		(2.1)	(.7)		2 (.6)	2 (1.6)	
6	6 (3.3)			19 (7.9)	-		(3.7)	-	

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Table. 3 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different age

Level of		Age 4		Age 5			Age 6		
Happiness	Child	Mother	r	Child	Mother	r	Child	Mother	r
тирршевв	n=139	n=82	[p]	n=390	n=186		n=248	n=99	[p]
	f(%)	f(%)	ľħJ	f(%)	f(%)	[p]	f(%)	f(%)	ſħĵ
1	98	36 (43.9)		290	72 (38.7)		171	35	
1	(70.5)	30 (43.9)		(74.4)	12 (38.1)		(69)	(35.4)	
2	25 (19)	25 (42.7)		66	91 (48.9)		56	54	
2	25 (18)	35 (42.7)		(16.9)			(22.6)	(54.5)	
3	7 (5)	9 (11.0)	n.s	8 (2.1)	22 (11.8)	n.s	7 (2.8)	8 (8.1)	n.s
4	2 (1.4)	· -		1 (.3)	1 (.5)		1 (.4)	-	
5	1 (.7)	1 (2.4)		2 (.5)	-		4 (1.6)	2(2.0)	
6	6 (4.3)	-		23 (5.9)	-		9 (3.6)	-	

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Table. 2 Children's and mother's report of children's happiness at different gender

		Boys			Girls	
Level of	child	mother	r [p]	child	mother	
Happiness	n=381	n=176		n=396	n=191	r [p]
	f(%)	f(%)		f(%)	f(%)	
1	298	62 (35.2)		261	81 (42.4)	
1	(78.2)		0.1950 [0.0095]	(65.9)		
2	51 (13.4)	61 (51.7)		96 (24.2)	89 (46.6)	
3	11 (2.9)	20 (11.4)		11 (2.8)	19 (9.9)	n.s
4	2 (.5)	-		2 (.5)	1 (.5)	
5	2 (.5)	3 (1.7)		5 (1.3)	1 (.5)	
6	17 (4.5)	<u> </u>		21 (5.3)	-	

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