DETERMINANT FACTORS OF GENETIC MISCONCEPTION AT 12th GRADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN SAMPANG

Faktor Determinan Mikonsepsi Genetika Pada Siswa Kelas XII SMA di Kabupaten Sampang

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Abstract
Twelfth grade senior high school students potentially have misconceptions in genetic material. The characteristics of genetic material are difficult to sense and complex, difficult to understand, and have the potential to cause misconceptions. Misconceptions can be caused by student factors, textbooks, contexts, teachers, and learning methods. This study aims to describe the categories of genetic misconceptions in students, to determine the determinant factors that cause the students' genetic misconceptions, and to give solutions in reducing or preventing the genetic misconceptions in students. The research used a mixed-method with sequential explanatory multiple linear regression analysis on 58 samples of 12th-grade high school students in Sampang. The results of this study were categorization of students' genetic misconceptions percentage from: low: moderate: high misconception, were 27.59%: 41.38%: 31.03%. Based on the high and medium categorization of students who have genetic misconceptions, 17.9% of the misconceptions were caused by student factors and learning methods. Student factor (X₁) has a significant positive effect on students' genetic misconceptions (μ) with the t value of 2.590. The contribution of students and learning methods to student misconceptions can be written with the equation Misconception = 51.285 + 0.268 Student - 0.256M.Learning. The solution to minimize students' genetic misconceptions is through clinical learning by conducting a misconception test and continued with the 5e learning cycle model learning such as engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation. The implication of this study is teacher can strategize minimizing student factor in genetic misconception, such as through learning activity in the class.

Keyword: determinant factor, misconception, student’s factor, learning method factor, 5e learning

Abstrak

Kata Kunci: Faktor determinan, mikonsepsi, faktor siswa, faktor metode pembelajaran, 5e learning cycle.
INTRODUCTION

National curriculum which is implemented in Indonesia have the purpose to foster Indonesian people to be productive, creative, innovative, and effective through an integrated attitude of skills and knowledge that is aligned with the skills of the 21st century. Learning activity in school plays an important role, especially in understanding basic concepts to bring out students who match the expectation of national curriculum. Mastering basic concepts are needed for the student to understand complex concepts and solve problems related to the concept that they study (Ardiyanti & Utami, 2017).

Conception in general definition is a person's interpretation of an object that is observed. Conception can be interpreted as the understanding of students in interpreting a certain concept (Ibrahim, 2019; Maharani et al., 2017; Wiyono et al., 2016). Students generally have a conception about a concept before they learn about that and it is not necessarily the same as the conception of experts, this is called preconception (Nurrahmawati & Prihandono, 2018; Pujianto, 2013). The inaccurate conception between what is understood by students and existing scientific concepts is called a misconception (Badruzzaman & Raharlo, 2019). Students can have misconceptions before or after learning in class. Resistant characteristic of misconception causes students who have misconceptions will have difficulties understanding concepts and continuously have that misconception (Permata & Ibrahim, 2018). Student with misconception in their mind can cause them to have the wrong application about the concept.

Misconceptions have negative impacts on students, especially in biology learning. The concepts in biology are interrelated, therefore students have to understand the basic concepts first before understanding and developing more complex concepts (Ardiyanti & Utami, 2017). Student misconception can cause the process of receiving and organizing new knowledge in the learning process to become obstructed (Saputri et al., 2016) even though the purpose of learning biology is to improve students' ability to understand, apply, and make connections between a biology concept to other biology concepts (Rahmawati, 2013).

Students potentially have misconceptions when learning concepts in biology, such as are genetic concepts. In addition to its character is difficult to sense, the development of molecular genetics is not supported with the qualified textbook, instructional methods, experiment and only explains about genetic in classical perspective. That reason plays a role in causing students to have misconceptions (Etobro & Banjoko, 2017; Nusantari, 2011). Based on the research of Nusantari (2011), students have misconceptions about genetic material, especially about genetic substances. Education students in Selcuk Turkish University also have misconceptions about the genetic concept when they were given questions about the definition of gene. Respondents tend to give answers that point to classical genetics while the current development of science leads to molecular genetics (Dikmenli et al., 2011). Other researches at preservice biology teachers in Lagos State University showed that they have the highest misconception in DNA subcategory (Etobro & Banjoko, 2017)

The causes of misconceptions can come from students' factors, textbooks, teachers, context, and learning methods (Kurniash & Haka, 2017). Teachers who explain only the core of the concept and always use the lecture method in explaining a concept to students can causes misconceptions (Suhermiati et al., 2015). How teachers teaching in class is the cause of student misconceptions besides student own understanding (Kurniash & Haka, 2017).

Students also have misconceptions because of interpreting their understanding based on textbooks and teacher explanations (Ardiyanti & Utami, 2017). Students' inaccurate preconceptions and lack of student's interest in learning are the main causes of students having misconceptions (Kurniash & Haka, 2017).

The existence of misconceptions in students must be removed or reduced. Accordingly, the misconceptions will not be embedded in students. Teachers have an important role in determining the understanding of the concepts being learned by students. One of the solutions in reducing student misconception is a learning model that can be used to remediate student genetic misconceptions.

Based on the explanation above, the formulation of the problem in this study is "How are the determinants of genetic misconceptions from students and learning methods in Sampang?". The purpose of this study includes: (1) Describing the level of genetic misconceptions for 12th-grade high school students in Sampang (2) Determining the influence of students and learning methods to the genetic misconceptions of 12th-grade high school students in Sampang (3) Formulating solutions in remediation and prevent genetic misconceptions of 12th-grade high school students. This research used a mixed-method with the sequential explanatory model which begins with a quantitative method using a misconception test and was continued by a qualitative method using student questionnaires. This research was conducted from August 2020 - January 2021.
The total sample used was 58 students consisting of 29 students of 12th public senior high school from SMAN 2 Sampang and 29 students of 12th private senior high school from SMA Sabillah Sampang.

Data collection used an objective test method by adopting the Permata & Ibrahim research instrument (2018) with a modified certainty of response index (CRI) model test. The objective test was used to determine the percentage of student misconceptions. Student grouping based on concept understanding categories is presented in Table 1.

### Table 1. Grouping of Respondents’ Understanding Categories (Hakim et al., 2012)

<table>
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<th>Answer</th>
<th>Reason</th>
<th>Level of CRI</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>True</td>
<td>True</td>
<td>&gt;2.5</td>
<td>Understanding concepts</td>
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<tr>
<td>True</td>
<td>True</td>
<td>&lt;2.5</td>
<td>Misconception, lack of confidence</td>
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<td>True</td>
<td>False</td>
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<td>Misconception</td>
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Students who have misconceptions were grouped based on the percentage of misconceptions. Student groupings are presented in Table 2.

### Table 2. Categories of Student Misconceptions (Istighfarin et al., 2015)

<table>
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<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Categories</th>
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<tr>
<td>0-30%</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<tr>
<td>31-60%</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<tr>
<td>61-100%</td>
<td>High</td>
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Besides the objective test, this study also uses an observation method with a Guttman scale questionnaire as an instrument. Questionnaire questions were designed with a closed question model. The purpose of using this questionnaire was to determine the value of the factors caused by students and learning methods. Scores for the Guttman scale questionnaire are presented in Table 3.

### Table 3. Score on the Guttman Scale (Sugiyono, 2012)

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<th>Response</th>
<th>Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>0</td>
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Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, data collection was carried out online via Google Form. The form of data in this study was the percentage of students’ misconceptions on genetics material, questionnaire scores related to student and learning method as a cause of student misconceptions. Analysis of data using parametric statistics with multiple linear regression analysis techniques to determine the most influential factor of student misconception. The research variables used in this study are shown in Table 4:

### Table 4. Research Variables

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Variable</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
<th>Data Scale</th>
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<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Student misconception</td>
<td>Ratio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X1</td>
<td>Student’s factor</td>
<td>Ratio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X2</td>
<td>Learning methods factor</td>
<td>Ratio</td>
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The analysis steps included the classical assumption test as a condition of decision making in a regression model as good or not. There were three classical assumption tests in this study including the multicollinearity test, heteroscedasticity test, and normality test. If the form of data is time series, an autocorrelation test is required (Ghozali, 2016).

After testing the classical assumptions, it was continued to analyze the result of multiple linear regression tests to determine the relationship between the dependent variable and the independent variables. The general form of multiple regression can be written with:

\[
Y = b_0 + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + \ldots + b_kX_k + e
\]

Where

- \(Y\) = dependent variable; \(X_1\) and \(X_2\) = independent variables; \(e\) = random residual / error / error; \(b_0\) = intercept; \(b_1\) and \(b_2\) = partial regression coefficients

The multiple linear regression test consists of a simultaneous test which aims to determine the effect of all independent variables simultaneously on the dependent variable through the F-test. The coefficient of determination (\(R^2\)) in multiple linear regression is used to explain how much proportion of the variation in the dependent variable explained by all independent variables (Widarjono, 2015).

Partial test in this study has the purpose to determine independent variable effects to the dependent variable solely through the t-distribution test. The percentage of influence of each independent variable on the dependent variable can be determined based on the value of the effective contribution (SE) and the relative contribution (SR). SE and SR calculation refer to Hadi (2004). The entire data analysis process used SPSS 23.
RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study were the percentage of misconceptions, questionnaire scores on student factors and learning method factors, and the results of multiple linear regression analysis on the collected data. The categories of student misconceptions obtained from data collection are presented in the following figure:

![Diagram of categories of student misconceptions](image1.png)

**Figure 1.** Categories of Student Misconceptions

Figure 1 showed that most of the students had misconceptions with the moderate category. The highest misconception was in the concept about differences of DNA and RNA. Students who had misconceptions on this concept had wrong understanding about the location of RNA and DNA. Students think that RNA is only found in nucleus while DNA can be found in nucleus and cytoplasm. The correct concept is RNA not only can be found in the nucleus but in cytoplasm too. RNA that can be found in the cytoplasm carries information from DNA (Hartwell et al., 2018). Based on these data, students with high and moderate misconception categories being analyzed with multiple linear regression.

Before doing multiple linear regression analysis, the data must be tested with a classical assumption as a condition of a good regression model. The multicollinearity test results based on the variance inflation factor (VIF) and tolerance values presented in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Multicollinearity Test Result of Regression Model

<table>
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<th>Variable</th>
<th>Collinearity Statistics</th>
<th>Tolerance</th>
<th>VIF</th>
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<tr>
<td>X₁</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.952</td>
<td>1.050</td>
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<tr>
<td>X₂</td>
<td></td>
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Table 5 showed that the tolerance value of the two independent variables qualifies to > 0.10 and the VIF value <10. It can be concluded that the regression model free from multicollinearity which means this regression model has no correlation among the independent variables (Ghozali, 2016).

The heteroscedasticity test is also a condition for a good regression model. The results of the heteroscedasticity test can be analyzed based on the distribution of data on the scatterplot presented in Figure 2.

![Scatterplot Test of Heteroscedasticity Regression Model](image2.png)

**Figure 2.** Scatterplot Test of Heteroscedasticity Regression Model

The results of the heteroscedasticity test showed that the distribution of data does not form a certain pattern and spreads above and below the number 0 on the Y-axis. It can be said that the regression model free from heteroscedasticity which means the residuals variance of one observation to another constant in this regression model (Ghozali, 2016). Besides, the residual normality test was also tested with the results presented in Figure 3.

![Histogram for Normality Test of Regression Model](image3.png)

**Figure 3.** Histogram for Normality Test of Regression Model

The results of the normality test based on the histogram graph showed that the data spread around the diagonal line and follows the diagonal direction. Therefore the regression model can be said to qualify the assumption of normality (Ghozali, 2016). Besides using a histogram, normality assumption can be tested...
statistically using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. Based on the results of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, the value of Asymp Sig. (2-tailed) was 0.2 which means the value was > 0.05. Therefore it can be said that the results of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov regression model qualify the normality assumption (Ghozali, 2016), im accordance with the histogram interpretation in Figure 3.

Multiple linear regression analysis showed that in the simultaneous test (F-test). The significance value is 0.021 (< 0.05). The value of F is 4.251 with a = 0.05 and F-table of 2.85, it can be said that F-value > F-table. Based on that significance value and the F value, H₀ was rejected, which means that the student factor (X₁) and the learning method factor (X₂) simultaneously affect the students’ misconceptions (Y). Students and teachers have a role to play in the success of understanding concepts in students. If there is a misconception in students, it caused by the influence from the student factor and the learning methods carried out by the teacher because both are factors of the misconception (Ahmad & Indana, 2018; Suhermiati et al., 2015). The coefficient of determination in the multiple linear regression analysis of this study is presented in Table 8.

Table 6. Regression Model Determination Coefficient

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>R Square</th>
<th>Adjusted R Square</th>
<th>Std. Error of the Estimate</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.423</td>
<td>0.179</td>
<td>0.137</td>
<td>12.64648</td>
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Based on the results in Table 6, the R Square value was 0.179, which means that 17.9% of student misconceptions can be explained by variations in student factors and learning method factors. Meanwhile, 82.1% was explained by other factors outside the model. The results of the analysis in Table 6 explain that external factors dominate as the causes of student genetic misconceptions. Other factors were possible to contribute as much as a percentage of 82.1%, including books or student learning resources, context, and teacher misconceptions (Kurniasih & Haka, 2017; Suhermiati et al., 2015). Based on research from Handoko & Sipahutar (2016), there two biology textbooks of 10th grade were found to have misconceptions with 20 misconceptions. Similar research was also carried out in 12th-grade biology textbooks. The results obtained that there was a misconception in the 12th-grade biology textbook with the largest percentage on growth and development, heredity, and metabolism materials with a percentage of 26.09% (Agustina et al., 2016). The life context of students such as mistakes in choosing discussion partners, language, culture, experience, and parental factors also play a role in causing students misconceptions (Fakhruddin et al., 2012). Research on the pre-service teacher at Selcuk Turkish University reveals the fact that pre-service teachers have misconceptions about genetic material (Dikmenli et al., 2011). Misconceptions at teachers can cause errors in conveying genetic concepts to students (Nusantari, 2012).

The results of the partial test through the t-test distribution to determine the effect of each independent variable on the dependent variable indicate the significance value at X₁ is < 0.05 with a t-value of 2.590 and t-table of 2.02439 (|tvalue| > ttable). It can be said that the student factor (X₁) has a significant positive effect on student misconceptions (Y) which means increasing of student own factor can cause student misconceptions to increase. The test also showed that the learning method factor (X₂) has a significant value of 0.069 or > 0.05 with a value of t-value -1.872 (|tvalue| < ttable). It can be said that the learning method factor (X₂) does not significantly affect student misconceptions (Y). The effective contribution (SE) and the relative contribution of each independent variable are presented in Table 10.

Table 7. SE and SR Value of Independent Variables

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<th>Independent Variable</th>
<th>SE (%)</th>
<th>SR (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Student own factor (X₁)</td>
<td>12.5</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Learning method (X₂)</td>
<td>5.4</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>17.9</td>
<td>100</td>
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Table 7 showed that the value of the effective contribution and the relative contribution of student own factor variable was higher than the learning method variable, thus the student variables were more dominant in influencing or contributing to the occurrence of student misconceptions compared to the learning method factors. Kurniasih & Haka (2017) explained that the cause of students have misconceptions comes from the student's self with indicators such as preconception and a lack of student interest in learning. Lack of student interest in learning can reduce students’ ability to understand concepts, therefore students have the potential to have misconceptions (Fadlan, 2011). The misconception that students have before participating in learning and not necessarily the same as the expert's conception is called preconception (Pujianto, 2013). Inaccurate preconceptions stuck in the students’ minds continuously even though learning has been given can cause misconceptions in students.

Besides, students have misconceptions because of associative thinking, humanistic thinking, incomplete reasoning, wrong intuition, cognitive development stages,
and student abilities (Fakhruddin et al., 2012; Halim et al., 2019). The differences in understanding that students have about the terms of concepts that are learned with the same terms in everyday life also contribute to misconceptions in students (Widiatmoko & Shimizu, 2018). When students see all objects from a human perspective it causes students to have misconceptions. This is known as humanistic thinking (Fadllan, 2016). Students with cognitive development in the operational concrete stage have difficulty understanding abstract concepts, which can cause the concepts to be learned less or misunderstood (Fadlan, 2011). Although senior high school student in general is already past the concrete stage, there are some factors that influence cognitive development of students such as culture and students social life (Khiyarusoleh, 2016). Students often have incomplete or incorrect reasoning caused by the lack of information obtained by students. Intuition also plays a role in causing students to have misconceptions because students often use intuition or feelings to answer conceptual problems. Student’s intuition is not necessarily based on objective and rational research results, therefore that intuition is wrong (Nurulwati et al., 2014).

The multiple linear regression model equation in this study was formulated as follows:

\[ Misconception = 51.285 + 0.268 \text{Student} - 0.256 \text{Learning method} \]

(2)

The equation above means that if the independent variable is constant, then the average percentage of student misconceptions is 51.285%. If each student’s misconception score increases by 100, the misconception percentage will increase by 26.8%.

Regarding the problem of students’ misconception, the researcher provided a solution in the form of clinical learning with genetic material using the 5e learning cycle model. The 5e learning cycle model was developed by Rodger W. Bybee and his colleagues. The learning cycle model is active learning for students based on Piaget's cognitive development theory and constructivism (Ulș et al., 2012). This model can increase student interest in learning because students play an active role during the learning process. The 5e learning cycle model can reduce the proportion of student misconceptions from 46% to 2.8% (Taufiq, 2012). Learning with the 5e learning cycle model can also improve student achievement when compared to learning that only uses lectures and concept maps (Ajaja, 2013; Ulș et al., 2012).

The 5e learning cycle model has been widely used in teaching students about concepts. The syntax of the 5e learning cycle model includes engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation (Bybee et al., 2006). The point of difference between the 5e learning cycle that is commonly used with the clinical learning developed by researchers is misconception test at the beginning of learning, therefore the teacher can find out the existence of student genetic misconception on the material to be studied. The clinical learning blueprint formulated by the researcher is depicted in Figure 4.

- Misconception test to student
- Engagement phase
- Exploration phase
- Exploration phase
- Elaboration phase
- Evaluation phase

5e learning cycle syntax

Figure 4. Clinical Learning Blueprint 5e Learning Cycle Model.

Student misconception tests at the beginning of learning are carried out to determine the existence of student misconceptions before getting learning material and minimize the presence of student preconception factors against student misconceptions (Kurniashih & Haka, 2017). Misconception tests can contain short questions with the CRI model, two-tier or other test models. The student misconceptions can be corrected through learning in the next phase.

The engagement phase aims to attract students attention, find out students' initial knowledge, and make a relationship between their knowledge and the material to be studied (Bybee et al., 2006). Through this engagement phase, the teacher can correct any preconceptions that students have about the material to be studied and students' misconceptions about the previous material.

The exploration phase is the phase where students explore knowledge and form their understanding of the concepts being learned (Bybee et al., 2006). Students can do a practicum or literature study at this phase to obtain information.
The explanation phase allows students to demonstrate an understanding of the concepts that have been obtained in the previous phase. Through this phase, the teacher provides in-depth reinforcement of concepts and checks for misconceptions that students got during the exploration phase (Bybee et al., 2006). Students can communicate their results through presentations or open and directed discussions in class forums.

The elaboration phase is the phase where students apply their knowledge related to concepts in new situations (Bybee et al., 2006). Teachers can provide study cases related to the concepts learned to students, therefore they can apply their understanding. The evaluation phase is important in determining student’s understanding of the material being studied (Bybee et al., 2006). The test given to students at the end of the lesson can be used to determine student learning outcomes. Teacher can also ask students to create a portfolio about the material studied to assess scientific literacy skills. Portfolio can be created in electronic portfolio form if possible. Through electronic portfolio, teacher can assess students scientific skills easier (Prastiwi et al., 2020)

CLOSING

Conclusion

Based on this research, the conclusions can be obtained. First, the categorization of students’ genetic misconceptions in a row from low : medium : high is 27.59\% : 41.38\% : 31.03\%. Second, based on the category of moderate and high misconceptions of students, 17.9\% of genetic misconceptions are influenced by student factors and learning method factors, while 82.1\% are influenced by factors outside the regression model. Third, the student factors (X) significantly had a positive effect on students' misconceptions with a t-value value is 2.590. Fourth, contribution of student factors and learning methods to genetic misconceptions can be written with the equation Misconception = 51.285 + 0.268 Student - 0.256M. Learning. Fifth, solutions that can be used to minimize genetic misconceptions are to give clinical learning with a misconception test and continue with the 5e learning cycle model learning to students.

Suggestion

Other studies related to the determinant factors of student genetic misconceptions are needed to determine the effect of other factors except students and learning. Also, further research related to clinical learning in genetic learning material with a learning cycle model is needed to see its theoretical and empirical validity and its effectiveness in reducing and preventing genetic misconceptions.

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