**“Does Migration Network Matter in Driving Internal Migration in Indonesia?”
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**Submission of a manuscript to the Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan**

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Dear Editor of Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan,

I am writing to formally submit an original research article titled “Does Migration Network Matter in Driving Internal Migration in Indonesia?” to be considered by Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan.

I confirm that the paper is my own work.

In this paper, I report on the impact of the migration network in driving internal migration in Indonesia. As we all know, migration has long been an integral part of the development of countries throughout the world. This migration that takes place over time to an area will form a migration network. Migration theory has developed, which explores the factors that influence migration, such as the pull-push factor model. However, these theories do not consider migration networks in the destination area likely to influence migration. Furthermore, the role of this migration network has not been explored much in Indonesia. Therefore, this study aims to fulfil this gap by examining the role of the migration network influencing internal migration in Indonesia. Our finding shows that migration network matters in driving internal migration with a moderate size of the effects, implying informational factors other than coming from networks are also important. People who migrate to the hosting region may share information with the existing people in their place of origin about opportunities in other areas. Furthermore, the percentage of migrant households tends to be higher in a region with higher migration networks. These findings suggest that the government must regulate the migration flow to achieve economic and population equality between districts/cities. The implication of these findings enriches the empirical evidence in migration studies, where the investigation of migration networks in Indonesia is still scarce.

I am committed to enhancing the quality of my work based on any constructive feedback received during the review process, thereby refining the paper for potential publication.

Thank you for considering publishing this manuscript on Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan.

Sincerely,

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