

**Indian Ocean Rim Laboratory Haematology Congress 2019**  
**Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, Western Australia**  
**16 – 18 October 2019**  
**&**  
**Morphology Symposium : “Myeloproliferative Neoplasms”**  
**J Robin Warren Library**  
**The University of Western Australia**  
**19 October 2019**

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to MSH for giving me the opportunity to attend Indian Ocean Rim Laboratory Haematology Workshop 2019 from 16 October 2019 to 18 October 2019 in conjunction with Morphology Symposium on 19 October 2019.

This congress focused on laboratory aspects of haematology, was held in Fremantle, Western Australia with a record number of 250 delegates mainly from the bordering region of the Indian Ocean rim which includes Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, India, Thailand and a number of delegates from other parts of the world.

The congress was organized by the University of Western Australia (UWA) and co-organized by Members of Malaysian Laboratory Haematology Society (MMLHS) and partnered by International Council for Standardisation in Haematology (ICSH). The key themes for this congress include;

- Morphology
- Diagnosis of haematological malignancies
- Standardisation in laboratory haematology testing
- Innovations in haemostasis and thrombosis testing
- Paediatric haematology
- Haematology in the region
- Patient blood management (PBM)

The 2–day scientific programme covered state-of-the-art aspects of haematology as well as the cutting-edge innovative area of practices and standardization in laboratory haematology. This congress focused on issues of specific relevant to the region including remote and resource poor setting. This time, the congress also highlighted on the PBM, an area in which Western Australia led the world.

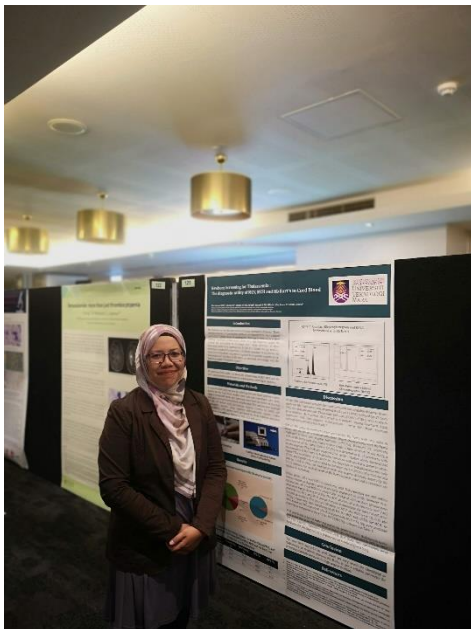
During this congress, I have the privilege to share my work on newborn screening for thalassemia with the title “*Cord blood screening for thalassemia in the newborns: The value of Hb Bart’s, MCV and MCH as non-invasive screening parameters.*” The poster session was fruitful as we get opportunity to interact and share knowledge and experiences with other delegates from all over the world.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to attend this congress and looking forward for other similar prestigious event like this in the future.

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