

Analysis and Reconstruction of Student Practicum Worksheets on Food Carbohydrate Testing

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Abstract: Practicum worksheets are a tool used by students to increase their understanding of various biological concepts through experiments and direct observation. However, there are many biology practicum worksheets used today often do not meet the appropriate standards. Therefore, this research aims to analyze conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction aspects based on vee diagrams on students' practicum worksheets. The method used in this research is qualitative-descriptive. The samples were selected using purposive sampling so that six samples of practicum worksheets for phase F students in the Merdeka Curriculum were obtained with material testing carbohydrates in food. The research results show that conceptually, the practicum content is not in accordance with the learning outcomes in the Merdeka Curriculum. Procedurally, the practicum worksheets still need to be improved in terms of tools, materials, procedures, phenomenon objects, and data recording. This has an impact on students' difficulties in constructing their knowledge. It is hoped that the results of the reconstruction of practicum worksheets based on conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction analysis can be used as a reference and basis for teachers in designing practicum activities specifically on digestive system material.

Keywords: Carbohydrate Testing, Digestive System, Vee Diagram, Practicum Worksheet.

1. INTRODUCTION

Biology learning as part of science learning is an effort to develop a deep understanding of life and real biological processes through a scientific approach. Biology learning teaches students to apply scientific methods to exploring and understanding various natural phenomena related to living things (Utomo, 2018). This supports Sari et al (2020) that biology learning is not just mastery of facts, concepts, or principles (cognitive), but should be given direct experience that involves interaction between students and learning objects so that it can provide meaningful learning for students in the aspects of skills and attitudes. The Merdeka Curriculum provides a solution for achieving meaningful biology learning through a more dynamic and contextual approach (Kemdikbud, 2024). Students not only learn through textbooks and materials presented by teachers but also through direct experiences that trigger curiosity and active involvement in the learning process, such as practicum activities. Practicum activities allow students to observe, explore, and connect conceptual aspects studied in class with methodological aspects studied in the laboratory and in the field (Hindriana, 2016; Nuai & Nurkamiden, 2022; Suryaningsih, 2017).

Practicum activities are part of the inquiry approach, especially in science subjects such as biology (Agustina & Anggraini, 2018). The term inquiry is not a foreign term, because the essence of science, especially biology, is inquiry itself (Rustaman, 2005). The scientific skills developed during practicum, such as designing experiments, collecting and analyzing data, and drawing conclusions based on empirical evidence, are the core of the inquiry approach. Through inquirybased practicum activities, students directly learn



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to apply scientific methods (Afifah *et al.*, 2022; Sundari *et al.*, 2017). In the context of biology learning, students not only learn theory but also understand how the theory is tested and validated through practicum activities. This is in line with what was stated by Leite & Dourado (2013) that the main aim of practicum (laboratory activities) is to help students connect real objects with ideas (concepts).

Practicum activities in the learning process not only practice hands-on activities but also provide opportunities for students to hone mindson skills (Aqib & Murtadlo, 2016; Suryaningsih, 2017). This supports research by Abrahams & Millar (2008) which states that effective practicum not only improves technical skills but also strengthens in-depth understanding of concepts through the integration of theory and practice. Practicum learning that integrates mindson and hands-on elements significantly improves student learning outcomes compared to learning methods that only focus on one aspect (Langitsari et al., 2021). In practicum activities, students not only carry out experiments, but need to plan, analyze data, and draw conclusions, all of which are key competencies in science. Student involvement in the planning process to carrying out experiments requires students to think critically and creatively in integrating the theoretical knowledge they have with the reality they observe (Walker et al., 2019). After the practicum is complete, students must evaluate the results obtained and interpret the data in depth. This reflection process strengthens students' minds such as analytical skills and conceptual understanding because students are required to make conclusions based on the empirical evidence they have collected (Cheung, 2020).

Practicum activities organized by teachers in biology learning must pay attention to meeting standards minimum for practicum implementation, one of which is student practicum worksheets (Agustina & Anggraini, 2018; Fahmin & Ardyati., 2020).Practicum worksheets are a tool used by students to improve their understanding of various biological concepts through experiments and direct observation. Practicum worksheets provide a structured framework for students to follow and ensure they cover all important aspects of practicum activities to achieve the desired learning objectives

(Sumarmin & Roza, 2020; Zahra *et al.*, 2021). Apart from that, practicum worksheets also play an important role in helping students construct their knowledge to support the achievement of indicators of students' cognitive, affective, and psychomotor abilities through hands-on and minds-on activities (Andriana *et al.*, 2017; Dewi *et al.*, 2017; Normarita *et al.*, 2015).

Practicum worksheets used by students can be sourced from biology textbooks or designed by the teachers themselves so that the form, structure, and approaches used in the worksheets are varied (Supriatno, 2013). However, the many biology practicum worksheets used today often do not the appropriate standards. Biology meet practicum worksheets often do not provide clear and structured instructions, so students have difficulty understanding the objectives and steps that must be taken (Hasni et al., 2019; Titisari, 2019). In addition, the practicum worksheets used by several schools focus too much on mechanical without providing procedures adequate conceptual context, as a result, students' understanding of the biological concepts being taught becomes less in-depth (Chutami & Suhartini, 2021; Irawan et al., 2023). Lack of understanding of biological concepts resulting from not achieving practicum objectives is also influenced by pedagogical factors such as a lack of integration between theory and practice, as well as the absence of guidance for reflection and analysis of experimental results (Hindriana, 2016; Khan & Ahmad, 2020). These errors indicate the need to reconstruct the preparation of biology practicum worksheets to suit learning needs and increase student understanding.

The various problems regarding biology practicum worksheets that have been described require immediate reconstruction to ensure the effectiveness of learning and the success of students' practicum. In the reconstruction process, an in-depth analysis must first be carried out regarding the conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction aspects that underlie the formation of students' practicum worksheets (Ramadhayanti et al., 2020; Zahra et al., 2021). Heuristics proposed by Novak & Gowin (1984) are tools that can be used to understand the structure of knowledge and the process of knowledge construction in students. This framework is based on constructivist theory which





emphasizes that knowledge is constructed by individuals based on their experiences and interactions with the environment. By using these heuristics, teachers can help students not only master information but also develop the critical and analytical thinking skills needed to construct and apply knowledge effectively in a variety of situations.

One of the achievements of biology learning in phase F in the Merdeka Curriculum is that students can analyze the relationship between the structure of organs in organ systems and their functions as well as abnormalities or disorders that arise in these organ systems (Badan Standar Kurikulum dan Asesmen Pendidikan, 2022). One of the organ systems referred to in these learning outcomes is the digestive system. Digestive system material is an essential material that has been taught from the junior high school level. At the junior high school level or phase D, the focus of learning is more on introducing the basic anatomy and function of the digestive organs. Meanwhile, at the high school level the material is expanded by studying the biochemical processes that occur in the digestive system and involves more complex practicum activities, such as laboratory experiments that test digestive enzymes. Thus, the level of material and practicum activities carried out should be adjusted to the learning outcomes and cognitive development of students at each level. Based on the explanation above, this research aims to analyze conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction aspects based on the vee diagram developed by Novak & Gowin (1984) on students' practicum worksheets on food testing materials. After the analysis and trials are carried out, reconstruction is carried out so that practicum worksheets are obtained that are effective and able to construct students' knowledge.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The method in this research is descriptive qualitative, namely by analyzing students' practicum worksheets based on conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction analysis. The population in this research is the practicum worksheets of phase F students in the Merdeka Curriculum used in biology learning. The samples were chosen using purposive sampling so that 6 samples of practicum worksheets for phase F students in the Merdeka Curriculum were obtained with material testing carbohydrates in food. Data were obtained using two instruments. The first instrument is a rubric developed by the researcher himself regarding the conceptual and procedural analysis of students' practicum worksheets. Meanwhile, the second instrument is a knowledge construction rubric on students' practicum worksheets based on vee diagrams adapted from Novak & Gowin (1984).

The technique in this research uses the ANCOR (Analysis, Try and Reconstruction) stages developed by Supriatno (2013). This research begins with the analysis stage, namely by analyzing conceptual and procedural suitability, well as understanding the knowledge as construction process through the practicum worksheet. The next stage is to try out the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food without making any changes to the tools and procedures, or other practicum materials. worksheet components. After carrying out all stages of analysis and testing, the researcher reconstructed the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food so that it meets the conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction aspects for students.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION Conceptual Analysis

Conceptual analysis of students' practicum worksheet material testing carbohydrates in food includes suitability of practicum content with learning outcomes, suitability of practicum title with practicum activities, suitability of practicum objectives with practicum procedures, and suitability of practicum activities with students' cognitive level. The results of the conceptual analysis regarding the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food can be seen in Table 1.





No.	Indicator	Number of Worksheet		
110.	Indicator	Appropriate	Inappropriate	
1	Compatibility of practicum content with learning outcomes	-	6	
2	Compatibility of practicum title with practicum activities	5	1	
3	Compatibility of practicum objectives with practicum procedures	2	4	
4	Compatibility of practical activities to students' cognitive level	1	5	

Table 1. Conceptual Analysis of Practicum Worksheet for Carbohydrate Testing in Food

Based on the data in Table 1, it can be seen that of the total sample of practicum worksheets used, all of them did not lead to biology learning outcomes in phase F of the Merdeka Curriculum. The achievement of learning biology in phase F specifically on organ system material is that students can analyze the relationship between the structure of organs in the organ system and their function as well as abnormalities or disorders that arise in the organ system. Meanwhile, all of the practicum worksheets found only discussed the content of the food being tested, such as whether there was carbohydrate content or the type of carbohydrate in the food being tested. This practicum worksheet does not yet relate to the role of organs in the digestive process. This supports Hindriana (2016) research that practicum worksheets are often created with a focus on experimental steps only so that they do not provide enough space for students to understand the relevance of biological concepts in everyday life and their relationship to Basic Competencies (KD). set. The incompatibility of content on practicum worksheets with CP has an impact on students' lack of understanding of concepts and failure to achieve learning objectives (Apriani et al., 2021; Mislia, 2017).

In research, Ramadhayanti *et al* (2020) stated that a mismatch between content and CP on students' practicum worksheets could result in the required cognitive level not reaching the expected level in achieving CP. This also supports the data from conceptual analysis where the mismatch between content and CP is also followed by a mismatch in students' cognitive levels. When practicum worksheets do not integrate concepts relevant to CP, the cognitive level required is likely only at a low level. This is similar to the expected achievement of competency in the digestive system material in that students can analyze the relationship between organ structure and function. However, the practicum worksheet is only limited to identifying types of food that contain carbohydrates or following instructions mechanically. This does not allow students to develop critical thinking, analytical, or synthesis skills that may be necessary to achieve higher CP.

Most of the practicum worksheets have titles that match the practicum activities, however, there are still practicum worksheets with practicum titles that do not reflect the practicum activities. The practicum title listed is very simple so it cannot describe what kind of practicum activities will be carried out by students. Besides that, most of the practicum worksheets do not have practicum objectives that are relevant to the procedures. On the other hand, the success of practicum learning is greatly influenced by the suitability between the practicum objectives and the procedures set. The mismatch between the objectives and steps of practicum work has an impact on students' lack of understanding of concepts (Rahmah et al., 2021). Therefore, teachers need to ensure that each element in the practicum worksheet supports each other to achieve the expected educational goals (Capah & Fuadiyah, 2021).

Procedural Analysis

Procedural analysis of students' practicum worksheets on carbohydrate testing material in food including tools and materials, procedures, objects or phenomena that appear, and arriving at data records. The results of the procedural analysis regarding the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food can be seen in Table 2.





No	Indicator	Number of Worksheet		
No.	indicator	Appropriate	Inappropriate	
1	The tools and materials used are in accordance with school standards	6	-	
2	The tools and materials used are accompanied by clear specifications and units	-	6	
3	Practical work steps are presented in a structured manner	4	2	
4	Practical work steps can be carried out without difficulty and endangering students	4	2	
5	The object of the phenomenon can be identified	5	1	
6	Phenomenon objects support data acquisition	2	4	
7	Phenomenon objects help in answering questions	3	3	
8	There are data recording activities	2	4	
9	Some questions are appropriate to the practical topic	5	1	

Based on Table 2, procedural analysis of students' practicum worksheets on carbohydrate testing material in food, we can see that in terms of tools and materials used, all samples meet school standards, so students have no difficulty in finding tools and materials to be used in carrying out practicum activities. However, the tools and materials used in all samples of practicum worksheets for testing carbohydrates in food are not equipped with specifications for the tools or units of materials needed. Practicum worksheets that do not include equipment specifications or units of materials needed cause students difficulty in replicating experiments and have the potential to reduce the validity of the results obtained. This supports Darmavanti et al (2023) that lack of clarity in the specifications of tools and materials can hinder the learning process and reduce the effectiveness of practicum as a means of scientific education.

Judging from the procedures in the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food, most of them are written in a structured manner and can be followed by students easily. However, there are still some practicum worksheets that are written in a less structured manner. Procedures that are written in an unstructured manner will have an impact on students' difficulties in carrying out practicums. This can be seen from the practicum worksheets that were found, where worksheets with less structured writing of procedures also had indicators for procedures that were difficult for students to follow. Ambiguity in practicum instructions causes student confusion, errors in procedures, and results that do not align with learning objectives. This is because students need clear and systematic guidance to understand each stage in the practicum, from preparation to data analysis. Thus, systematic procedures are needed to reduce error rates and better organize student activities (Anggraeni *et al.*, 2024; Hamim, 2021).

The practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in the food being analyzed can bring out real-world phenomena. However, this object or phenomenon is less helpful in interpreting the data and answering the questions provided on the practicum worksheet. One of the influencing factors is that the practicum worksheets do not contain instructions for recording data or what data students must collect in more detail. This will also influence students' interpretations in building concepts or knowledge and how they answer questions. Thus, practicum worksheets must be accompanied by datarecording activities so that experimental results can be analyzed accurately and objectively. Data recording allows researchers to document each stage of an experiment in detail, including initial conditions, changes that occur, and final results. By recording data systematically, errors and variability that may arise can be identified and corrected more easily (Nasrudin et al., 2019).





Vee Diagram Knowledge Construction Analysis

Knowledge construction analysis is based on the vee heuristic developed by Novak & Gowin (1984). Vee diagram components include focus questions, objects/ events, theories/ principles/ concepts, recordings/ transformations, and sentences of knowledge.

Table 3. Vee Diagram	Indicator Scores Pra	cticum Worksheet for	· Carbohydrate '	Testing in Food
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No.	Indicator	Practical Worksheet Scores					Percentage (%)	
		-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	
1	Focus question	2	1	1	1	2	2	50
2	Object/ Event	1	1	1	2	2	3	55
3	Theory/ principle/ concept	2	2	2	1	1	2	41
4	Recording/transformation	1	1	1	2	2	3	41
5	Knowledge claims	1	1	1	1	1	2	29

All practicum worksheets have a focus question component and has raised an object or phenomenon. However, evaluation of the scoring data shows that the focus of the questions is still less effective in guiding students to obtain the expected concepts. This indicates the need for improvements in the design of focus questions to better support a deeper conceptual learning process. Apart from that, the object or event component also produces a score that is less than optimal. Based on the test results, data on one of the practicum worksheets for testing carbohydrates in food, objects, or events has appeared. However, because the practicum objectives are not determined by the procedures or practicum activities as explained in the conceptual analysis sub-discussion, it can be judged that the objects or events that appear are not determined by the focus question.

In the practicum for carbohydrate testing in food, students are invited to identify types of monosaccharides, carbohydrates such as disaccharides, and polysaccharides contained in food samples through a series of chemical tests, such as the Benedict test, Barfoed test, and iodine test. Based on the results of practicum worksheet trials, all worksheets relate to the basic principles of chemical reaction tests that produce color changes as an indicator of the presence of certain carbohydrates. However, almost all of the practicum worksheets analyzed did not relate to biological theories or concepts in the digestive system material. Thus, this worksheet only acts as a practicum guide, so it does not play a role in integrating theoretical knowledge and practicum

application into the digestive system material. Based on the data in Table 3, it can be seen that some of the worksheets have instructions for recording data, even though they are not accompanied by tables with details of what data is needed to analyze and reflect on the practicum results. And some worksheets don't instruct this activity at all. Without recording data, students find it difficult to develop analytical and critical skills that are essential in scientific methods (Ariyani *et al.*, 2021; Susanti, 2023). Therefore, practicum worksheets should always include datarecording activities so that the learning process becomes more comprehensive.

Based on the evaluation results, the knowledge claims indicator has the lowest score compared to other indicators. After further exploration, this indicator is influenced by other indicators. Starting from focus questions, practicum objectives, and procedures to the data transformation of the practicum activity for testing carbohydrates in food, this simply aims to identify what foods contain carbohydrates or what types of carbohydrates are contained in each food without involving how the macronutrient elements are related. plays a role in digestive system processes. As a result, students cannot transform factual knowledge into conceptual knowledge. Students may be able to identify color changes that occur in the test but have difficulty understanding how carbohydrates are processed in the digestive system and how this relates to the role of the digestive organs and the enzymes that play a role.





Alternative Reconstruction Practicum Worksheet for Carbohydrate Testing in Food

Based on the results of the conceptual, procedural, and knowledge construction analysis that has been carried out, the researcher tries to provide an alternative reconstruction based on Vee Diagrams for students' practicum worksheets for testing carbohydrates in food. This reconstruction aims to ensure that students' practicum worksheets are not only conceptually, procedurally, and knowledge-constructionally appropriate but also meet curriculum demands and achieve learning objectives.

Add saliva so that all five types of ground food have the same viscosity level.
 Repeat method Nos. 3 and 4 in previous part I.
 Write down the results of your observations in the observation results table.

Food -3

Food -4

Food -5

Food -2

 What foods show positive results on the Benedict's and iodine tests?
 Is there a difference in test results using iodine or Benedict's reagents between food samples diluted using distilled water and those using saliva using iodine or Benedict's

3. Does the color intensity of the test results with iodine or Benedict's reagent affect the

In the practical procedure above, the food-pounding process is carried out. Explain the
organs that have the same function as this procedure and their role in the digestive

Explain the function of the amylase enzyme in saliva in the digestive process!

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Identify the role of amy	lase enzyme in d	igestive	process	
Fools and Materials:				
1. Mortar	5 pcs	10.	Laboratory tripod	1 pcs
2. Pastle	5 pcs	11.	Test tube rack	1 pcs
3. Drip plate (12 holes)	2 pcs	12.	Test tube clamp	5 pcs
4. Dropper pippet (11 cm)	12 pcs	13.	Five types of food	
5. Test tube (18x150 m	m) 10 pcs	14.	Benedict reagent	
6. Beaker glass (1000 ml)	1 pcs	15.	Iodine Reagent	
7. Measuring cup (10 ml)	1 pcs	16.	Aquades	
8. Wire mesh	1 pcs		Label	
Spirit burner	1 pcs	18.	Stationery	
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- clamp the test tube and near using a water output
 f. Wait for 2 minutes and observe the color changes that occur in each test tube.
- 5. Write down the results of your observations in the observation results table.

PHASE F- MERDEKA CURRICULUM

PHASE F- MERDEKA CURRICULUM 2

Figure 1. Reconstruction of Practical Worksheet for Carbohydrate Testing in Food

B. Part II

Grind each food with a mortar and pestle.

Observation Results Table
Sample Type Food -1

reagents? Why does this happen?

concentration of carbohydrates?

6. How do you conclude this practicum activity?

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process!

4. CONCLUSION

Most of the practicum worksheets for testing carbohydrates in the food analyzed do not contain content that is relevant to the practicum objectives or learning outcomes in the Merdeka Curriculum. Apart from that, the practicum worksheet for testing carbohydrates in food also does not help students construct knowledge through the various facts produced. So students cannot transform knowledge from factual to conceptual. These findings help researchers construct practicum worksheets by adopting the vee heuristic based on biology learning outcomes in the Merdeka Curriculum. Through the results of this reconstruction, researchers hope that it can be used as a recommendation as well as contribute for teachers in designing more structured and focused practicum activities on digestive system material. In this way, students can construct their knowledge and more easily see the relevance of practicum in the context of holistic biology learning.

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