

## **ABSTRACT**

### **THE CORRELATION BETWEEN READING INTEREST AND READING COMPREHENSION SCORES OF THE FIRST-GRADE STUDENTS AT SMK FARMASI KESUMA BANGSA BANDAR LAMPUNG**

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The objective of this study was to find out the correlation between students' reading interest and their reading comprehension scores. This research was a quantitative research. The sample of the research consisted of 30 students of the first grade students at SMK Farmasi Kesuma Bangsa Bandar Lampung. The design of the research was *ex post facto design*. The instruments of this research were reading interest questionnaire and reading comprehension test. The collected data were analyzed by using *Pearson Product Moment Correlation* in SPSS 25. The result shows that the coefficient correlation between students' reading interest and reading comprehension is 0.609 at the significant level of 0.000. Based on the result, it can be concluded that there is positive significant correlation between students' reading interest and their reading comprehension scores. It means that students who have an interest in reading, they are better in reading comprehension rather than students who do not have an interest in reading.

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