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 Laborers towards Knowledge and
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ABSTRACT

A cross-sectional study on sexual behavior of male construction laborer towards knowledge and perception was conducted in Bangkok from March-April '93. The study aimed to find association between knowledge and perception with preventive sexual behavior patterns among male construction laborers in Bangkok. Study also emphasized on the sexual behavior patterns and the socio-demographic characteristics among the respondents. Information concerning the study were collected from 223 male construction laborers in Bangkok.

The analyzed data showed that most of them had high

knowledge and perception but lacked preventive behavior. During the course of study, it was noted from some of the laborers, that despite of their good knowledge of HIV/AIDS as a result of overpublicized informations received through TV, radio and newspapers, their actual understandings were that such a devastating disease called HIV/AIDS may in reality never existed. Therefore, despite of high knowledge and perception, still indulged in risky preventive behavior. Further, low small sample size may also have contributed to the result deviating from the research hypothesis.

It can be concluded from the result of this study that knowledge and perception alone cannot be considered influencing factors toward change of behavior.