## **ABSTRACT**

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This study aims to discover the effect of applying outlining technique on the students' achievement in writing descriptive paragraph. It was conducted by using experimental research design. The population of this research was the seventh (VII) grade students of SMP Negeri 2 Tanjungbalai which has eight parallel classes. The samples of the research were taken by random sampling technique through lottery. The result was class VII-1 became the experimental group and class VII-2 became the control group. The experimental group was taught by using Outlining Technique, while the control group was taught without using Outlining Technique. The instrument for collecting the data was writing test. It was found that the value of  $t_0$  was 2.870 with the degree of freedom (df)=58 at the level of significance p(0,05) = 1.673. It means that  $t_0$  is higher than  $t_1$  (2.870 > 1.673). Therefore, the using Outlining Technique has significant effect on students' achievement in writing descriptive paragraph.

