

## Maternal and neonatal outcomes in COVID-19 infected pregnancies: a prospective cohort study

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### Abstract

Despite the large number of pregnant women with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), there is not enough analytical study to compare maternal and fetal consequences of COVID-19 infected with non-infected pregnancies. We included pregnant women with and without COVID-19 who were admitted to Arash Hospital in Tehran, Iran from March 1 to Sep 1, 2020. One hundred and ninety-nine women enrolled, including 66 COVID-19 infected and 133 non-infected pregnant women prospectively. Caesarean Section was carried out in total 105 women (52.76%). A significant difference was found in term of delivery type between COVID-19 infected and non-infected pregnant women (aRR: 1.31, 95%CI: 1.04, 1.65,  $p=0.024$ ). No significant association was found between COVID-19 infection and preterm birth (aRR: 1.16, 95%CI: 0.54, 2.48,  $p=0.689$ ), low birth weight (aRR: 1.13, 95%CI: 0.55, 2.31,  $p=0.723$ ), gestational diabetes (aRR: 1.67, 95%CI: 0.81, 3.42,  $p=0.160$ ), neonatal intensive care unit admission (aRR: 1.84, 95%CI: 0.77, 4.39,  $p=0.168$ ), neonatal sepsis (aRR: 0.84, 95%CI: 0.48, 1.48,  $p=0.568$ ). Basically, although pregnancy and neonatal outcomes were not significantly different, the need for ICU care for pregnant women with COVID-19 was significantly higher compared with those without COVID-19.



### Biography:

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### Speaker Publications:

1. "The effect of synbiotics supplementation on anthropometric indicators and lipid profiles in women with polycystic ovary syndrome: a randomized controlled trial."
2. "Journal Pre-proof SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence worldwide: a systematic review and meta-analysis Systematic review SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence worldwide: a systematic review and meta-analysis."
3. "The effects of omega-3 fatty acid supplementation on inflammatory factors in HIV-infected patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials."
4. "Maternal and neonatal outcomes in COVID-19 infected pregnancies: a prospective cohort study."
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