

# Comparison of the Fetomaternal Hemorrhage Severity between Dermatoses of Pregnancy Cases and Healthy Pregnancies

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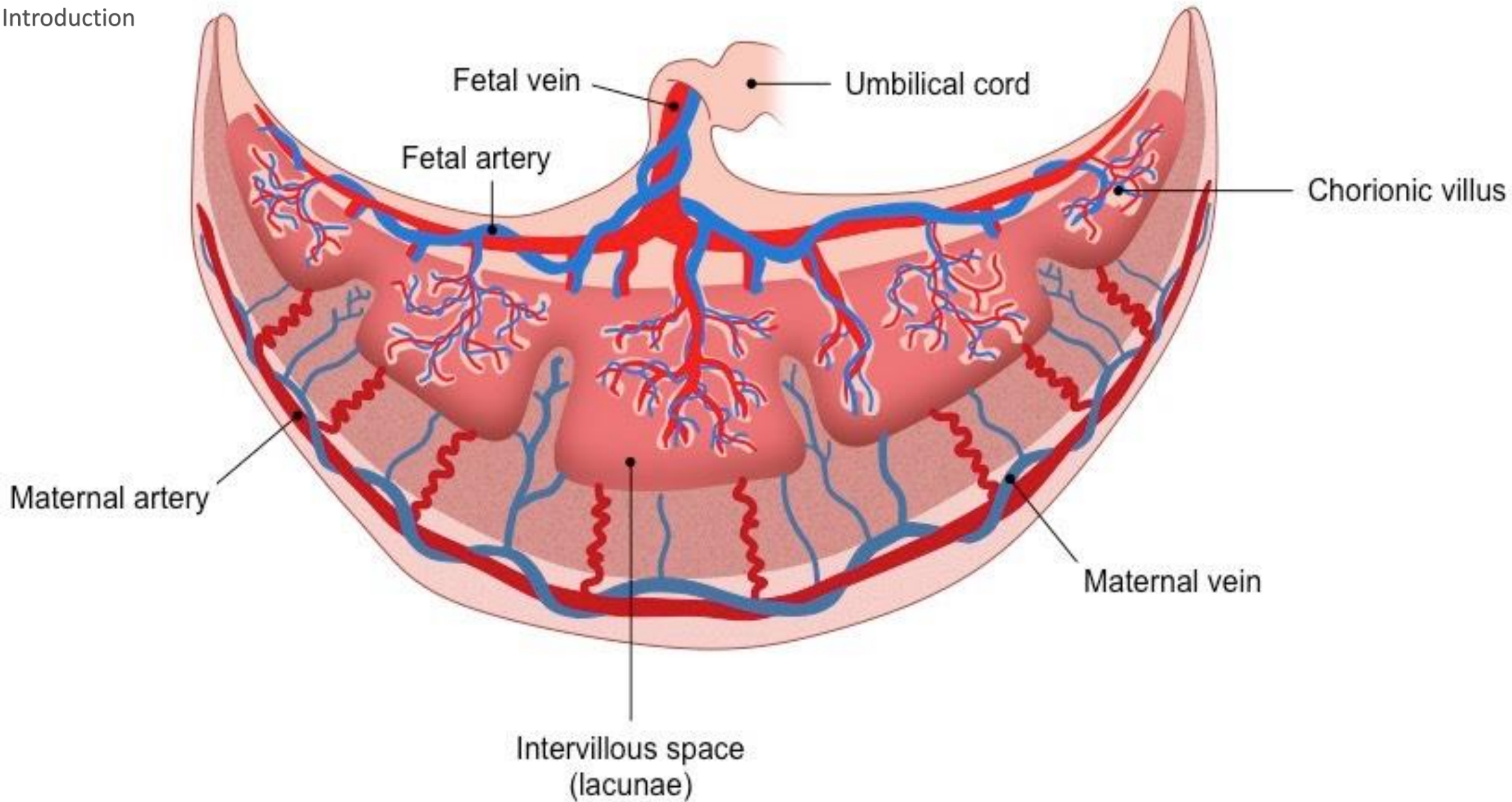
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# Introduction



# Fetomaternal Hemorrhage (FMH)

- Neonatal anemia
- Stillbirth
- Hydrops fetalis
- Decreased or absent fetal movements
- Autoimmune disease

Some resources claim that fetomaternal transition may lead to autoimmune diseases

Sebring ES, Polesky HF. Fetomaternal hemorrhage: incidence, risk factors, time of occurrence, and clinical effects. *Transfusion*. 1990 May;30(4):344-57. doi: 10.1046/j.1537-2995.1990.30490273444.x. PMID: 2190367.

# Dermatoses of Pregnancy (DP)

Atopic Eruption of Pregnancy

Polymorphic Eruption of Pregnancy

Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy

Pemphigoid Gestationis



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# Aim of the Study

This study aims to determine the role of **autoimmunity** in the etiology of dermatoses of pregnancy by measuring the fetomaternal hemorrhage

Fetomaternal transfusion via placenta

Immunization of the mother by fetal erythrocytes in maternal blood

Stimulation of autoimmunity

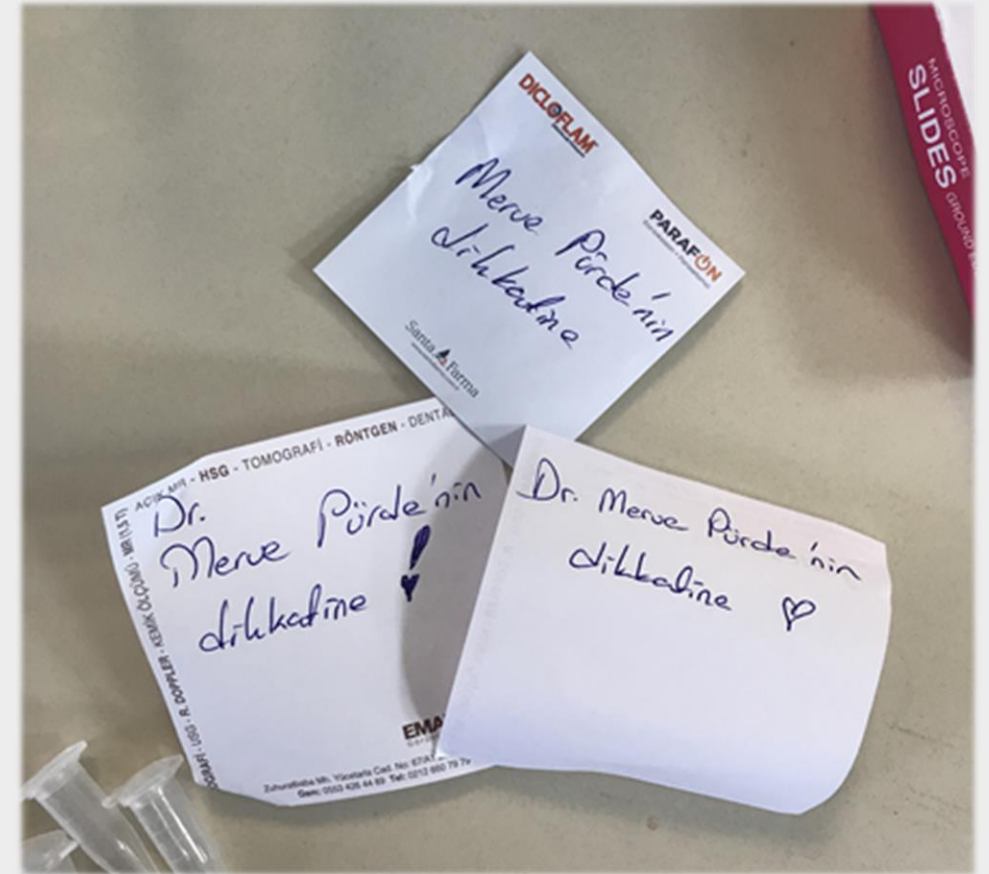
Formation of dermatoses of pregnancy



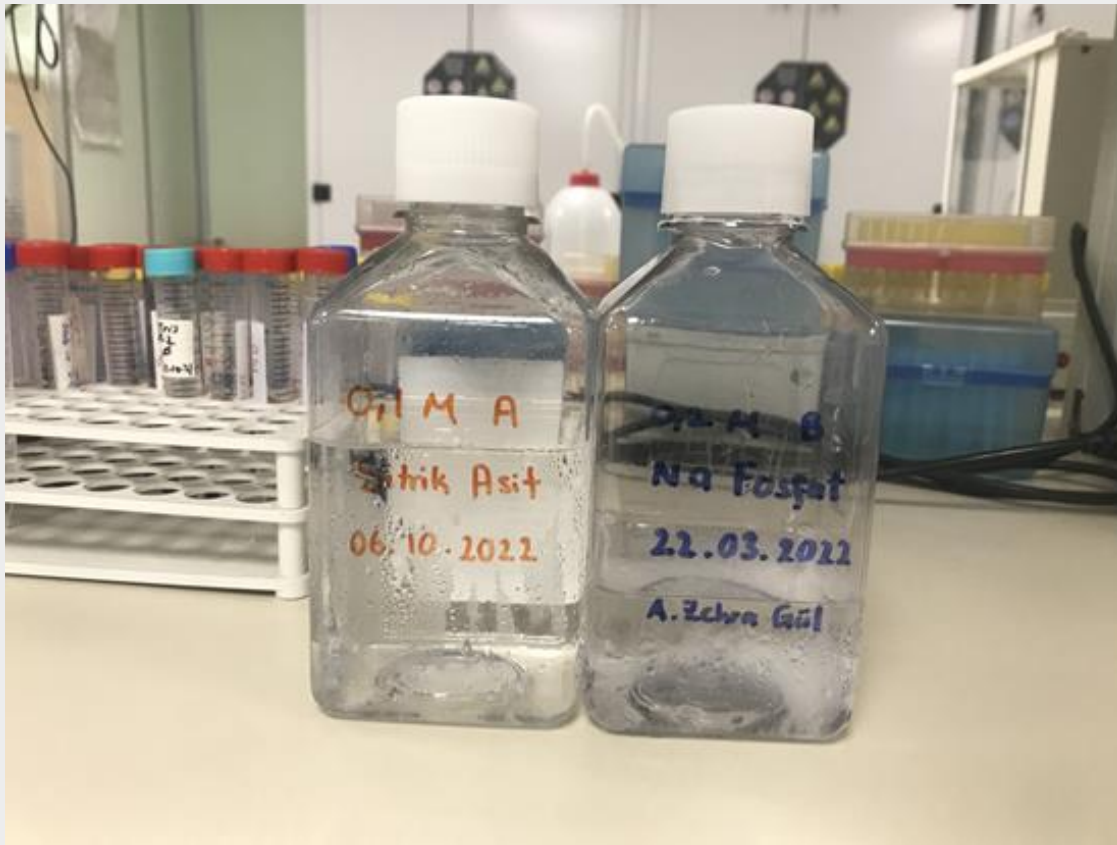
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# Methods

- 1. Case group consisted of patients diagnosed with dermatoses of pregnancy and the control group consisted of individuals with healthy pregnancies.
- 2. Patients were evaluated by the dermatology department and diagnosed according to subtypes.
- 3. Blood samples were taken and then the *Kleihauer-Betke* test was applied.

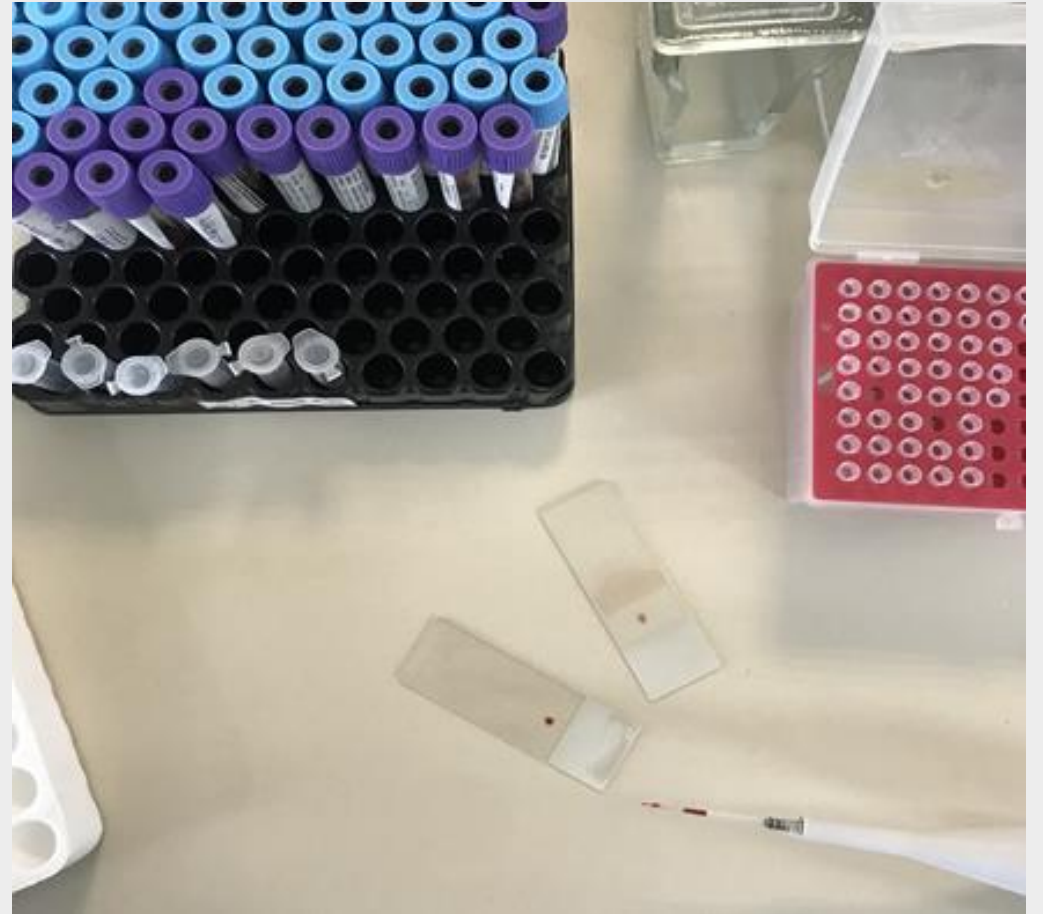


# Kleihauer-Betke Test



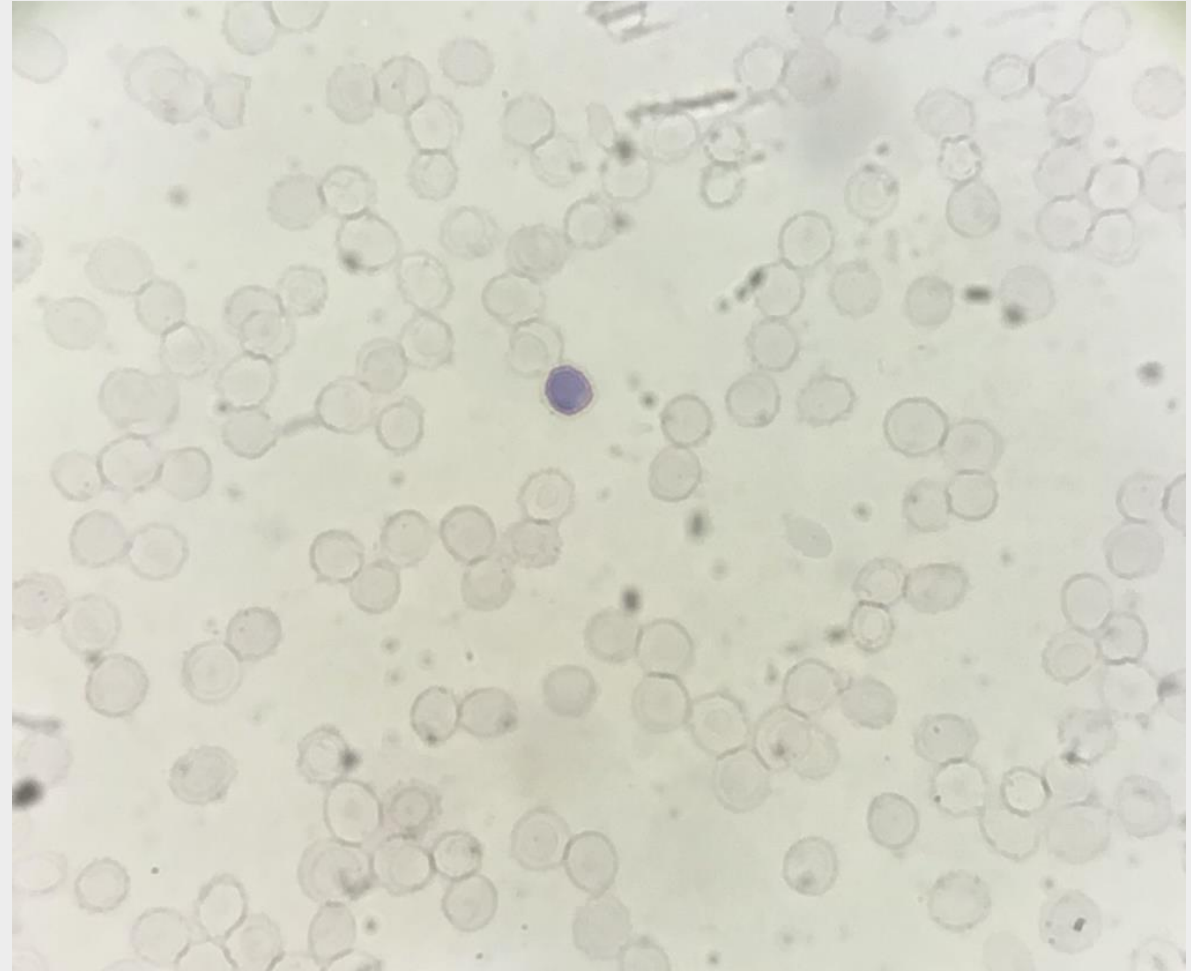
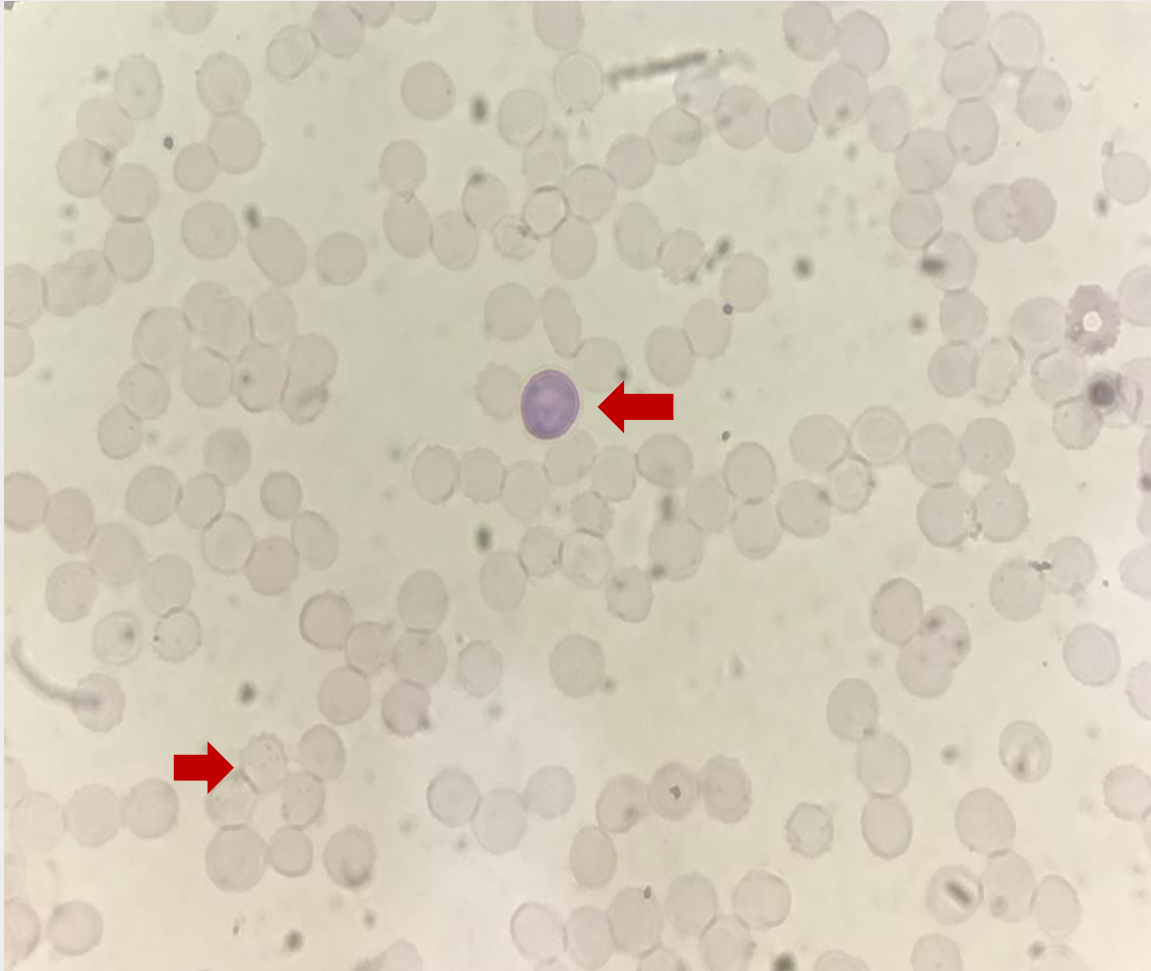
## Methods

- 1. Peripheral blood smears collected from the case and control group, are prepared and fixated with ethyl alcohol.
- 2. Blood smears incubated in citric acid solution.
- 3. Blood smears are then stained with **hematoxylin** and **erythrosine B**.
- 4. Slides are examined under the microscope to count fetal and maternal cells.

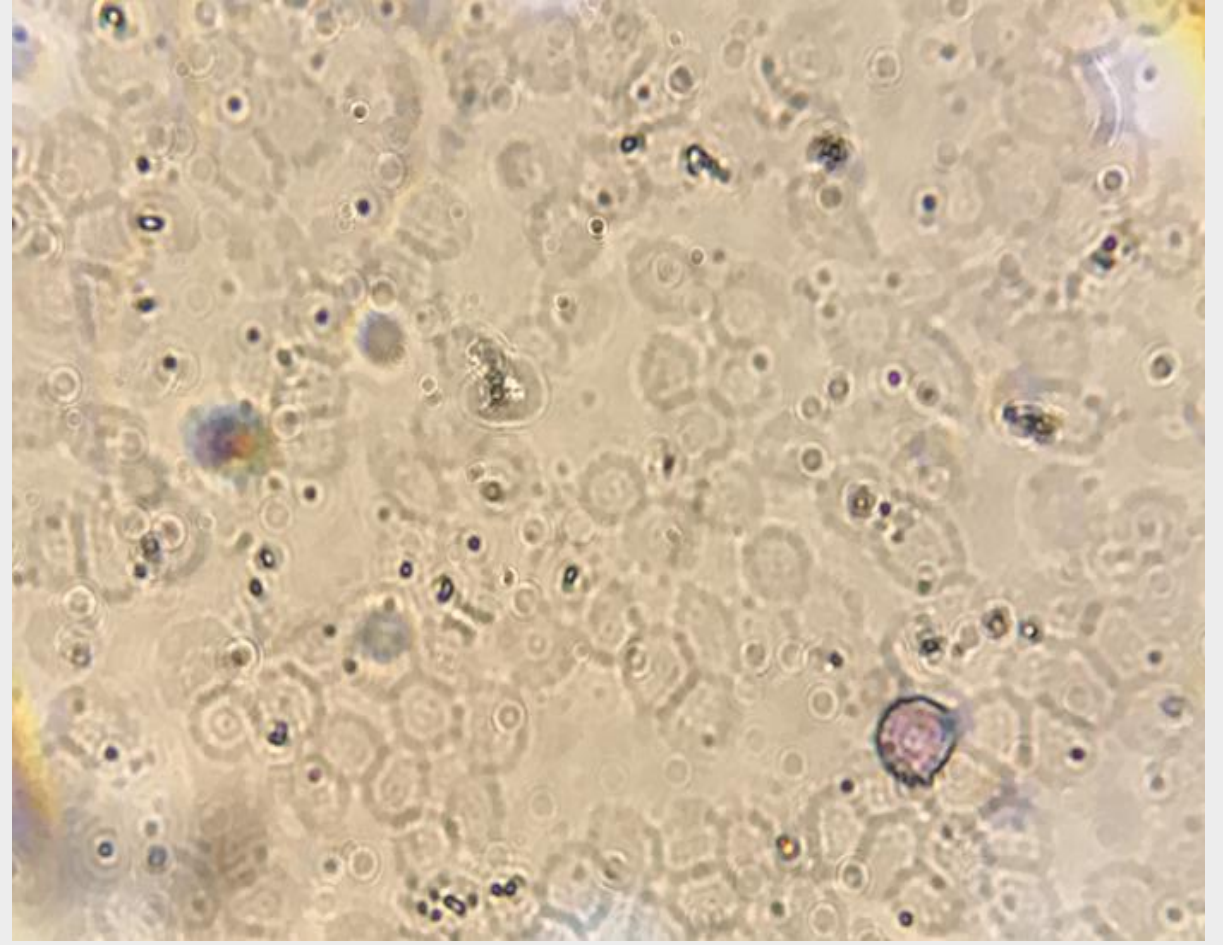
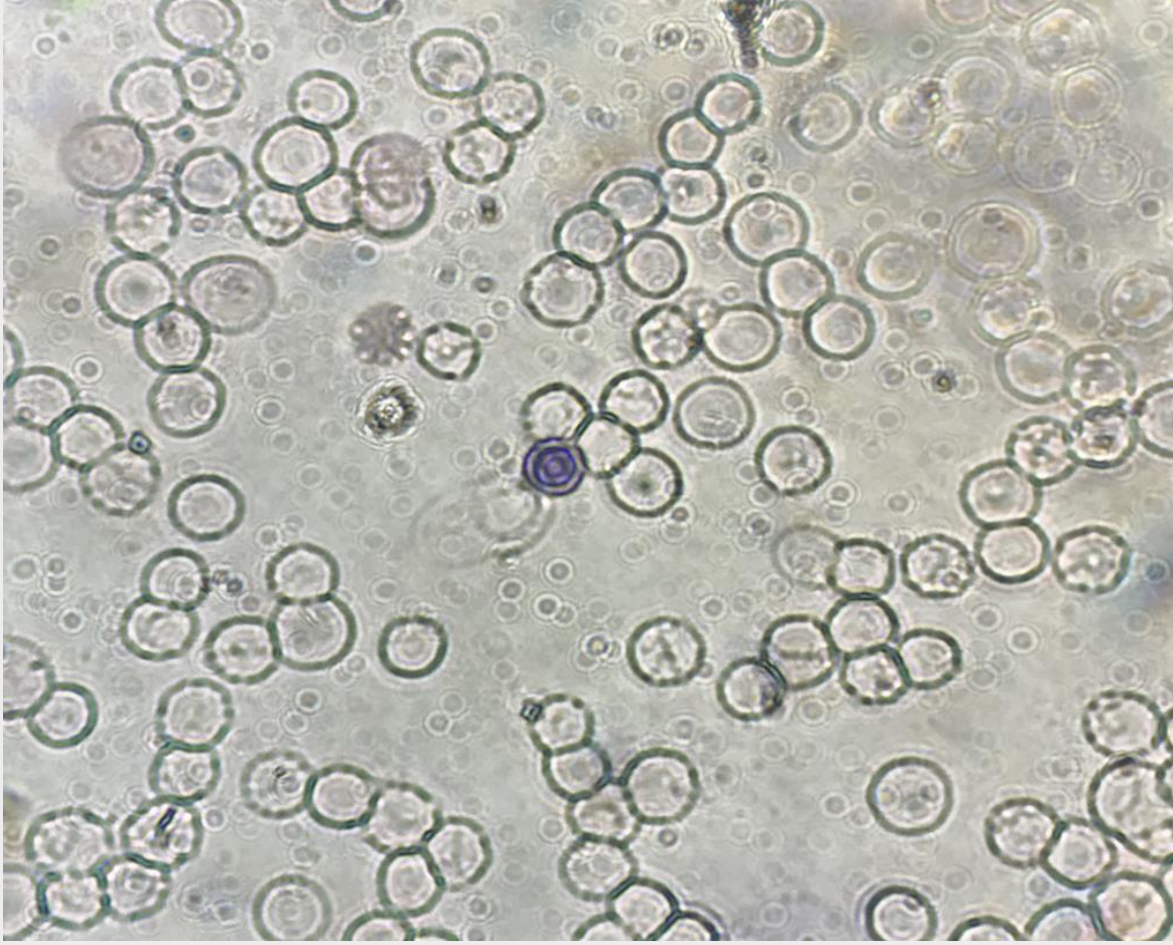


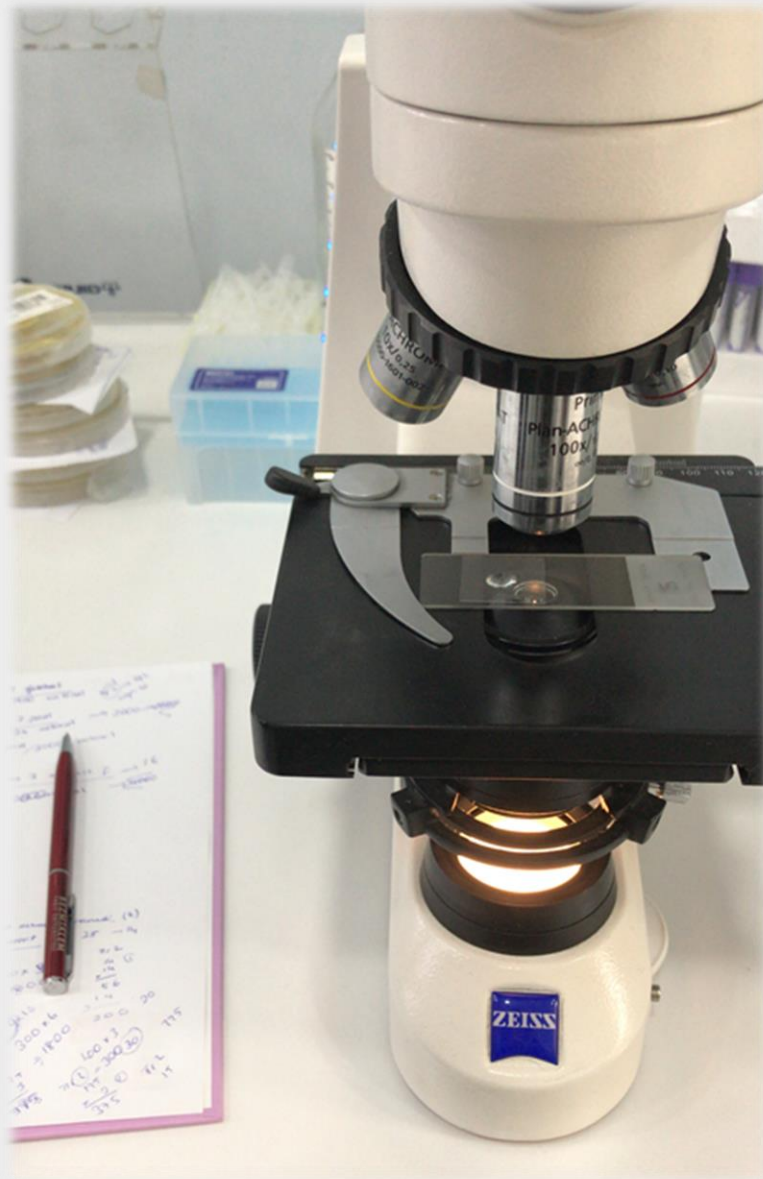
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# Methods









- Mollison's Formula is used to calculate estimated fetomaternal hemorrhage in ml:

Formula (Mollison, 1972):<sup>[4]</sup>

$$\text{Volume of packed fetal red cells (mL)} = \frac{\text{Number of fetal cells per high power field} \times 1800 \times 122 \times 100}{\text{Number of maternal cells per high power field} \times 100 \times 92}$$



*First time vs. last time  
with microscope*



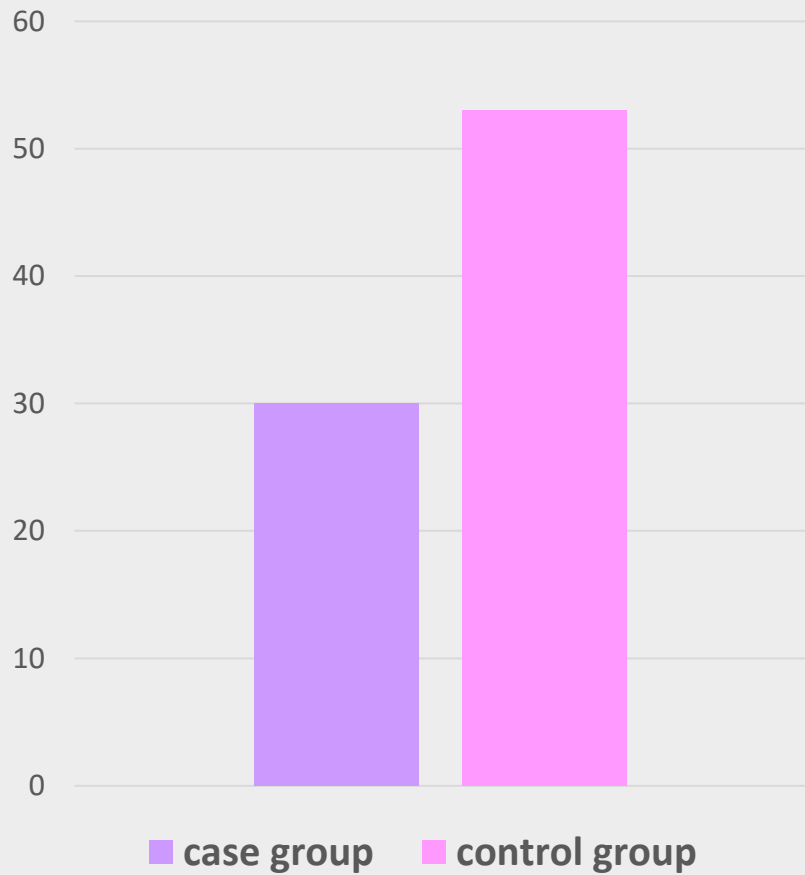


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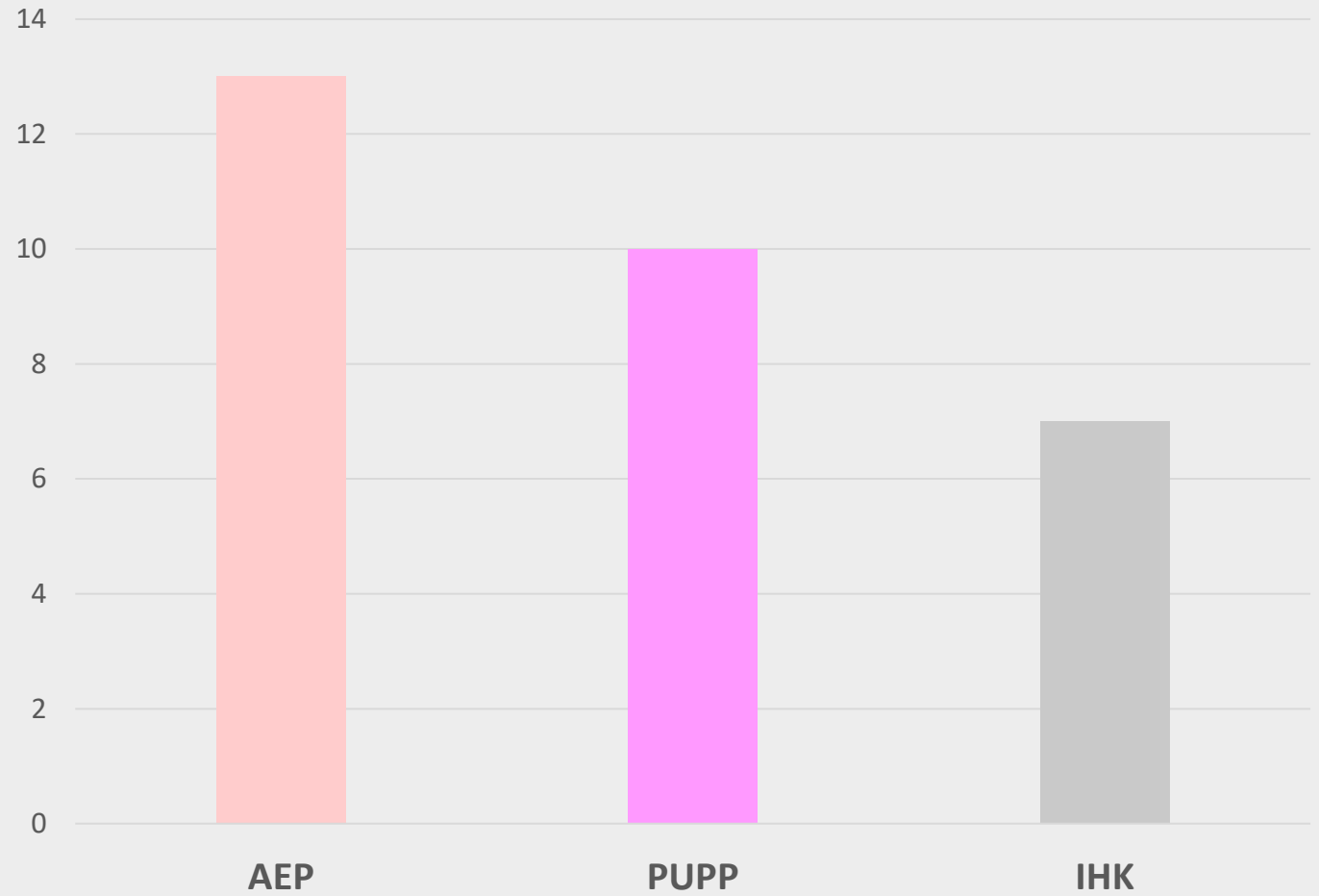
# Results

# DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS

### SAMPLE SIZE



### SUBTYPES



Variables	Case Group	Control Group	P value
<b><i>FMH ml</i></b>	7±5	3±3	<b>&lt;0,001</b>
<i>Maternal age</i>	31±4	31±5	0,045
<i>Gestastional age</i>	190±70	211±50	0,350
<i>Gravidity</i>	2(1-6)	2(1-7)	0,500
<i>Parity</i>	0(0-3)	1(0-6)	0,084
<i>BMI</i>	28±4	28±5	0,973
<i>Ant placental localization</i>	26(86,7%)	48(92,3%)	0,455
<i>Smoking</i>	3(10%)	8(%15.4)	0,491
<i>Multiparity</i>	3(10%)	1(1.9%)	0,136
<b><i>History of DP</i></b>	5(%16,7)	1(%1,9)	<b>0,023</b>

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Conclusion  
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Discussion

1. There is a **significant, positive and strong** relationship between DP and FMH.
2. FMH may have a role in the etiology of DP.
3. New treatment modalities can be considered in DP therapy.
4. Long-term follow-up of these patients may bring to light the novel connections with autoimmune diseases.
5. The presence of DP history ties in well with previous studies.
6. Further research is needed.

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