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Association of Weight Gain with Neonates' Anthropometric Features Between Iranian and Afghan Pregnant Women Based on MOH

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1 Original submission

4 comments · 16 Aug 2024 – 8 Sep 2024

Referee 1 Reviewer

MAJOR REVISION 16 Aug 2024

Thanks a lot for the review invitation.
There are a few points that should be clarified before publication.
1. The title is not relevant to the study design and needs complete revision.
2. The abstract is too long and could be summarized in a professional way.
3. What is the aim of this comparison?
4. How did they exclude the environmental factors in this sampling?

Parisa Mohagheghi Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 28 Aug 2024

This article is well designed and studied. It is within the scope of the journal, and the article is novel.
There appears to be a mistake in the article: "We observed a significant difference in the frequency distribution of weight percentiles between198 male and female neonates, neither among those born to Iranian mothers (P=0.209) nor in those199 born to Afghan mothers (P=0.169)."
It was mentioned in other parts of the article that no difference was observed between the weights of males and females.
The other parts are well organized.

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 8 Sep 2024

Dear EIC,
Thanks to the authors and appreciation to the researchers. The manuscript presents valuable research. But some revisions are needed. The authors should revise it based on the reviewers' comments.

Editor-in-Chief

MAJOR REVISION 8 Sep 2024

Dear Author,
Thank you for submitting the article. It needs some revision. Please revise it based on the reviewers' and AE's comments.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

	Hi Dear, Many thanks for valuable comments. Best regards	
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	"We observed a significant difference in the frequency distribution of weight percentiles between198 male and female neonates, neither among those born to Iranian mothers (P=0.209) nor in those199 born to Afghan mothers (P=0.169)." It was mentioned in other parts of the article that no difference was observed between weight males and females.	"We observed a significant difference in the frequency distribution of weight percentiles between198 male and female neonates, neither among those born to Iranian mothers (P=0.209) nor in those199 born to Afghan mothers (P=0.169)." This sentence also means the absence of statistical significance. The construction *neither* and *nor* is a negative correlative conjunction that connects two or more parts in a series. Exam: For he was aware of the great secret, and that the youth was about to share it neither dismayed nor surprised him."
R2		
	The title is not relevant to study design and needs complete revision.	**Association of Weight Gain with** Neonates' Anthropometric Features **between Iranian and Afghan Pregnant Women Based on MOH**
	2. The abstract is too long and could be summarized in a professional way.	Summary reduced from 326 to 256 words.
	3. What is the aim of this comparison?	Objectives of this study: The challenge of immigrants, especially women and especially pregnant mothers, is one of the major issues in the world now. In addition to the concerns and problems of immigration, pregnant immigrant mothers also have pregnancy problems that require additional attention. 1. For these reasons, such studies are very important from a global perspective. 2. In this study, legal immigrants studied in Iran have been provided with good facilities in the COUNTRY. And they benefit from services like Iranian mothers. The building of guest houses for immigrants and training women of them as BEHBAKSH, who serve them LIKE BAHVARZ in the Iranian society. The goal is to show the situation of Afghan mothers in the country. For this reason, it is necessary to show the quality and

		quantity of services provided to them in the country. This comparison was performed for this purpose. It is even necessary to conduct these studies on a larger scale in the country.
	4. How did they exclude the environmental factors in this sampling?	We can usually minimize the impact of these cases by the sampling method and selecting the research community from a population group with the same structure can show this issue. One of the best methods for dividing the variables into comparison groups: The appropriate selection of the research population and then random sampling. The method of sampling and selecting the research community from a demographic group with a similar cultural structure and in the same environment can show this issue. Selection of samples from residential areas in guest houses as well as random sampling. It causes the standard deviation(SD) of the characteristics in the groups to have an acceptable dispersion.

2 Revision 1

4 comments · 11 Oct 2024 – 26 Oct 2024

Referee 1 Reviewer — ACCEPT 11 Oct 2024

The authors considered the reviewers' comments and fully revised the manuscript.

Referee 2 Reviewer — ACCEPT 21 Oct 2024

This is an important issue regarding weight gain and anthropometric measures in different ethnic groups.
It was not mentioned whether preterm babies are included in these groups as well.

Associate Editor — ACCEPT 26 Oct 2024

Dear EIC.
Previous errors have been corrected, and there are no further recommendations.

Editor-in-Chief — ACCEPT 26 Oct 2024

Dear Author,
We appreciate your attentiveness and prompt response to the reviewer's feedback.