

TOURCH INFECTIONS IN MOTHERS WITH BOD AS A CAUSE OF NEONATAL MISCARRIAGES AND FETAL MALFORMATION IN DUHOK PROVINCE, KURDISTAN REGION/ IRAQ

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Abstract:

This study was performed to demonstrate the effect of TORCH agents on pregnancy outcome of 84 mothers with BOD, the number of single, twice, triple, four and more miscarriages were 102 (55.4%), 50 (27.2%), 27 (14.7%) and 5 (2.7%), respectively.

Out of 102 BOH pregnant women with single miscarriage, 43 (42.2%) and 2 (4.9%) were seropositive for anti *T. gondii* IgG and IgM, respectively, 89 (87.3%) and 17 (16.7) were seropositive for anti CMV IgG and IgM, respectively, 63 (61.8%) and 3 (2.9%) were seropositive for anti Rubella IgG and IgM, respectively and 63(61.8%) and 14(13.7) were seropositive for HSV-2 IgG and IgM, respectively.

Regarding women with twice miscarriage, 1 (2.0%), 14 (28.0%) were seropositive for *T. gondii* anti IgG and IgM, respectively, 16 (8.0%), 43 (86.0%) were seropositive for CMV anti IgG and IgM, 29(58.0%), respectively. The IgG of anti Rubella was recorded in 29 (58.0%) no any case for anti IgM. and 29 (58%) and 3 (6.0%) were positive for HSV-2 anti IgG and IgM, respectively. The number of cases with triple miscarriages, 8 (11.1%) were seropositive for anti *T. gondii* IgG antibodies, while no any case was found against IgM antibodies. Only, 3 (4.2%), 22 (30.6%) were seropositive for anti CMV IgG and IgM respectively. The seropositivity of anti *Rubella*, anti HSV-2 IgG and IgM antibodies in group with triple miscarriages were recorded in 12 (16.7%), 10 (13.9%), 0 (0.0%) and 3 (4.2%) respectively. The number of cases with four and more miscarriages, all (100%) were seropositive for CMV anti IgG and IgM, and one (20%) for *T. gondii* anti IgG and IgM, while 2 (40%) and 4 (80%), were seropositive for anti Rubella and anti HSV-2 IgG, respectively. Also the results indicated that 134 (72.8%) of all examined pregnant women with BOH have history of miscarriages, 14 (7.6%) congenital malformation, 13 (7.1%) intrauterine growth retardation, 10 (5.4%) premature labor and 13 (7.1%) still birth. with the predominant of anti CMV IgG and IgM antibodies

Keywords: Women with BOD, TOURCH, Pregnancy outcome

Introduction

The TORCH complex is a medical acronym for a set of primary or prenatal infections (i.e. infections that are passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus), the TORCH infections can lead to severe fetal anomalies or even fetal loss (Newton, 1999). TOURCH are a group of viral, bacterial, and protozoan infections that gain access to the fetal bloodstream transplacentally via the chorionic villi, they include *Toxoplasma. gondii*, Others (Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Varicella- zoster viruses), Rubella, CMV, and HSV-2 (Lewis, 2007).

These diseases are not particularly serious for adults who are exposed and treated, but women when are affected with any of these diseases during pregnancy are at risk for miscarriage, still birth, or for having a child with serious birth defects and /or illness. Thus, TORCH test is performed before or as soon as pregnancy is diagnosed to determine the mother's history of

exposure to these microorganisms (Gomella, 1994).

Bad obstetric history (BOH) implies to previous unfavorable fetal outcome in terms of two or more consecutive spontaneous miscarriage, history of intrauterine fetal death, intrauterine growth retardation, stillbirth, early neonatal death and/or congenital anomalies. The cause of BOH may be genetic, hormonal, abnormal maternal immune response, and maternal infection (Morton *et al.*, 1987).

The prevalence of these infections varies from one geographical area to another (Stern *et al.*, 1996). These maternal infections are initially unapparent or asymptomatic and are, thus, difficult to diagnose on clinical aspects (Abdel-Fattah *et al.*, 2005).

Therefore, diagnosis of acute TORCH infection in pregnant women is usually established by demonstration of seropositivity of specific immunoglobulins (IgM and IgG) in sera (Abbas, 2002). Enzyme-Linked Immuno Sorbent

Assay (ELISA) for IgM antibodies against these infections is highly sensitive and specific (Mladina *et al.*, 2002). The conventional single serum assays do not make a clear distinction between a recent primary and chronic infection, the tendency of specific IgM to persist for a long time even at high levels has been verified in several studies, while IgG antibodies remain detectable for a lifetime, providing immunity and preventing or reducing the severity of reinfection (Wegmann *et al.*, 1993, Denkers and Gazzinelli, 1998 and Frey, 1999).

Thus, if IgM antibodies are present in a pregnant woman, a recent infection with the organism has occurred, but if only IgG antibodies are present and do not demonstrate an increase on serial testing several weeks later, it can be assumed that the person has had a previous infection by the organisms (Marzi *et al.*, 1996). If the serum of a person has no evidence of either IgM or IgG antibodies specific for the organisms, then the person is at risk of infection if exposed because they do not have any demonstrable immunity (Shirahata *et al.*, 1992).

The current study was undertaken to demonstrate the levels of anti IgG and IgM against TORCH infections using ELISA in groups of pregnant women with BOD and the outcome of pregnancy.

Materials and Methods

During the period from September to November 2012, a total of 184 pregnant women with bad obstetric history (BOD), having a single, twice, triple fourth and more miscarriages as indicated in table (1) who attended the antenatal clinic, obstetrics and gynecology department of Azadi Teaching Hospital in Duhok City, General Amedi Hospital and antenatal clinic in Sheladieza, Deroluak, Sersaing and Kadash towns BOH, such as miscarriage, intrauterine growth retardation, still birth, premature labor and congenital malformation. The data are collected using a special questionnaire including the number of pregnancies, previous miscarriages, history of fetal abnormalities, and stage of pregnancy.

Table 1: Distribution of miscarriage among examined pregnant women with bad obstetric history (n=184)

No. of abortions	No. of examined women	%
Once	102	55.4
Twice	50	27.2
Triple	27	14.7
Fourth and more	5	2.7
Total	184	100

Blood Collection

From each woman of BOH 5 ml of blood sample was withdrawn and the serum was separated for the detection of IgM and IgG antibodies for TORCH infection. The blood was taken by a disposable syringe, transferred to disposable test tube and allowed to clot, then the blood was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for about 5 minutes, the separated serum was aspirated and poured into a sterile eppendorf tube (1ml). Each tube was labeled and numbered before being stored in a deep freezer at -20 °C until the time of analysis. Blood samples collected from distant areas were kept in a cool box until reaching the laboratory. The present work was performed in

the laboratory of serology and virology department / General Amedi Hospital.

All serum samples were screened for the presence of IgM and IgG antibodies for *T.gondii*, Rubella virus, Cytomegalovirus (CMV) and Herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2) using Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay (ELISA). All ELISA kits were obtained from BioCheck, Inc./ (Germany). The procedure was performed according to the manufacturer instructions of the company.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis of the results was performed using SPSS software (16 version) program and the Chi-square test and Fisher's exact test were used to compare proportions and *t* test for comparison between the means of two groups, a *p* value of < 0.05 considered significant.

Results

Out of 184 women with BOD (table. 2), 102(55.4%) were with single miscarriage, 50(27.7%) with twice, 27(14.7%) with triple and 5(2.7%) with four or more miscarriages. Regarding the types of antibodies, the highest seroprevalence of antibodies were with anti CMV IgG and IgM antibodies in all cases of miscarriages, as they were found in 89(87%) and 17(16.7%), 43(86.0%) and 8(16%), 22(30.6%) and 3(4.2%) and 5(100%) and 1(20%) in single, twice, triple, fourth and more miscarriages, respectively. Regarding other TORCH agents in one miscarriage, antibodies were recorded at lower rates such as 63 (61.8%) and 3 (2.9%) were seropositive for anti Rubella IgG and IgM, respectively and 63 (61.8%) and 14 (13.7%) for anti HSV-2 IgG and IgM, respectively, and 43 (42.2%) and 5(4.9%) were seropositive for anti *T. gondii* IgG and IgM, respectively.

Regarding those with twice miscarriages, as indicated earlier, the highest seroprevalence was

with anti CMV IgG and IgM antibodies, since they were recorded in 43 (86.0%), 8 (16.0%) cases, respectively. Anti Rubella IgG antibodies were recorded in 29 (58.0%) cases with no any cases with anti IgM antibodies. With respect to anti HSV-2 IgG and IgM antibodies, 29 (58.0%) and 3 (6.0%) were seropositive, respectively and 14 (28.0%), 1 (2.0%) were seropositive for anti *T. gondii* IgG and IgM, respectively,

The number of cases with triple miscarriages was 27 cases, from these cases 22 (30.6%) and 3 (4.2%) were seropositive for anti CMV IgG and IgM, respectively, The seropositivity of anti Rubella, anti HSV-2 IgG and IgM antibodies were recorded in 12 (16.7%), 0 (0.0%), 10 (13.9%) and 3 (4.2%), respectively, and 8 (11.1%) were seropositive for anti *T. gondii* IgG antibodies, while no any case was found against IgM antibodies,

While the number of cases with four or more miscarriages was only 5 cases, all 5(100%) were seropositive for anti CMV IgG antibodies and one (20.0%) was seropositive for anti IgM, 4 (80%) and 2 (40%) were seropositive for anti Rubella IgG and anti HSV-2 antibodies, respectively, while no cases for anti IgM antibodies of the same pathogens were reported. and one case (20.0%) for anti *T. gondii* , IgG antibodies respectively. The differences were not significant.

Table 2: Seropositivity of TORCH infections among women with BOH and their relation to the number of miscarriages (n=184)

TORCH agents	Type of Immunoglobulin	Number miscarriages					Statistics					
		Once	Twice	Triple	Four and more	Test	df	P value	Sig.			
		n=102	55.4%	n=50	%27.2	n=27	14.7%	n=5	2.7%			
Toxoplasma	IgG	43	42.2	14	28.0	8	11.1	1	20.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.275	
	IgM	5	4.9	1	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.665	
CMV	IgG	89	87.3	43	86.0	22	30.6	5	100.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.799	
	IgM	17	16.7	8	16.0	3	4.2	1	20.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.845	
Rubella virus	IgG	63	61.8	29	58.0	12	16.7	4	80.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.340	
	IgM	3	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.748	
HSV-2	IgG	63	61.8	29	58.0	10	13.9	2	40.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.110	
	IgM	14	13.7	3	6.0	3	4.2	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	0.513	

It is obvious from table (3) that 134 (72.8%) of examined pregnant women with BOD had a history of miscarriage, 14 (7.6%) had a history of congenital malformation, 13 (7.1%) with intrauterine growth retardation, 10 (5.4%) with premature labor and 13 (7.1%) with still birth.

Table 3: Distribution of abnormalities among examined pregnant women with BOD (n=184)

Miscarriage Abnormalities	& No. of women	examined %
Miscarriage	134	72.8
Congenital Malformation	14	7.6
Intrauterine growth retardation	13	7.1
Premature labor	10	5.4
Still birth	13	7.1
Total	184	100

Regarding the seropositivity of TORCH infections among women with BOH in relation to types of bad history are shown in table(4). As it is clear from the table that the most predominant agent in all cases of BOD were anti CMV IgG and IgM antibodies except in miscarriage in which the IgM for HSV-2 was the highest as they were occurred in 17 (12.7%) of the cases(table. 4).

Statistical analysis indicated that the results of CMV IgM and HSV- 2 IgG were statistically significant ($P < 0.05$) as compared with other agents of TORCH infections.

Table 4: Seropositivity of TORCH infections among women with BOH and their relation to types of bad history (n=184)

TORCH	Type of immunoglobulin	Types of bad history						Statistics						
		Miscarriage	Congenital Malformation	Intrauterine growth retardation	Premature labor	still birth	Test value	df	P value					
		n=134	72.8%	n=14	7.6%	n=13	7.1%	n=10	5.4%	n=13	7.1%			
Toxoplasma	IgG	44	32.8	9	64.3	4	30.8	3	30.0	6	46.2	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.175
	IgM	5	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.586
CMV	IgG	112	83.6	13	92.9	13	100.0	9	90.0	12	92.3	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.574
	IgM	15	11.2	6	42.9	4	30.8	1	10.0	3	23.1	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.011
Rubella virus	IgG	78	58.2	10	71.4	8	61.5	7	70.0	5	38.5	Chi-Square (3.715)	4	0.446
	IgM	2	1.5	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.494
HSV-2	IgG	75	56.0	10	71.4	11	84.6	5	50.0	3	23.1	Chi-Square (11.548)	4	0.021
	IgM	17	12.7	3	21.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	Fisher's Exact Test	4	0.223

*CMV IgM = significant ($p < 0.05$)

*HSV-2 IgG = significant ($p < 0.05$)

Discussion

TORCH screening is routinely preferred by physicians for detecting the infection among women during pregnancy period. The physicians concentrate on women with previous cases of BOH such as miscarriages and other types of congenital abnormalities, and many researchers have studied the maternal infections of the fetus which play an important role in miscarriage and congenital abnormality cases (Abdel-Fattah,2005; Denoj *et al.*,2008; Goncalves *et al.*, 2010; Al-Hindi *et al.*, 2010 ; Jasim *et al.*, 2011; Vilibic-Cavlek *et al.*, 2011).

In TORCH infections the infected pregnant woman produce two types of specific antibodies against each infective pathogen, these are IgG and IgM antibodies and measuring the titers of these antibodies in the sera can identify the type of infection (Frey, 1999).The present study involved the screening of IgG and IgM antibodies of TORCH infections in the sera of the pregnant women of BOD using ELISA, due to the effectiveness of this test in the diagnosis and estimation of the past and the recent infections with all of these agents(Gomella, 1994).

The study showed different rates of TORCH agents among examined women with BOH, and regarding their effects, miscarriage was the main complications of TORCH infections, as it occurred at a rate of 72.8 % out of the total cases (184) this is in accordance with other studies performed in Iraq by Abdul-Mohymen *et al.*(2009) ; Al-Taie(2010); Hadi (2011), and Zhang and Cheng(2012).

This study also showed that all enrolled women with BOH were suffering from single or mixed infections with TORCH agents, and all of them either have had one, two, or more miscarriages(table.3). This is in agreement with the results reported in many previous studies in Iraq, such as Abdul-Mohymen *et al.*(2009), Al-Taie (2010) and Jasim *et al.* (2011), in which they found that 64.6, 38 and 54% percentage of miscarriages, respectively. The reason for high occurrence of miscarriages in the screening cases may be due to the development of immunity against TORCH agents (Golalipour *et al.*,2009).

The result of the present study showed high rates of anti CMV (16.7%) and HSV-2 (13.7%) IgM antibodies, probably these dominant agents caused miscarriage among studied cases followed by *T. gondii* infection with infection

rate of 4.9%.This is in agreement with what was reported by Jasim *et al.* (2011) in Iraq which they found high seropositivity of CMV (60.2%), HSV-2 (73.9%), and *T. gondii* (54%) IgM antibodies among miscarriage women; similarly Thongchai *et al.* (1997), in Thailand found high seropositivity of CMV 100%, HSV-2 79-81% and 13-15 % for *T.gondii* IgM antibodies among miscarriage women.

On the other hand, present results disagrees with those mentioned by Vilibic *et al.*(2011) in Croatia which found low prevalence of anti CMV(0.09%), 1.2% for HSV-2 and 0.25% for *T. gondii* , IgM antibodies

Based on the presence of specific IgG antibodies in reactivation cases, also CMV (87.3%), *Rubella* (61.8%) and HSV-2 (61.8%) infections were the main causative agents of miscarriage when compared with *T.gondii* infection (42.2%). lower and higher seroprevalence with these agents have been reported in some studies such as Sadik *et al.*(2012) in India who found 20.93% for *T.gondii* IgG , 29.06% for *Rubella* IgG, 23.25% for CMV IgG and 18.6% for HSV-2 IgG and Nabi *et al.* (2012) in Bangladesh in which they found that 95.49 % for CMV IgG antibodies , 81.08% for *Rubella* IgG, 23.42% for *T. gondii* and 87.39% for HSV-2 IgG. This variation might be due to many factors such as sample size and life style of population (Golalipour *et al.*,2009).

The current study, the highest infections rates 20 (10.87%) was found with CMV infections, , followed by HSV-2 infections 13 (7.07%) and the lowest rates were for *T .gondii* 4 (2.17%) and *Rubella* 2 (1.09%), followed by 3 seropositive cases for anti *T. gondii* and anti CMV IgM antibodies .These results were in agreement with the results of Denoj *et al.* (2008) in India in which they observed cross infections with more than one of the TORCH agents among studied women (40.8%) positive against any one of TORCH agents, multiple positivity observed against two pathogens in (31%), (8.5%) against three pathogens, and (5.6%) infected with all the four pathogens (Denoj *et al.* 2008).The reason of different and similar seropositivity of TORCH infections in pregnant women from area to area might be due to the hygienic habits, culture differences related to feeding habits, education level, primary health care program and early diagnosis of infections.

Due to high seropositivity of TORCH infections in pregnant women with BOH,

therefore preventive measures should be considered. and all pregnant women with BOH should be routinely screened for the TORCH infections for early diagnosis, proper management treatment in order to prevent complications such as fetal abnormalities and death.

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پوخته:

گرتهمه نهمه خویندنی رنگی هونری وتاریژی بو بلاو بوونهوی تووش بوون [T] ([TORCH] وخرپلاسم [R] و بهلا [CMV]، [HSV-2] (لهنیوان ۲۷۶ له نافرتهی سکیری ئهوانهی دوچار دهین له لهدایک بوون هیتز پیکهوه و سیس بوون لهدایک بوون پیکهوه له نهمه خویندن نهنجام دا پشکنی سهرجهم حالهت له تهمهن نهوهی دهکویت لهنیوان [۱۸-۴۵] سالی هونری وتاریژی له لایهن

تاقی کردنهوه [ELISA] بو ناشکرکردن له لهشی کرداری دژ یا هارتا [I] گ [G] و [I] گ [M] بو هۆکار نهخوشی.

نهنجام دا دابهش کردنی نهخوش بو کومله، ۱۸۴ (۶۶) %۷. (له نافرتهی ئهوانهی دوچار دهین له لهدایک بوون هیتز پیکهوه و ۹۲ (۳۳) %۳. (له نافرتهی ئهوانهیی لهدایک بوونی پیکهوه پیشان دا نهنجام له سهرجهم [۱۸۴] من [نافرتهی سکیر ۶۶] ۳۵. [۹] % (کانوی نیجایی). گۆندیی [I] گ [G] و [۶] ۳) %۳. (کانوی نیجایی). گۆندیی [I] گ [M] و لهی کاتهی پهیهندی پیوه بوون به [CMV]، [۱۵۹] %۴. (کانوی نیجایی بو [CMV-I] گ [G]

و ۲۹) %۱۵. (بو [CMV-I] گ [M] لهسهر ناستی دوایین، ۱۰۸) %۵۸. [۷] % (و ۳) %۱. (کانوی نیجایی بو [R] و بهلا [I] گ [I] گ [G] و [I] گ [I] گ [G] و [I] گ [M] به [I] گ [G] و [I] گ [M] دژ به [HSV-2] (کانوی نیجایی که ۱۴۰) %۵. (و ۲۰) %۱۰. [۹] % (به پی ی ریز پیشان دا نهنجام له سهرجهم پشکنی ۹۲ له نافرتهی سکیر، ۳۸) %۳. (کانو نیجایی). گۆندیی [I] گ [G] و حالهت یهک تهنها ۱) %۱. (بوو [ایجابیه]. [T] گۆندیی [I] گ [M] و بهدیارکوتن که ۷۹) %۸۵. [۹] % (و ۵) %۴. [کانوی نیجایی دژ به [CMV-I] گ [G] و [CMV-I] گ [M] به پی ی ریز و بو وه لام دانهوه بو [R] و بهلا [G] ۴۳) %۴۶. [۷] % (و %) ۱. [۱] [R] و بهلا [I] گ [M] لهنیوان کوملهی به لا. لهی کاتهی بوو [الاصابه] [بHVS ۲]، [۴۸] %۲. ۵۲ (بوو [I] گ [G] و ۴) %۴ (بوو [I] گ [M]

و بوو تووش بوون [TORCH] سهرموه گهلنیک له لای نافرته له کومله [BOH] له ئه نافرتهی پیکهوه بو لهدایک بوون.

الخلاصة

تضمنت هذه الدراسة مسحة مصالية لانتشار إصابات TORCH (*Toxoplasma, Rubella, CMV, HSV-2*) بين 276 من النساء الحوامل الذين يعانون من ولادات غير سوية وذوي الولادات السوية في هذه الدراسة تم فحص جميع الحالات من الأعمار التي تتراوح بين 18-45 سنة مصليا بواسطة اختبار ELISA للكشف عن الأجسام المضادة IgG و IgM لمسببات الأمراض.

تم تقسيم المرضى إلى مجموعتين، 66.7% (184) (من النساء الذين يعانون من ولادات غير سوية و 33.3%) (92) (من النساء اللواتي ولاداتهم سوية).

أظهرت النتائج من مجموع 184 من النساء الحوامل أن 35.9% (66) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgG* و 3.3% (6) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgM* وفيما يتعلق ب *CMV*، 86.4% (159) كانوا إيجابيا ل *CMV-IgG* و 15.8% (29) ل *CMV-IgM*. على صعيد آخر، 58.7% (108) و 1.6% (3) كانوا إيجابيا ل *Rubella IgG* و *IgM* على التوالي. وكانت مستويات *IgG* و *IgM* ضد *HSV2* كانوا إيجابيا حيث 56.5% (140) و 10.9% (20) (على التوالي).

أظهرت النتائج من مجموع فحص 92 من النساء الحوامل، 41.3% (38) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgG* وحالة واحدة فقط 1.1% (1) كانت إيجابية *T.gondii IgM* وتبين أن 85.9% (79) و 5.4% (5) كانوا إيجابيا ضد *CMV-IgG* و *CMV-IgM* على التوالي. وكانت الاستجابة ل *Rubella-IgG* 43 (46.7%) و *Rubella-IgM* 1 (1.1%) بين المجموعة العادية. فيما كانت الاصابه ب *HVS2*، 52.2% (48) إلى *IgG* و 4.3% (4) إلى *IgM*.

وكانت إصابات TORCH أعلى بكثير لدى النساء من مجموعة BOH من تلك النساء السويات للولادات. أظهرت النتائج من مجموع فحص 184 من النساء الحوامل من مجموعة BOH، 55.4% (102) (يعانون من الإجهاض لمرة واحدة و 27.2%) (50) (مع الإجهاض مرتين، 14.7%) (27) (مع الإجهاض الثلاثي، 2.7%) (5) (من حالات الإجهاض لأربعة مرات أو أكثر).

أظهرت النتائج من مجموع 102 من النساء الحوامل اللواتي يعانون من الإجهاض واحدة، 42.2% (43) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgG* و 4.9% (2) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgM* فيما يتعلق لعدوى *CMV* من بين تلك المجموعة، كان 87.3% (89) كانوا إيجابيا *CMV-IgG* و 16.7% (17) كانوا إيجابيا ل *CMV-IgM* ومن ناحية أخرى، كانت 61.8% (63) و 2.9% (3) ل *Rubella-IgG* و *Rubella-IgM* إيجابية على التوالي. أما مستويات *IgG* و *IgM* ضد *HVS-2* كانوا إيجابيا في 61.8% (63) و 13.7% (14) (على التوالي).

و فيما يتعلق بمجموعة النساء اللواتي يعانون من الإجهاض مرتين (50)، كشفت النتائج أن 28.0% (14) و 2.0% (1) كانوا إيجابيا *IgG* و *T.gondii IgM* على التوالي. من ناحية أخرى 86.0% (43) و 8.0% (16) كانوا إيجابيا ل *CMV-IgG* و *CMV-IgM* على التوالي. سجلت *Rubella-IgG* في 58.0% (29) (من الحالات الإجهاض مرتين) في حين حالات ضد *IgM* من المرض نفسه لم تسجل أي إصابة. و فيما يتعلق بمستويات *IgG* و *IgM* ضد *HSV-2*، أظهرت الدراسة أن 58.0% (29) و 6.0% (3) كانوا إيجابيا على التوالي.

وكان عدد الحالات من الإجهاض الثلاثي 27 حالة، من هذه الحالات 11.1% (8) كانوا إيجابيا *T.gondii IgG* بينما لم تظهر أي حالة ضد *T.gondii IgM* وكانت نسبة 4.2% (3) و 30.6% (22) كانوا إيجابيا للمضاد *CMV-IgG* و *CMV-IgM* على التوالي. سجلت الاستجابة ل *HSV-2 IgM* و *Rubella, 2HSV- IgG* في 16.7% (12) و 13.9% (10) و 0.0% (0) و 4.2% (3) على التوالي.

وكان عدد الحالات الإجهاض لأربعة مرات أو أكثر (5) حالات، من هذه الحالات 20.0% (1) و 0.0% (0) و 5% (5)، 20.0% (1) كانوا إيجابيا ل *T.gondii IgG* و *T.gondii IgM* و *CMV* على التوالي. على صعيد آخر، 80% (4) و 40% (2) كانوا إيجابيا ل *Rubella-IgG* و *HSV-2 IgG* على التوالي، في حين لم تكن هناك أي اصابه ضد *IgM* من نفس مسببات الأمراض. أن 72.8% (134) (من النساء الحوامل من مجموعة BOH، 7.6% (14) (كانت لديهم ولادات مشوهين خلقيا، 7.1% (13) (تأخر النمو داخل الرحم، 5.4% (10) (من الولادة المبكرة و 7.1% (13) (ولادات ميتة).

وقد وجد أن عدد الحالات كانت منخفضة 1.1% (2/184) ينتمون إلى الفئة العمرية من 39-45 سنة في حين أن معظم الحالات 57.1% (105/184) بين 31-25 سنة. وقد وجد أن الاستجابة ل *IgG* ضد *T.gondii* 41.3% (19) و 91.3% (42) ل *CMV* و 30% (65.2%) *HSV-2* كانوا أكثر شيوعا في الفئة العمرية 24-18 سنة إلا في *Rubella* الاستجابة كانت عالية في جميع الأعمار. كما وجدت أيضا أن الاستجابة *CMV-IgG* كانت عالية 90.3% (28) (في الفئة العمرية من 32-38 سنة تليها 82.9% (87) (في الفئة العمرية من 31-25 سنة. فيما يتعلق ب *T.gondii IgM*، *CMV*، و *Rubella* و *HSV2* عالية في الفئة العمرية 24-18 سنة عند المقارنة مع المجموعات الأخرى وكانت 10.9% (5) و 19.6% (9) و 2.2% (1) و 15.2% (7) على التوالي.