

Insufficient Weight Gain During Pregnancy in Maternal IBD Predicts Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes: Results from The PIANO and Norwegian Registry

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AIM AND BACKGROUND

Mothers with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) have an increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes, with disease activity as the strongest predictor. The aim of this study was to determine if inadequate weight gain during pregnancy is a predictor of adverse outcomes in two pregnancy cohorts, the prospective US PIANO IBD cohort and the population-based Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort (MoBa).

METHODS

PIANO comprises 922 IBD mothers with live birth followed during and after pregnancy at 30 US IBD centers. MoBa includes 107,000 pregnancies throughout Norway from 1999 to 2008. Sub-classification of disease, medication, disease activity, and complications during pregnancy and delivery were ascertained. The pre-pregnancy body mass index (BMI) (in kg/m²) was categorized into four groups with recommended gestational weight gain (GWG) (Table 1). Gestational weight gain (GWG), was classified into three groups: inadequate, adequate and excessive, based on The US Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommendations.

| Prepregnant categories of BMI | GWG (kg) according to IOM recommendations |
|-------------------------------|---|
| BMI < 18.5 | 12.5 < GWG < 18 |
| 18.5 < BMI < 24.9 | 11.5 < GWG < 15 |
| 25 < BMI < 29.9 | 7 < GWG < 11.5 |
| BMI > 30 | 5 < GWG < 9 |

The association between maternal IBD and GWG, between inadequate GWG and preterm birth (< 37 weeks), small for gestational age (SGA), or intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) were analyzed in separate models, adjusted for diabetes, hypertension, smoking history, maternal age and education. The association between flares and inadequate GWG or GWG quartiles (< 18 kg) was explored.

US PIANO IBD COHORT

The PIANO cohort included 559 CD and 363 UC mothers.

Inadequate GWG was associated with:

- 2.5-fold increased risk of preterm birth in maternal CD and UC
- 3.3-fold increased risk of IUGR in maternal CD
- SGA in maternal CD ($p = 0.08$)

Flares were associated with preterm birth (OR = 1.5, CI: 0.6, 3.5, $p = 0.09$) and with inadequate GWG (OR = 1.6, CI: 1.2, 2.3), **however adjusting for flares did not change the association of inadequate GWG and preterm birth.**

| | N (obs) | Inadequate GWG | Preterm birth | OR (95%CI) | p-value | Adjusted OR (95%CI) | p-values |
|-----|---------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| IBD | 922 | 187 | 75 | 2.41 (1.46,3.99) | 0.0006 | 2.48 (1.49, 4.11) | 0.0005 |
| CD | 559 | 104 | 46 | 2.31 (1.19, 4.45) | 0.0128 | 2.50 (1.28, 4.90) | 0.0072 |
| UC | 363 | 83 | 29 | 2.62 (1.19, 5.72) | 0.0163 | 2.53 (1.15, 5.62) | 0.0217 |

| | N (obs) | Inadequate GWG | SGA | OR (95%CI) | p-value | Adjusted OR (95%CI) | p-values |
|-----|---------|----------------|-----|--------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| IBD | 906 | 184 | 8 | 3.98 (0.98, 16.10) | 0.052 | 4.11 (0.99, 17.01) | 0.0506 |
| CD | 549 | 102 | 6 | 4.49 (0.89, 22.55) | 0.069 | 4.49 (0.83, 24.35) | 0.0810 |
| UC | 357 | 82 | 2 | 3.38 (0.21, 54.68) | 0.39 | 4.11 (0.25, 68.16) | 0.324 |

| | N (obs) | Inadequate GWG | IUGR | OR (95%CI) | p-value | Adjusted OR (95%CI) | p-values |
|-----|---------|----------------|------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|
| IBD | 922 | 187 | 23 | 2.60 (1.11, 6.11) | 0.028 | 2.51 (1.05, 5.99) | 0.038 |
| CD | 559 | 104 | 14 | 3.42 (1.16, 10.08) | 0.026 | 3.32 (1.09, 10.04) | 0.034 |
| UC | 363 | 83 | 9 | 1.71 (0.42, 7.00) | 0.45 | 1.51 (0.348, 6.57) | 0.58 |

Adjusted for education, mothers' age, diabetes, hypertension and smoking history

| | | N (% mean, SD) | Inadequate | Adequate | Excessive | p-value |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Age | N (mean, std) | 922 (31.00, 4.62) | 187 (30.61, 4.57) | 296 (31.72, 4.56) | 439 (30.67, 4.63) | 0.0014 |
| Education | 1 High school or less | 28 (5.1) | 7 (25) | 4 (14.3) | 17 (60.7) | 0.1803 |
| | 2 some college | 75 (13.6) | 17 (22.7) | 16 (21.3) | 42 (56.0) | |
| | 3 Graduate from college | 196 (35.5) | 35 (17.9) | 65 (33.2) | 96 (49.0) | |
| | 4 Graduate school | 211 (38.2) | 46 (21.8) | 74 (35.1) | 91 (49.0) | |
| | 5 Unknown | 42 (7.6) | 6 (14.3) | 14 (33.3) | 22 (52.4) | |
| BMI groups | 1 Underweight | 51 (5.5) | 15 (29.4) | 30 (58.8) | 6 (11.8) | < 0.0001 |
| | 2 Normal | 631 (68.4) | 154 (24.4) | 223 (35.3) | 254 (40.3) | |
| | 3 Overweight | 175 (19.0) | 11 (6.3) | 39 (22.3) | 125 (71.4) | |
| | 4 Obese | 65 (7.0) | 7 (10.8) | 4 (6.2) | 54 (83.1) | |
| Diabetes | no | 965 (93.8) | 173 (20.0) | 270 (31.2) | 422 (48.8) | 0.0179 |
| | yes | 57 (6.2) | 14 (24.6) | 26 (45.6) | 17 (29.8) | |
| Hypertension | no | 870 (94.4) | 180 (20.7) | 281 (32.3) | 409 (47.0) | 0.2696 |
| | yes | 52 (5.6) | 7 (13.5) | 15 (28.8) | 30 (57.7) | |
| Smoking history | Current | 22 (2.4) | 3 (13.6) | 6 (27.3) | 13 (59.1) | 0.0749 |
| | Former | 266 (28.9) | 46 (17.3) | 76 (28.6) | 144 (54.1) | |
| | Never | 633 (68.7) | 138 (21.8) | 214 (33.8) | 281 (44.4) | |
| Preterm birth | no | 847 (91.9) | 160 (18.9) | 269 (31.8) | 418 (49.4) | 0.0002 |
| | yes | 75 (8.1) | 27 (36.0) | 27 (36.0) | 21 (28.0) | |
| IUGR | no | 899 (97.5) | 178 (19.8) | 289 (32.1) | 432 (48.1) | 0.0604 |
| | yes | 23 (2.5) | 9 (39.1) | 7 (30.4) | 7 (30.4) | |
| SGA | no | 898 (99.1) | 180 (20.0) | 287 (32.0) | 471 (48.0) | 0.1053 |
| | yes | 8 (0.9) | 4 (50.0) | 2 (25.0) | 2 (25) | |

| | N (mean, std) | CD | | UC | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | | N (% mean, SD) | p-values | N (% mean, SD) | p-values |
| Age | N (mean, std) | 166 (30.35, 4.13) | 0.91 | 218 (30.96, 4.15) | 0.011* |
| Education groups | High school or less | 55 (35.3) | | 60 (29.1) | |
| | College 3 years | 71 (45.5) | 0.83 | 101 (49.0) | 0.06 |
| | Master or higher | 30 (19.0) | 0.25 | 45 (21.8) | 0.78 |
| Diabetes | Yes | 1 (0.6) | 0.39 | 3 (1.4) | 0.97 |
| | No | 165 (99.4) | | 215 (98.6) | |
| Hypertension | Yes | 8 (4.8) | 0.62 | 10 (4.6) | 0.47 |
| | No | 158 (95.2) | | 208 (95.5) | |
| Smoking history | Current | 18 (11.7) | 0.01* | 6 (3.1) | 0.14 |
| | Former | 4 (2.6) | 0.9 | 4 (2.1) | 0.46 |
| | Never | 132 (85.7) | | 181 (94.8) | |
| Gestational age | N (mean, std) | 39.27 (1.9) | 0.057 | 39.43 (1.5) | 0.39 |
| Gestational weight gain | N (mean, std) | 13.56 (6.7) | 0.006* | 13.97 (5.8) | 0.038* |
| Prepregnant BMI | N (mean, std) | 23.42 (4.1) | 0.98 | 23.74 (3.9) | 0.97 |
| Preterm | Yes | 13 (7.8) | 0.039* | 10 (4.60) | 0.93 |
| | No | 153 (92.2) | | 208 (95.4) | |
| SGA | yes | 17 (10.2) | 0.048* | 18 (8.3) | 0.27 |
| | No | 186 (89.8) | | 200 (91.7) | |

P-values compared to controls, plural birth and GWG > 50 and GWG < -50 excluded

| | Controls | | UC | | CD | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| | N (%) | N (%) | p-value (vs controls) | N (%) | p-value (vs controls) | |
| Underweight BMI < 18.5 | | | | | | |
| Inadequate (< 12.5) | 714 (30.8) | 1 (16.7) | 0.48 | 4 (66.7) | 0.04* | |
| Adequate (12.5 < GWG < 18) | 1075 (46.4) | 3 (50) | 0.97 | 2 (33.3) | 0.87 | |
| Excessive (> 18) | 529 (22.8) | 2 (33.3) | 0.65 | 0 (0) | 0.30 | |
| Normal weight 18.5 < BMI < 24.9 | | | | | | |
| Inadequate (< 11.5) | 11527 (21.1) | 50 (32.6) | < 0.0001* | 46 (39.3) | < 0.0001* | |
| Adequate (11.5 < GWG < 15) | 21134 (40.5) | 55 (36.9) | 0.63 | 35 (29.9) | 0.10 | |
| Excessive (> 15) | 19555 (37.4) | 44 (29.5) | 0.13 | 36 (30.8) | 0.38 | |
| Overweight 25 < BMI < 29.9 | | | | | | |
| Inadequate (< 7) | 1571 (9.1) | 3 (7.0) | 0.52 | 5 (15.2) | 0.34 | |
| Adequate (7 < GWG < 11.5) | 3733 (21.6) | 8 (18.6) | 0.47 | 12 (36.4) | 0.12 | |
| Excessive (> 11.5) | 11957 (69.3) | 32 (74.4) | 0.87 | 16 (48.5) | 0.05* | |
| Obese BMI > 30 | | | | | | |
| Inadequate (< 5) | 1319 (18) | 4 (21.1) | 0.84 | 2 (20.0) | 0.64 | |
| Adequate (5 < GWG < 9) | 1603 (21.8) | 3 (15.8) | 0.49 | 4 (40.0) | 0.72 | |
| Excessive (> 9) | 4422 (60.2) | 12 (63.2) | 0.94 | 4 (40.0) | 0.08 | |

Plural birth and GWG > 50 and GWG < -50 excluded from the analyses

THE NORWEGIAN MOTHER AND CHILD COHORT

MoBa included 215 CD and 287 UC mothers.

Risk of inadequate GWG was increased in CD compared to controls (OR = 1.4, CI: 1.2, 1.7).

- **Inadequate GWG was associated with 3.5 to 4.4-fold increased risk of SGA in maternal UC and CD**
- **Weight gain was a protective factor against preterm birth in CD mothers with inadequate GWG (OR = 0.66, CI: 0.45, 0.96).**
- **Flares in IBD** were more likely with the two lowest GWG quartiles compared to the highest (OR = 2.6, CI: 1.1, 6.4, OR = 2.5, CI: 1.1, 5.6).

| | N (obs) | Inadequate GWG | Preterm birth | OR (95%CI) | p-value | Adjusted OR (95% CI) | p-values |
|-----|---------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------|----------|
| IBD | 489 | 115 | 31 | 1.59 (0.72, 3.49) | 0.24 | 1.39 (0.55, 3.54) | 0.48 |
| CD | 207 | 57 | 17 | 1.51 (0.53, 4.28) | 0.44 | 1.16 (0.34, 4.08) | 0.80 |
| UC | 280 | 58 | 14 | 1.57 (0.74, 5.2) | 0.46 | 1.3 (0.43, 8.23) | 0.40 |

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|-----|---------|----------------|-----|-------------------|---------|----------------------|----------|
| IBD | 486 | 115 | 45 | 2.91 (1.55, 5.47) | 0.001 | 3.91 (1.87, 8.17) | < 0.0001 |
| CD | 207 | 57 | 21 | 2.69 (1.07, 6.73) | 0.035 | 4.40 (1.42, 13.62) | 0.01 |
| UC | 280 | 58 | 24 | 3.09 (1.29, 7.39) | 0.01 | 3.48 (1.26, 9.64) | 0.016 |

Adjusted for education, mothers' age, diabetes, hypertension, smoking history

CONCLUSION

In both the US PIANO and the Norwegian MoBa cohorts:

- **Inadequate weight gain during pregnancy was highly associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes**
- **disease activity reduced weight gain**

In the US PIANO cohort:

- **The strong association between inadequate GWG and preterm birth was not influenced by disease activity**

In MoBa:

- **The risk of inadequate GWG was increased in CD mothers compared to controls**

Despite different IBD patient cohorts, inadequate GWG represented a predictor of adverse events in pregnancy.