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Abstract

Background: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) or female circumcision is the procedure of eliminating some or all part of the external female genitalia. FGM/C is carried out by traditional circumcisers. They usually use cutting tools like a blade or straight-razor. Although FGM/C is well described in African continent and some Arabic countries, but data from Iran are scarce.

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