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INTRODUCTION

An increased number of newborns with microcephaly were noted in late 2015 in the Northeast of Brazil during the ongoing Zika virus (ZIKV) outbreak [1]. Because Brazil has a high number of cases with central nervous system abnormalities related to ZIKV congenital infection, we assessed the perinatal case fatality rate (PCFR) in congenital zika syndrome (CZS) from April 2015 to April 24, 2017 in the State of Rio Grande do Norte (RGN), a Brazilian Northeast State highly impacted by ZIKV outbreak and endemic for arboviruses. RGN has a population of 3,400,000 inhabitants. Such data will help inform public health policies to measure the impact of ZIKV on human health and to control *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations.

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