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Abstract

Introduction: Advanced maternal age (AMA) is associated with increased risk for preeclampsia, however, a paucity of data exists regarding the characteristics of the disease in this age group. Our aim was to compare the characteristics and severity of preeclampsia in older and younger gravidas.

Materials & Methods: A retrospective, small case control study of women diagnosed with preeclampsia in a single tertiary care center. Nulliparous women ≥ 40 years old with singleton pregnancies ≥ 24 0/7 weeks' gestation were matched (1:2 ratio) with young (20-34 years old) nulliparous women.

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