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I. Introduction

At least there are seven phenomenon/awareness that lead to this effort, i.e. modify the structure and function of the fetal brain to have more neurons, more glia cells and more dendritic density as follow 1. The need for the next better generation, especially with the better brain and its breakthrough[1-14] 2. The findings from Gardner on multiple intelligences[15] 3. The revelation that brain growth and development start in the womb[16-20] 4. The environment enrichment by M. Diamond, including analysis of the Einstein brain[21-23] 5. *The findings of Tomatis:* brain growth and development needs sound and music[24-26] 6. Rauscher and Shaw,

findings[27-31] 7. The FOAD and DOHAD hypothesis[32-33]. There were already series of studies in Surabaya that analyzed this effort in what kind of (musical) stimulation, the orders, duration, gestational age, what kind of nutrition – with the dependent variables: BDNF, numbers of neurons, glia cells, dendritic density and neuronal apoptotic index. This team also had analyzed the influence of frequency, color, intensity, beat of various compilations including traditional, jazz, rock, blues and pop music compilations and its influence on some plants [34-48].

In this study, Mozart compilation during pregnancy were compared to Jazz, Blues and Rock compilations to more deeply understand the neurophysiology impact of musical exposure to the structure and the function of the fetal brain.

II. Materials and Methods

This research was an experimental laboratory study with a single-blind randomized post-test only control group design. The sample size was calculated using the Federer formula: for each group was seven. The subjects were pregnant healthy *Rattus norvegicus*, weighing 130-180 grams and never giving birth. The subjects were divided into 4 groups randomly, which are the treatment groups that were exposed Mozart, Jazz, Blues, and Rock compilations. All exposure carried out in day 10 of pregnancy until delivery at day 19, for 1 hour in a dark atmosphere (represent the night atmosphere) with an intensity of 60 dB and at of 25 cm distance from the exposure box. At cesarean delivery, two offsprings with the heaviest weight were taken in each group, sacrificed by chloroform, weighed, and the brain were prepared and then stained by Hematoxylin-Eosin methode. The number of neuron cells calculated by 1000x magnifying microscope: 5 right and 5 left hemispheres. Statistical analysis was chosen accordingly. The study was conducted in the Animal Cages and Pathology Laboratory of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, during March-May 2019 after ethical clearance.

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Fig.1: The Exposure Box

III. Results

a) *Offsprings Birthweight*

Table 1: Rattus norvegicus offsprings birthweight

Groups	N		Mean ± SD
	Mother	Offspring	
X1	5	10	4,42 ± 1,15
X2	7	14	4,78 ± 0,42
X3	6	12	4,11 ± 0,81
X4	7	14	4,62 ± 051

Note: X1 (Mozart)   X3 (Blues)
      X2 (Jazz)   X4 (Rock)

b) *The Number of Neurons in Cerebrum Cortex*

The number of cerebrum neuron cells was known by a dark blue cell nucleus, then the preparation was counted by 1000x magnifying microscope 10 visual fields consisting of 5 right and 5 left hemispheres. There were 6 preparations that could not be counted because 4 cortex of Mozart group had meningitis and 2 cortex of Blues group were not found.

Table 2: The Number of Neurons in Cerebrum Cortex

Groups	N Preparation	Mean ± SD
X1	10	71,96 ± 14,44
X2	14	41,06 ± 7,65
X3	12	40,92 ± 6,36
X4	14	31,31 ± 8,19

Note: X1 (Mozart)   X3 (Blues)
      X2 (Jazz)   X4 (Rock)

This table shows the average number of neurons of the *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings in cerebrum cortex. The highest mean value was in the Mozart group (X1) followed by Jazz, Blues, and Rock (X2, X3, X4) groups.

Visualization of the distribution of the number of neurons will give better impression that shows the highest number of Mozart group.
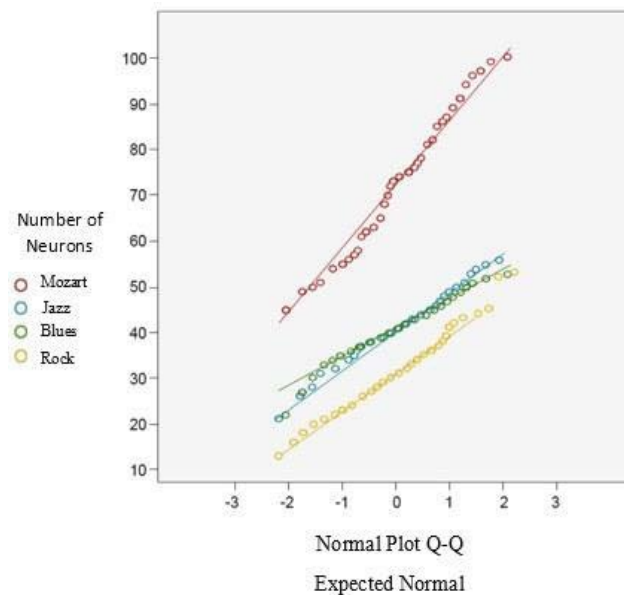
Fig. 2: Scatter Diagram of the Number of Neurons in the Cerebrum Cortex

Table 3: Post-Hoc Test of the Number of Neurons in the Cerebrum Cortex

Groups		P Value	
	X2	X3	X4
X1	0,000*	0,000*	0,000*
X2	-	0,938	0,000*
X3	-	-	0,000*

Note: X1 (Mozart)   X3 (Blues)
      X2 (Jazz)   X4 (Rock)

This table shows the results of the analysis with post-hoc LSD test: Mozart group with Jazz, Blues, and Rock groups shows the value of $p = 0,000$ ($p < 0.05$), which means that there were significant differences. Analysis of Jazz group with Blues group showed the value of $p = 0.938$ ($p < 0.05$) which means there was no significant difference. Analysis of Jazz group with Rock group shows the value of $p = 0,000$ ($p < 0.05$) which means that there was a significant difference. Furthermore, the analysis of the Blues group with the Rock group shows the value of $p = 0,000$ ($p < 0.05$) which means that there was also significant difference.

Table 4: Analysis of the Number of Neurons in the Right and Left Hemispheres

Groups	Mean ± SD		P	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
X1	70,80 ± 15,75	73,12 ± 13,46	0,177	0,200
X2	39,34 ± 7,37	42,77 ± 7,64	0,200	0,200
X3	39,92 ± 6,01	41,92 ± 6,66	0,200	0,200
X4	31,46 ± 6,78	31,17 ± 9,49	0,200	0,101

Note: X1 (Mozart) X3 (Blues)
X2 (Jazz) X4 (Rock)

This table shows that the average number of neurons were not much differences between right and left hemispheres even the number a little bit higher in the left one.

IV. Discussion

Developing countries with more than 100 orders in Human Development Index (HDI) should have a program to increase their levels, and education is one of the single solution of choice.[49] Education needs – best education program and brain capacity: multiple biopsychosocial potencies. These countries can only catch up higher HDI rank not by better education program which is very expensive but through a breakthrough program related to the brain structure and function.[50] We believe in "From Neurons to Nations" premise and the idea of environment enrichment which have been mentioned in the introduction.

Environment enrichment by combination of certain musical stimulation and nutrition during pregnancy have been studied here in the last twenty years. This program in line with the Harvard program which address the influence of early sensory exposure to the brain growth and development; but not with Brain Decade premise which address mostly the brain disease.[17] We understand that medicine especially Obstetrics and Maternal Fetal Medicine deal with pregnancy, birth and puerperium period, also their diseases, not with fetal brain growth and development. Only in pediatrics there is subspecialties in Growth and Development.

Our standard operating procedure is default Mozart compilation which is exposed one hour in duration, at night 8-11 PM, start 20 weeks of pregnancy or day 10, 65 dB, 25 cm distance. This procedure has been used for almost twenty years with the same results in variables studied (BDNF, synaps, number of neurons, glia, dendritic density).

There have been many studies regarding the effect of music on brain development. For example, Kuhlmann, Mariana, Tomatis, Campbell, Kendrick and other research groups. They assume that different types and genres of music have different influences. Music with classical genres has a positive effect on listeners, while rock music has a negative effect on listeners.[24,26,51-53] The statement is proven in studies with plant and animal subjects. On the subject of plants, researcher Dorothy Retallack started the determination by using the control variables of light, temperature, and air it turns out some types of plants with rock music exposure for four weeks stopped growing and damaged.[54] While research with animal subjects was conducted by researchers Harvey Bird and Farleigh Dickinson. The two experts conducted their research on mice as experimental animals given exposure to Strauss music from Strauss, voodoo drum rhythms, and then noiselessly measured their ability to complete the game 'maze'. The results showed that the rats given drum exposure had difficulty completing the game. Other evidence was carried out by Hermanto et al., with the title "The Influence of 11 Mozart Compositions during Pregnancy to The Perinatal Outcome and BDNF Umbilical Cord Blood". The purpose of this study was to compare BDNF levels in infants exposed to Mozart music while in the womb and without exposure. It turned out that there were significant differences at the BDNF level in the two groups.[9]

Based on several studies conducted by experts, shows that the pre-natal period is the most amazing period in the fetal development phase. This phase does not only depend on genetics, but environmental factors also play an important role in the development of the functional capacity of the body's organs. So it can be said that during pregnancy is the right time in preparing the potential for fetal intelligence early on. The studies of Brent Logan, Rene van de Carr and Beatriz Manrique show the existence of environmental interference on fetal intelligence. They discovered the premise of "stimulation induced morphological changes" which means that the structure of the brain is formed by external stimuli.[56-58]

Music exposure given during prenatal has an influence on the process of proliferation, migration, differentiation, myelination, synaptogenesis, and apoptosis of brain cells. The human brain is one of the most complex organ systems. Cellularly, the nervous system consists of two types of cells, namely neuron and glia cells. These two cells work in harmony so that the brain's commutation ability goes well. Fetal neuron cells stop proliferating until 32 months of gestation, while glia cells can proliferate until post-natal. The formation of these two cells can be stimulated through exposure to music during pregnancy. The more the number of neuron cells formed, it is hoped that intelligence will increase.[4,12]

This research is a continuation of a series studies with the same aim in preparing a smarter generation from the womb. This research was conducted to find out the differences in the number of neurons in the brain of new born *Rattus norvegicus* in the cerebrum between those who were exposed to Mozart, Jazz, Blues, and Rock compilations during pregnancy.

In this study we compared musical exposure of 4 kinds of western music compilations, we also compared with traditional Indonesian music and religious music compilations in other studies.

The mechanism/s how the music affect/s the brain are not completely understood. It is correlated with BDNF, different in frequency, color, beat, timing, and duration have detected probably explain in parts the mechanism.

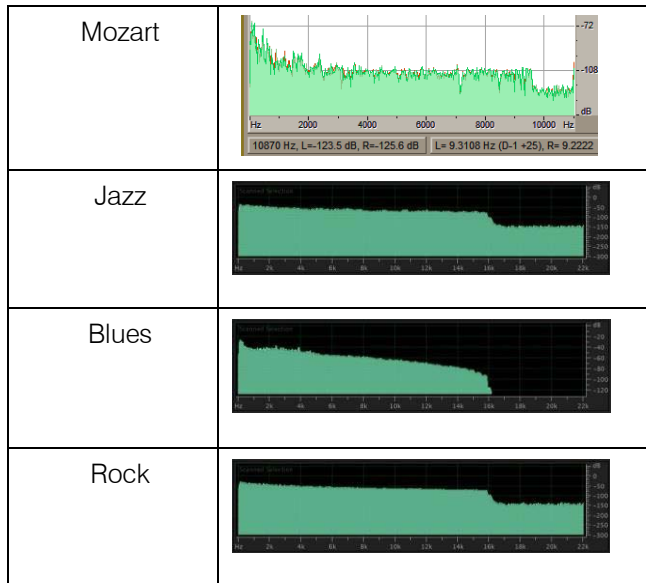We can find that differences in analyzing the frequency and major minor proportion.

Mozart	
Jazz	
Blues	
Rock	

Fig. 3: The Different Frequency of Mozart, Jazz, Blues and Rock Compilations. Mozart Shows the Lowest Frequencies

This research was carried out since the 10th day pregnancy of *Rattus norvegicus* due to ear formation in *Rattus norvegicus* was complete at 9-10 days of gestation. Ernawati in her study said that there was no significant difference in the apoptotic index of Mozart's music exposure at the beginning of pregnancy compared to 10 days of gestation. This is possible because the stimulus in the form of sound is received through the ear, then these mechanical waves are converted into electrical pulses and transmitted to the auditory cortex through the auditory nerve when the ear is fully formed. So that the provision of music stimuli will begin to affect after the ear is formed and functioning and begin to form synapses in the 20-24th weeks of pregnancy or equivalent to the 10th day of pregnancy in mice.[59]

Music stimulation during pregnancy is reported to improve fetal brain development, increase spatial-temporal abilities in newborn mice, and trigger rapid progress in motor abilities such as sitting and walking in infants. Research conducted by Kim et al., found that prenatal noise exposure resulted in stunted growth, decreased neurogenesis in the hippocampus, and disruption of spatial abilities in newborn rats. In contrast, prenatal music exposure can improve neurogenesis in the hippocampus and spatial ability in newborn mice. [60-61]

Brains that grow in a stimulus-rich environment have thicker cortex, larger nucleus neuron cells and more glia cells. Brain neurons that grow in there have more dendritic sites, allowing more synapses to form. Rees also stated that the number of cells undergoing apoptosis depends on synapses, the more synapses the less apoptosis occurs. The richer the neuron cells with more dendritic sites, the more synapses are formed so that the number of cells undergoing apoptosis will also be reduced. Brains that grow in a stimulus-rich environment will experience less apoptosis, thereby increasing brain capacity.[20] Ismudi in his study compared 3 Mozart music compilations consisting of several random song sequences and analyzed using computer software "Cool Edit Pro 2.0". As a result of the three compilations, compilation 1 has a high frequency tone, a wider amount of energy area, and regular intensity. Ismudi believes that these characteristics are an effective composition for stimulating neurons. While Mozart 2 and 3 compilation tends to have irregular fluctuations in intensity, so that it will produce an amount of energy that changes in every seconds. In that study showed that exposure to Mozart 1 music compilation during rat pregnancy produced the lowest apoptotic index in neuronal cells of newborn mice compared to Mozart 2 compilation, compilation 3, and control. For this reason, compilation of Mozart 1 according to Ismudi is a standard Mozart compilation which forms the basis of research and application of Mozart's music exposure during pregnancy as a prenatal stimulation.[37]

The results of our study in the four groups showed the average number of neurons in the cerebrum in the Mozart group compared to the Jazz, Blues, and Rock groups. The average number of neurons of Mozart group is higher among others. Meanwhile, the average number of neurons in the Jazz group is higher than Blues, and Rock. And the average number of neurons in the Blues group is higher than Rock. In the cerebrum, the mean number of neurons in Mozart was 71.96 ± 14.44, in Jazz 41.06 ± 7.65, in Blues 40.92 ± 6.36, and in Rock 31.31 ± 8.19.

We also counted the average number of neurons in right and left hemisphere. It was done by looking at 10 fields of view (consisting 5 fields each hemisphere). The highest average number of neurons was found in the left hemisphere compared to the right hemisphere in the Mozart, Jazz, and Blues Group. Otherwise, in the Rock group the average number of neurons in the right hemisphere was higher compared to the left hemisphere. Based on the theory, right and left brain have different functions and communicate each other through a band of nerves. Left-brain has specialization in language and logic, meanwhile right-

brain has specialization in creativity and intuition. Commonly in adults, we believed that music is processed in the right-brain. One of the right-brain function is for controlling the ability to play instrument with ease, recognize a song from melody, and play it back upon "hearing it". In this study, we know that it is different if we look from the number of neurons in each hemisphere of *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings.[62,63] The probable cause is still unknown.

In the analysis of variance using the ANOVA test, there was a significant difference in the data of the number of neurons in the cerebrum between all groups ($p < 0.05$). That means there are significant differences in the number of neuron cells in the cerebrum of *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings.

Furthermore, Post-Hoc LSD (Least Significant Difference) analysis was performed to determine all possible differences in the comparison of each group. If $p < 0.05$, there was a significant difference. Table 3 shows the results of the Post-Hoc LSD test. The comparison of each group shows that there were significant differences with the p value <0.05, between the Mozart group with the Jazz, Blues, and Rock groups with a value of $p = 0.000$, $p = 0.000$, and $p = 0.000$ ($p<0.05$).Analysis was also carried out between groups, the results obtained from the analysis of the Jazz with the Blues groups showed a value of $p = 0.938$ ($p <0.05$) which means no significant difference between the number of neurons in the Jazz and Blues groups. Analysis of the Jazz with the Rock groups showed the value of $p = 0,000$ which means that there was a significant difference between the number of neurons in the Jazz and Rock groups. Furthermore, the analysis of the Blues group with the Rock groups showed the value of $p = 0,000$ ($p<0.05$) which means that there was a significant difference between the number of neurons in the Blues and Rock groups.

From this study it can be concluded that Mozart exposure gives the highest number of neurons compared to other western music exposure which are Jazz, Blues, and Rock with significant differences. In addition, Jazz exposure gave a higher number of neurons compared to Blues and Rock with a significant difference from Rock, but didn't make a significant difference from Blues. Exposure to Blues compilation gave a higher number of neurons than Rock with significant differences. This might be caused by every compilation (music) has multidimensional properties and attributes of perception that affect the apoptosis index of brain cells. Other studies conducted by Kauser et al., and Sanyal found that giving a prenatal stimulus with music that has regular rhythm can improve postnatal spatial ability and also memory function, but giving music with complex rhythms and arithmetic noises has the opposite effect. [64-67]

Study conducted by Sanyal et al., about the effect of music and noise on changes in the number of neuron and glia cells in several brain areas of newborn chicks. The results showed an increase in the number of neuron cells in the brain area studied due to music stimulation. Music stimulation will have an effect on increasing neurogenesis or decreasing brain cell death. [68]

If traced from several literature reviews, Mozart has a frequency of around 8000 Hz, different from Jazz, Blues, and Rock which has a frequency of ±15 000Hz. Campbell suspected that Mozart's stimulation in general can affect neurochemical changes in which the clarity, majesty, rhythm, melody and high frequency which are able to stimulate the creative and motivational areas of the brain so as to calm its listeners, improve concentration, memory and spatial perception. The results of the Borner et al., 2000 study revealed that Mozart K488 increased the activity of the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, occipital cortex and cerebellum compared to piano music of the 1990s and Beethoven. The same thing is supported by Ningsih in her research which shows Mozart is better than the music of Beethoven and Chopin. This opinion was proven from the calculation of the number of neurons in the cerebrum and cerebellum of *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings exposed by Mozart's music during pregnancy proved to be higher than those exposed to the music of Beethoven, Chopin, and not exposed to music and there were significant differences. [26,46]

Research conducted by Kirchberger and Russo comparing the dynamic range of various music stated that Classical and Jazz music has a wider dynamic range than Rock, Rap, Schlager, and Pop music. Dynamic range is the ratio between the lowest and highest volume of an instrument. Narrow dynamic range can make hearing fatigue for the listener.[69]

We recognize that the slow tempo can make an individual feel calmer and lighter. Classical music with a tempo of 60x / minute has been proven to reduce anxiety levels and also improve memory. While Jazz music is estimated to have a tempo of about 240x / minute.[65] Based on How Music Affects Us and Promotes Health, Mozart's Classical Music has the ability to activate brain areas in processing information.[70]

Research conducted by Poikonen et al., comparing Event Related Brain Potential measured through EEG produced by stimulation of Jazz and Rock music, it was found that Jazz music activates the brain more strongly than Rock music. Whereas Jazz music with Blues music has almost the same characteristics in terms of frequency. The differences also come from the characteristic of music, Jazz music has a distinctive character that is blue notes, improvisation, polyrhythms, syncopation, and shuffle notes, while Blues music tends to represent feelings of sadness, somber, and depressed.[71]

This shows that Mozart proved to be better than western music such as Jazz, Blues, and Rock music

according to the results of our research supported by the theory of Hermanto that the brain needs energy and the best energy is sound. The type of season that can help increase the number of brain cells is classical music from Mozart with a frequency of 5000-8000 Hz where the frequency is not too high so it is considered suitable for the fetal environment during pregnancy.[8-9]

V. Conclusion

The number of neurons in the cerebrum of *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings in the Mozart exposure was higher than the Jazz, Blues, and Rock with significant differences.

VI. Research Excellence

This research is the first study conducted by comparing the differences in the number of neurons to four types of Western music, namely Mozart, Jazz, Blues, and Rock compilation.

VII. Research Novelty

This research was conducted by looking at 10 fields of view of *Rattus norvegicus* offsprings neuron cell preparations, including in 5 fields of the right and 5 fields of the left hemispheres of the *Rattus norvegicus* cerebrum. So it can be known which part of the brain is thought to have a higher influence in thought processes and intelligence.

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I. Introduction

Disruption in the continuity of all the uterine layers (endometrium, myometrium and serosa) any time beyond 28 weeks of pregnancy is called rupture of the uterus. The prevalence widely varies from 1 in 2,000 to 1 in 200 deliveries. During the past few decades, the prevalence has been found to be almost static. Whereas improved obstetric care reduces the rupture from obstructed labor but there has been increased prevalence of scar rupture following increased incidence of cesarean section over the years.[1] Uterine rupture is a major obstetric hazard. It leads to high maternal and perinatal mortality-morbidity and loss of future fertility. Despite advances in modern obstetric practice, rupture of gravid uterus still remains as a fetal and maternal life threatening complication especially in developing countries; the incidence is high due to a greater number of unbooked obstetric emergencies, often originating from rural areas with poor antenatal care. In India it still accounts for 5-10% of all maternal deaths.[2] The perinatal mortality ranges from 80 to 95%.

Uterine rupture typically is classified as either: 1) Complete uterine rupture - when all layers of the uterine wall are separated, with or without expulsion of the fetus or 2) Incomplete uterine rupture-when the uterine muscle is separated but the visceral peritoneum is intact. Uterine rupture is also classified on the basis of previous surgery into 1) Rupture of scarred uterus 2) Rupture of unscarred uterus.

With the liberal use of primary cesarean section, scar rupture constitutes significantly to the overall incidence of uterine rupture. The incidence of LSCS scar rupture is about 1- 2%, while that following classical one is 5-10 times higher. Uterine scar, following hysterotomy behaves like that of a classical scar and is of growing concern.[3] Rupture of an unscarred uterus may be either traumatic or spontaneous. Traumatic factors include instrumental deliveries, internal podalic version, assisted breech delivery, abdominal trauma, labor induction, and in particular the unmonitored usage of oxytocin or prostaglandins. Fundal pressure during third stage of labor also has been linked to traumatic rupture. Spontaneous rupture is usually observed with cephalopelvic disproportion, delivery of a macrosomic or a grossly anomalous fetus, malpresentation. Rupture may also develop spontaneously in grand multiparas, congenitally abnormal uteri (e.g. Unicornuate or bicornuate), abnormal placental implantation, previous history of uterine perforation and in women with a history of invasive mole in previous pregnancy.[4, 5]

Maternal consequences are related to whether there is rupture of an intact uterus or a prior uterine scar. Scar separation following a trial of scar is associated with a lower risk of maternal death compared to

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spontaneous rupture of an unscarred uterus.[6] Fetal morbidity invariably occurs because of catastrophic hemorrhage leading to fetal anoxia. With rupture and expulsion of the fetus into the peritoneal cavity the chances of fetal survival are minimal. If the fetus is alive at the time of rupture, the only chance of continued survival is afforded by immediate diagnosis and delivery by laparatomy. Case fatality rate in rupture uterus may be reduced by early diagnosis, urgent resuscitation and laparatomy. Any form of delay increases the chances of dying from severe hemorrhage.[7]

Once a diagnosis of uterine rupture is established, immediate stabilization of the mother and the delivery of the fetus are imperative. After the fetus is delivered, the type of surgical treatment for the mother will depend on the type of uterine rupture, extent of uterine rupture, degree of haemorrhage, general condition of the mother and mother's desire for future childbearing.[8]

Other factors that may determine the type of surgical intervention includes urgency, patient's general condition as well as surgeons experience. Conservative surgical management involving uterine repair should be reserved for women who have low transverse uterine rupture, no extension of the tear to the broad ligament, cervix, or paracolpos, previous LSCS scar dehiscence, easily controllable uterine haemorrhage, good general condition, desire for future childbearing and no clinical or laboratory evidence of an evolving coagulopathy. Hysterectomy should be considered the treatment of choice when intractable uterine bleeding occurs or when the uterine rupture sites are multiple, longitudinal or low lying, bruised and contaminated.[9]

This obstetrics complication is also associated with short term maternal morbidities such as vesicovaginal fistula, rectovaginal fistula, bladder rupture, foot drop, psychological trauma, anemia and in the long term because of the surgical intervention, the woman may be sterilized which can lead to divorce and loss of economic support.[10]

II. Aims and Objectives

An early diagnosis, their timely referral from gross route level and prompt treatment of the condition is the most important factor in improving the maternal and perinatal outcome. This retrospective study was undertaken to evaluate the incidence of rupture uterus and analyse its various aspects.

III. Material and Methods

This was a retrospective observational study done in the department of obstetrics & gynaecology during September 2017 to August 2018. Data was collected from the registers of labour room, labour OT and medical records department of RIMS, Ranchi and entered in Microsoft excel 2007. Total cases of rupture

uterus cases during the study period were included in the study. Cases of rupture /perforation of uterus due to MTP, Hydatiform mole, cornual pregnancy were excluded from the study. Incidence of rupture uterus per 1000 deliveries was calculated. Result of other parameters was obtained using percentage in each category.

IV. Observation and Result

Table 1 shows that the total number of deliveries during the study period was 6895 and the total number of rupture during the period was 70 giving an incidence of 10 per 1000 deliveries. This incidence is quite high because RIMS, Ranchi is a tertiary care and referral institute where maximum cases of rupture uterus are being referred from periphery.

Table 1: Showing Incidence of Rupture Uterus

Total no. of deliveries	No. of cases of rupture uterus	Incidence /1000	Incidence/ 100
6895	70	10 .1	1.01

Table 2 shows distribution of cases on the basis of age, area of residence and socioeconomic status. Majority of the patients (60%) were in the age group 20-30 years of age, followed by 30 -40 years age group (35.7%). Very few (1.4%) were less than 20 years of age and 2 (2.9%) more than 40 years keeping in view uterine exhaustion in primigravida patients and decreased fertility in patients 40 years of age. As a large population of Jharkhand still reside in villages, 65 patients (92.9%) were from rural areas and same number were from low socioeconomic status.

Table 2: Showing Distribution of Cases on the Basis of Sociodemographic Profile

Parameter	No. of Cases	Percentage
➢ Age Group		
<20	01	1.4%
20-30	42	60%
30-40	25	35.7%
>40	02	2.9%
➢ Area Of Residence		
Urban	05	7.1%
Rural	65	92.9%
➢ Socioeconomic Status		
Low	65	92.9%
Middle	05	7.1%

Table 3 shows distribution of cases on the basis of obstetric history, booking and referring status. 27 (38.57%) patients were para 2, 23 (32.85%) patients were ≥ para 4 , 19 (27.1%) were para3 and 1 was primipara. All 70 cases were unbooked, had rupture outside RIMS; 60 (85.7%) were referred case, whereas 10 (14.37%) had no referral paper .11 patients (15.7%) had gestational age < 36 weeks whereas 59 (84.3%) had rupture at ≥ 36 weeks gestational age.

Table 3: Showing Distributon of Cases on the Basis of Obstetric History and Referring Status

Parameter	No. of Cases	Percentage
➢ Gravida		
P1	1	1.42%
P2	27	38.57%
P3	19	27.1%
≥P4	23	32.85%
➢ Booking Status		
Booked	00	0%
Unbooked	70	100%
➢ Referring Status		
Referred	60	85.7%
Non referred	10	14.3%
➢ Gestational Age		
< 36 weeks	11	15.7%
≥36 weeks	59	84.3%

Table 4 shows surgical history and findings. 47 (67.1%) had rupture of previous cs scar, others were non scarred uterus. Among the scarred uterus, only 4 (8.5%) had history of VBAC whereas 53 out of 70 had history of previous D & E (surgical method of MTP). 57 (81.4%) had rupture of lower uterine segment, whereas 13 (18.6%) had upper segment rupture. In none of the previous cesarian cases, we could get history of previous classical incision as majority were illiterate with no previous papers. 11 (15.7%) had undergone repair of the uterus without tubectomy, 20 (28.6%) had repair with tubectomy. 29 (41.4%) underwent subtotal hysterectomy and total hysterectomy was done in 10 (14.3%) patients .Decision of surgical management was guided by the number of living children, general condition of the patient, repairability of the uterus, adhesions, skill of the surgeon on duty, dissection of bladder from the lower uterine segment, availability of blood components and other comorbidities of the patient .

Table 4: Distribution of Cases on the Basis of Previous Surgical History, Intraoperative Finding and Type of Surgery Performed

Parameter	No. of cases	Percentage
➢ Previous Uterine Scar		
No	23	32.9%
Yes	47	67.1%
➢ H/O VBAC		
Yes	04	8.5%
No	43	91.5%
➢ H/O D& E		
Yes	17	24.3%
No	53	75.7%
➢ Site of Rupture		
Upper segment	13	18.6%
Lower segment	57	81.4%
➢ Type of Surgery Performed		
Repair without tubectomy	11	15.7%
Repair with tubectomy	20	28.6%
Subtotal hysterectomy	29	41.4%
Total hysterectomy	10	14.3%

Table 5 shows maternal and fetal mortality. There were 4 maternal mortality cases (5.7%) out of 70 cases of rupture uterus; the causes were acute renal failure, acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis and severe anemia leading to congestive cardiac failure. Fetal mortality was 68 (97%). Only two babies were delivered alive; in one case there was complete rupture of the LSCS scar but baby was lying still inside the uterine cavity, in the another one the baby was preterm, lying inside the peritoneal cavity outside the uterus, but was attached with the placenta which was still inside the uterus and the placenta was morbidly adherent placenta. The high maternal and fetal mortality was due to the fact that all cases were received at RIMS in a very bad condition, that too very late.

Table 5: Distribution of Cases on the Basis of Feto - Maternal Mortality

Parameter	No. of Cases	Percentage
➢ Maternal Mortality	04	5.7%
➢ Causes of Maternal Mortality		
Acute renal failure (ARF)	01	25%
Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)	01	25%
Sepsis	01	25%
Severe anemia leading to congestive cardiac failure	01	25%
➢ Fetal Mortality	68	97%

V. DISCUSSION

Rupture uterus is a devastating complication with high maternal and perinatal morbidity-mortality rates. The incidence of rupture uterus varies widely from country to country and between different centres of the same country. In our study, the incidence of rupture uterus was 10 per 1000 deliveries (1.01%) whereas it was 0.64 % in the study by Kalewad P S[11], it was 0.763 % in the study by Beck R et al [12]. In developing countries like Nigeria it is higher i.e. 1.69% according to study conducted by Ibrahim S M, Umar N I et al. [13] The incidence in developed countries is at least ten times lower i.e. 0.086% in Australia study conducted by Lynch J C, Pardy J P et al.[14]

In our study, majority of the patients (60%) were in the age group 20-30 years of age, followed by 30 -40 years age group (35.7%). In the study by Kalewad P S, 60% of the cases were in the 26-30 year age group whereas 27% were in the 21-25 years age group[11]. Similarly, Beck et al observed majority of the patients

(42.5%) in the age group 21 to 25 years followed by 26-30 years age group.[12] Shastrakar reported maximum incidence of rupture uterus in age group 16-20 years followed by age group 21-35 year.[15] Khattak Z et al found majority of the patient were of age group 31-40 year followed by 21-30 years.[16] Latika S et al found maximum number of rupture uterus between age group 21-30 years.[17] Omole-Ohonsi A et al also found most of the rupture occurred between 21-30 years.[18] Study conducted in Nigeria by Ibrahim S M, Umar N I et al uterine rupture was seen most commonly in 25-35 years of age group.[13]

At our centre, majority cases of rupture uterus were from rural areas (92.9%) with low socioeconomic status (92.9%). In the similar study at the same centre by Beck R et al [12], majority of the patients (92.5%) were from rural background .In the study by Kalewad P S, 90 % of the patients belonged to the low socioeconomic status.[11] Illiteracy, poor transport, no antenatal check up, social customs and prior successful home deliveries prevent these pregnant women from seeking medical advice. They come to hospital only when some unavoidable complications has taken place and that too very late.

In the present study, 27 (38.57%) patients were para 2, 23 (32.85%) patients were ≥ 4th para, 1 was primipara and none were primigravida .In the study by Beck R et al, majority of the patients were para 2 and 3 (63.75%) and 3 cases (3.75%) of rupture was seen in primigravida.[12] In the study by Kalewad P, 51% cases were para 2, 14.5% were ≥ para 3, 33% were para 1 and 1 was primigravida.[11]

All 70 cases were unbooked, had rupture outside RIMS; 60 (85.7%) were referred case, whereas 10 (14.37%) had no referral paper. Beck et al observed 97.5 % of the cases to be unbooked whereas in the study by Kalewad PS et al, 45 (65.3%) cases were unbooked and 24 (34.7%) were booked cases.[12,11]

In the present study, 11 patients (15.7%) had gestational age < 36 weeks whereas 59 (84.3%) had rupture at ≥36 weeks gestational age. Beck et al observed 93.75% cases at gestational age 35 weeks and above. [12]

47 (67.1%) had rupture of previous of previous cs scar ,the incidence being 0.97% which was very high as compared to the study by Preety Aggarwal (0.057%)[19]. 66% cases were previous cesarean in the study by Kalewad P S, 45.33% cases had scar rupture in the study by Beck et al and study conducted in Rawalpindi medical college by Ara J et al, 86.7% were scarred uterus[11,12,,20]

57 (81.4%) had rupture of lower uterine segment. In the study by Sinha M, rupture of prior low transverse cesarean section was 84.8%.[21] in the study by Beck et al, it was 94.12%, in the study by Aggarwal P, it was 30.8%, in the study by Kalewad P and in the study by Ibha K, Poonam G, Sehgal A , it was 49.1%.[12,19,11,22]

The decision to perform uterine repair or hysterectomy in cases of rupture uterus is influenced by factors like parity, number of living children, extent of uterine repair, condition of the tissues and the general condition of the patient. In the present study 11 (15.7%) had undergone repair of the uterus without tubectomy, 20 (28.6%) had repair with tubectomy. 29 (41.4%) underwent subtotal hysterectomy and total hysterectomy was done in 10 (14.3%) patients. In the study by Beck et al, repair of the uterus without tubectomy was done in 15% cases, repair with bilateral tubectomy in 25 (31.25%) cases, hysterectomy in 53.75% cases.[12] Habiba U et al reported that hysterectomy either total or subtotal was performed in 70% of their cases of rupture uterus.[23] Total hysterectomy was performed in 5.85 cases, subtotal hysterectomy in 15.2% cases and primary repair with sterilization in 67% of cases.[11]

There were 4 (5.71 %) maternal mortality cases out of 70 cases of rupture uterus; the causes were acute renal failure, acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis and severe anemia leading to congestive cardiac failure. Maternal death was 2.9% in the study by Kalewad P, 3.75% In Beck et al, 30.8% in Aggarwal P et al, 0% in Sinha M et al, 2.5% in the study by Singh A et al, 1.1% in the study by Ibrahim S M.[11,12,19,21,24,13]

Fetal mortality was 97%. Only two babies were delivered alive; in one case there was complete rupture of the LSCS scar but baby was lying still inside the uterine cavity, in the another one the baby was lying inside the peritoneal cavity outside the uterus, but was attached with the placenta which was still inside the uterus and the placenta was morbidly adherent placenta. In the study by Sinha M, there were 32 cases of intrauterine fetal demise, 5 cases of stillbirths, 8 babies with low apgar scores and 3 of them died in neonatal ICU.[21] Perinatal mortality was 97.5% in the study by Beck et al, 53.8% in Aggarwal P et al and 87.4% in a study in Nigeria.[12,19,13] In the study by Kalewad P, the perinatal mortality was only 10.1%.

VI. Conclusion

As a large population of Jharkhand reside in remote rural areas with low socioeconomic status and illiteracy, still a large population misses good antenatal checkup and proper delivery facility resulting in rupture uterus. The incidence of rupture uterus in a teaching and referral hospitals is high due to a large proportion of them being referred cases and increasing incidence of VBAC .Rupture uterus is an important cause of maternal and fetal morbidity - mortality. Incidence of rupture uterus can be reduced through effective and quality antenatal checkup, institutional VBAC, delivery by skilled healthcare providers and timely referral of cases like cephalopelvic disproportion, obstructed labour prolonged labour and malpresentation.

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I. Introduction

Endometrial polyps are benign masses that protrude into uterine lumen. They can be single or multiple, sessile or pedunculated[1]. Their size vary from millimeters to centimeters, size more than 4cm are considered to be giant one[2]. Here, we report a case of 70year old patient with endometrial polyp with hematometra with old healed endometriotic lesion. Endometriosis occurs in 6-10 % during reproductive period and 2-5% of postmenopausal women[3-4]. Hematometra in a postmenopausal woman is generally associated with cervical stenosis from senile atrophy, radiotherapy or a neoplastic lesion involving the lower uterine cavity or cevix[5].

II. Case Report

A 70-year- old woman $P_7L_4A_1$, presented to our department with complaints of pain in lower abdomen. She had menopause since last 10 years. She had intermittent pain in lower abdomen since one month. General clinical examination was essentially within normal limits. Pelvic examination revealed cervix unhealthy with multiple nabothian cyst on per speculum examination and bulky uterus approx size 6 weeks, non tender on per vainum examination. There were no history of prior surgery. Abdominal ultrasound showed submucosal fibroid. Pap smear taken from cervix which revealed atypical squamous cells. All routine blood investigations were within normal limits. MRI Pelvis revealed submucosal fibroid/ endometrial polyp with degenerative changes. Transabdominal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oopherectomy done in which per op findings suggested endometrial polyp approx size 6 * 6cm inside uterus present on cut section, hematometra was present inside uterus and healed endometriotic lesion present around fallopian tubes. Histopathology report revealed atrophic endometrial glands with endometrial polyp in endometrium with no evidence of granuloma or malignancy.

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Fig. 1-5: Endometrial polyp with hematometra with old healed endometriotic lesion.

III. Discussion

Endometrial polyps are composed of endometrial glands, fibrous tissue and can contain smooth muscle[6]. These polyps can occur at any age but frequently occurs around menopause[7]. In this case, patient have hematometra may be due to endometrial polyp.

IV. Conclusion

Giant endometrial polyp, as seen in this case, are exceedingly rare variants of classical polyp. Associated with hematometra. To the best of my knowledge, this is a rare case of postmenopausal women with giant endometrial polyp with hematometra with old healed endometriotic lesion.

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Conclusion: EPH is an obstetric emergency that has potentially devastating consequences .The rate of EPH is high, and the associated maternal –fetal outcome is poor at our institution. The worldwide increase in caesarian section rates may lead to a rise in the number of EPH required in future because of placenta praevia and morbidly adherent placenta and rupture uterus. Thus, there is a need for institutions to monitor their caesarian section rates.

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I. Introduction

EPH is a lifesaving surgical procedure that is associated with maternal mortality and morbidity, especially in developing countries.[1] Emergency hysterectomy is the surgical removal of the uterus following an unexpected and sudden event. When it is carried out in a woman with a pregnant uterus less than 24 hrs after delivery, it is termed as emergency peripartum hysterectomy.[2,3] This life saving obstetric procedure has been in use for more than 100 years, since Edward Porro in 1876 published the first case report of a successful procedure in which both mother and baby survived.[2]

EPH is most commonly performed to arrest or prevent hemorrhage from intractable uterine atony, abnormal placentation or trauma to genital tract following instrumental delivery. Other indications are uterine rupture, placenta praevia and placenta accreta. Conservative measures to arrest bleeding are initially tried before considering EPH. The measures include uterotonic drugs, hemostatic compression sutures, stepwise uterine, ovarian and bilateral internal iliac artery ligation. Conservative methods should be applied when the patient is hemodynamically stable to avoid morbidity associated with hysterectomy. The major complications of hysterectomy include increased blood loss, bladder injury, coagulopathy, wound infection and death. Thus,

peripartum hysterectomy is a near miss maternal event, and this intervention is performed in life threatening obstetric situations to prevent death.

Worldwide, the rate of peripartum hysterectomy varies widely .In high income countries less than 1:1000 deliveries is complicated by EPH [4] whereas in Nigeria and Pakistan, the incidence is 4 and 11:1000 deliveries, respectively.[5,6] The rate of EPH is increasing over time. [7] In USA, it increased by 12 % between 1998 and 2003[8] and by 15% between 1995 and 2007.[9]

Developing countries like India have higher incidence of EPH because more deliveries take place outside health facilities and are unsupervised or poorly supervised .There is high prevalence of risk factors such as multiple pregnancies, grand multi parity, unbooked cases and prolonged labour (which are associated with uterine atony). In getting appropriate care during labour has been attributed to poor development of essential obstetric care facilities. Most rural public hospitals and health centre do not function 24 hours per day and road networks and transportation systems to the cities are poor, especially in Jharkhand. Recent advances in the medical and conservative management of postpartum hemorrhage have reduced the rate of and the indications of EPH.[10]

The aim of this study was to find the incidence, indications, risk factors and clinical implications of EPH in a tertiary care referral centre of Jharkhand.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

This was a retrospective study to identify and analyse the cases of EPH at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences between May 2018 to april 2019. Case records were collected from medical records department and maternal characteristics, indications of hysterectomies, complications and types of surgeries were reviewed.

III. OBSERVATION AND RESULT

During this study period, there were 9006 deliveries with 72 cases of EPH identified giving an incidence of 7:1000. Out of 72, only 50 cases were included in our study. The clinical characteristics of women with EPH are shown in table 1.

Table 1 shows demographic and clinical characteristics of women with EPH. 36 patients (72 %) belonged to 21 -30 years of age group and 14 (28%) were more than 30 years of age. 12 patients (24%) were grand multipara and 38 patients (76%) were between Para1 –Para 4. Most of the women (66 %) belonged to low socioeconomic status. 39 cases (78%) were unbooked. In 38 patients (76%), the gestational age was between 37 to 40 weeks.

Table 1: Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Women with EPH

Characteristics	Category	No. of Cases	Percentage
• Age (years) -			
	15-20	00	00%
	21-30	36	72%
	31-40	14	28%
• Parity-			
	0	0	00%
	1-4	38	76%
	≥5	12	24%
• Socioeconomic status -			
	Upper	17	34%
	Lower	33	66%
• Booking status -			
	Booked	11	22%
	Unbooked	39	78%
• Gestational age -			
	28-36	12	24%
	37-40	38	76%

Table 2 shows mode of delivery and baby birth weight. Mode of delivery was vaginal only in 3 cases (6%). 27 women (54%) were delivered by caeserian section, out of which only 13 women were primary caesarian whereas history of repeat caeserian section was done in 14 (28%) cases. In 12 % cases, baby weight was > than 3.5 kg but most of the case (64%) had average baby weight at birth between ≥ 2.5 to ≤ 3.5 kg.

Table 3 shows distribution of cases on the basis of indications of LSCS. Primary caeserian section was done in 13 cases and there was history of previous cs in 14 cases. Repeat 2nd caeserian section was in 6 cases. In those cases where primary cs was done, placenta praevia was only in 4 (8%) cases but the incidence of placenta praevia was very high in repeat cs cases. It was 16% in patients with previous 1 caeserian and 12% with previous 2 caeserian section .The cases of placenta accreta was seen in cases of repeat caeserian cases only and the incidence was 6 % in cases with previous 2 cs. 19 cases (38%) presented with rupture uterus .In this study, instrumental delivery was nill. laparotomy was done in 20 cases (40%).

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In 38 patients (76%), subtotal hysterectomy was done and in 24 % total hysterectomy was done.

Table 3: Distribution of Cases on the Basis of Indications of Primary Lscs and Association with Placenta Praevia-Accreta

	No. of Cases	Percentage
• Primary CS	13	
Placenta praevia	4	8%
Abruptio placentae	1	2%
Fetal distress	1	2%
Malpresentation	3	6%
Obstructed labour	4	8%
• Previous 1 CS	8	
Placenta praevia	8	16%
Placenta accreta	2	4%
• Previuos 2 CS	6	
Placenta praevia	6	12%
Placenta accreta	3	6%
Total	27	54%

Table 4 shows the complications of EPH .Most common complication was wound sepsis. It was present in 24 patients (48%), followed by febrile morbidity in 14 (28 %). Wound dehiscence occurred in 3 cases. 1 case had ureteric injury which was managed successfully. Bladder injury occurred in 7 cases (14%). All those cases in which bladder and ureteric injury occurred, were post cesarian cases. Paralytiv ileus occurred in 2 cases (45). 1 patient had endotoxic shock .Minor complications like urinary tract infection occurred in 13 cases (26%).

Blood transfusion more than 4 units were required in 11 cases.

Table 4: Showing Complications Associated with EPH

Complications	No. of Cases	Percentage
Wound sepsis	24	48%
Febrile morbidity	14	28%
UTI	13	26%
Bladder injury	7	14%
Wound dehiscence	3	6%
Paralytic ileus	2	4%
Endotoxic shock	1	2%
Ureteric injury	1	2%
Relaparotomy	0	0%
Pelvic infection	0	0%
Relaparotomy	0	0%

Table 5 shows maternal and fetal outcome. There were 3 cases of maternal death. 2 cases were due to irreversible hemorrhagic shock and 1 was because of acute renal failure .There was 58 % fetal mortality overall and most of these cases were of rupture uterus.

Table 5: Showing Maternal and Fetal Outcome

Outcome	No. of Cases	Percentage
Maternal death	3	6%
Perinatal death	29	58%

IV. Discussion

The incidence of EPH varies in literature from 0.2 to 2.7 per 1000 deliveries.[11] In our study, the incidence was 7 per 1000 deliveries. This is slightly higher which may be because in developing countries like ours, there is high prevalence of risk factors for EPH such as multiple pregnancy, grand multiparity, cephalopelvic disproportion, prolonged labour, previous caesarian, placenta praevia In addition, most pregnant women are unbooked and undergo labour and delivery outside the health facilities without the assistance of a skilled healthcare provider. This is a result of low level of literacy, marriage at an early age, socioeconomic deprivation of women, desire for a large family and low prevalence of contraceptive users.

The incidence of EPH occurring with history of previous cesarian section had increased significantly over the last few decades .In the present study, 31 patients (62 %) had previous 1 or 2 cesarian section. This is consistent with the findings in the recent literature, with a range of 18.8 to 60.5%.[12]

The association between the incidence of EPH with a history of previous cesarian section is mainly because of morbidly adherent placenta .In the present study, placenta accreta was an important indication for EPH and accounted for 5 (10%) of our cases of EPH. There has been a remarkable increase in the incidence of placenta accreta over the past 50 years and it has been the most common indication for EPH in recent studies where it has accounted for 38 - 50% of all cases of EPH.[13] This has been attributed to the increasing caesarian rate and the concomitant rise in the prevalence of placenta praevia and placenta accreta worldwide. [14]

Uterine atony was another frequent indication for EPH in our study accounting for 18 (36%) of all cases. The incidence of atonic pph has declined relatively over the decades due to increased success of treatment with uterotonic agents, embolisation and better surgical procedures. However, this largely preventable indication for EPH continues to predominate in developing countries due to lack of proper facilities and delayed patient referral from distant areas.[15]

Rupture of uterus accounted for 38% of all cases of EPH in the present study. There has been a significant decrease in the incidence of uterine rupture as the indication of EPH in the developed world where it accounts for only 4% of cases of EPH, [16] but it continues to be a predominant indication in developing countries like India due to grand multiparity, lack of antenatal care and unsupervised labour at home.[17] Studies from developing countries have shown that 74% of cases referred to tertiary centres were because of mismana-gement by the unskilled birth attendant .[18]

Uterine rupture and placenta praevia accreta were risk factors that were significantly associated with EPH in this study, a finding in agreement with other studies from developing countries. [19] This is probably because uterine rupture and placenta praevia accreta tend to be relatively less amenable to medical and conservative surgical management and mostly necessitates radical surgical interventions such as hysterectomy. Placenta praevia accreta may predispose to partial separation of placenta in which EPH is usually required to control hemorrhage.[20]

The choice between total and subtotal hysterectomy has long been debated. Due to potential risk of developing malignancy in the cervical stump, total hysterectomy is the preferred surgical method .The future rise of cervical stump carcinoma is low (0.1% to 0.15 %) [21] and can be prevented by regular cytological screening.[22] However, there are several advantages of subtotal hysterectomy like lesser blood loss, reduced operating time and reduced intra and post operative complications.[23] Other studies have shown that both types of hysterectomies are comparable with regards to blood loss and complication rates.[24] The final decision to perform subtotal or total hysterectomy should be influenced by patient 's condition.

In this study, 38 (76%) patients had subtotal hysterectomy, probably because most of the patients were not fit for surgery and anaesthesia. The cervix and paracolpos are not usually the source of hemorrhage and so subtotal hysterectomy is adequate to achieve haemostasis.[25]

In our study, maternal mortality was 6 %. This high mortality rate could be due to delay in carrying out the lifesaving hysterectomies. A sequence of conservative measures to control uterine hemorrhage are attempted before resorting to hysterectomy. Delay is associated with further bleeding, anemia and DIC. Timing is critical to an optimal outcome.

The high perinatal mortality rate (58%) found within study was probably because in most of the cases EPH was done for rupture uterus or placenta praevia .After uterine rupture, immediate laparotomy is necessary to salvage the fetus and this is not feasible in patients who deliver outside the hospital.

V. Conclusion

EPH is an obstetric emergency that has potentially devastating consequences. The rate of EPH is high, and the associated maternal –fetal outcome is poor at our institution .The worldwide increase in cesarian section rates may lead to a rise in the number of EPH required in future because of placenta praevia and morbidly adherent placenta and rupture uterus. Thus, there is a need for institutions to monitor their cesarian section rates. Beside that, improvement in female literacy level, prevalence of contraception, effective and efficient antenatal care, provision of institutional delivery with adequate facilities, and efficient blood transfusion services are also needed to reduce the rate of EPH and to improve the outcome.

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I. Introduction

Domestic violence against women is as a significant social as well as public health problem. Nurses are a large group of service providers having a central moral of caring in health promotion through their work to improve the health status of communities. As a group of health workers, female nurses who are married traditionally have been insecure to consider domestic violence as a health issue. They have also been reluctant to deliberate this issue in hospital settings. Besides this, female nurses have an essential role to play in their work in hospital

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and community levels and to assist women and their children who are victims of violence in a domestic situation. Limited studies are available on the prevalence of domestic violence against them globally [1]. The nature of duty and work schedules of nurses are unique that can have different implications for their family life. As there is a high level of role conflicts and significant level of occupational stress, nurses have been recipients of abuse or witness abuse either at home or workplace. *Arends et al. [2]* found that statistical evidence on domestic violence against female nurses showed that, knowledge about the characteristic of violence and its effects were almost absent among them. The term 'Domestic Violence' refers to physical, verbal, psychological, sexual, or economic abuse (e.g., withholding money, lying about assets) in a domestic setting used to exert power or control over someone or to prevent someone from making a free choice. This includes any behaviors like intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone. Rape, incest, and dating violence are all considered to be forms of domestic violence in *Fedovskiy et al. [3]*. There are four main types of domestic violence (also called intimate partner violence):

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological
- Economical [4]

Brown et al. [5] shows that nurses have to play a significant role in the prevention and early intervention of domestic violence. *Florence [6]* describes in a recent review of international literature on abuse or violence identified that female nurses who have been assaulted by their partner mostly have worse health than other women. They may also appear nervous, ashamed, or evasive. They cannot concentrate on their work and duties might be hampered or sometimes disgraced on by patients and colleagues. *Costa et al. [7]* shows maintaining peace and harmony, caring for children while protecting them from the impact of the abuse or violence, as well as living with the fear of precarious personal safety. *Campbel [8]* proves that many women do not want to end their relationship, but they however, want the violence to stop. Nurses should ensure their ways of improving their self-esteem and the health status of nurses of all communities.

In Bangladesh, violence against married female nurses is a very common practice. It leads to inequality

in the distribution of power, deprivation of their equal opportunity of work and decision making. *Martin et al. [9]* shows that nurses can suffer from various types of domestic violence in their lives. Although domestic violence was usually done by husband, children, and in-laws also committed different types of violence. *Vacherc et al. [10]* presents that domestic violence has direct consequences for their physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health of nurses as well as economic cost which effect the psychological development of children. To fight against this violence, strict laws can implement. *Kaur et al. [11]* proves that multisectoral organizations can also take necessary steps to prevent domestic violence. *Kumar et al. [12]* shows that a coordinated effort for practical and different interventions can be invented to eradicate violence against female nurses to achieve their equality and self-dignity. To achieve success in this regard, legislation and developed policies may able to focus on the discrimination against female nurses and thus may promote gender equality, support, and help to move towards more peaceful cultural norms.

II.   Materials and Methods

It was a cross-sectional prospective study, carried out in Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital, Dhaka, Monowara Hospital limited, Dr. Sirajul Islam Medical College and Hospital, Dhaka Shishu Hospital and Victoria Crescent Hospital, etc. from January to December 2017.The study population was married female nurses working in private and Government hospitals. The Standard method of sample size calculation was used to determine the sample size in the study. The formula was-

$$n= z^2pq/_{d^2}$$

We included those female nurses informationthat provided written consent and exclude those who were ill or absent from their work. We used appropriate type of non-probability sampling and the nurses fulfilling the above mentioned criteria were selected for the interview. A semi-structured questionnaire developed for collection of required information. Before collection data, pre-testing of questionnaire was done in Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital. Data were collected by woman to woman interview of respondents by the researcher. Before data collection, informed written consent was taken from the nurses. They were informed clearly about the objective of the study. The interview conducted in Bangla. Data processing involved categorization of the data, coding, summarization the data, categorization to detect errors to maintain consistency and validity. After collection, data checked, verified, compiled and analyzed by SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science) software version 22. Prior

authorization was taken from the Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC) of Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Administrative permission was taken from the respective hospitals. All nurses were informed verbally about the study design and the objective. A written consent form was obtained from each subject. No medical surgical or therapeutic intervention was applied. There was no involvement of physical and social risks. All the records were kept under lock and key. Every respondent had the opportunity to receive or refuse participation.

III.   Results

Table 1 shows that out of 192 nurses, around 44.3% were between 31 to 40 years of age and second highest (37.4%) percentage were between 41 to 50 years. About 9.9 % were between 51 to 60 years and only 8.3% were between 21 to 30 years.

Table 1: Distribution of nurses by age

Age (years)	Frequency	Percent
21-30	16	8.3
31-40	85	44.3
41-50	72	37.5
51-60	19	9.9
Total	192	100.0
Statistics	Mean ± SD (40.98 ±7.232) years	

Figure 1 shows that the majority of the nurses were Muslims (71.4%) followed by 24.5% were Hindus and only 4.2% of them were Christians.
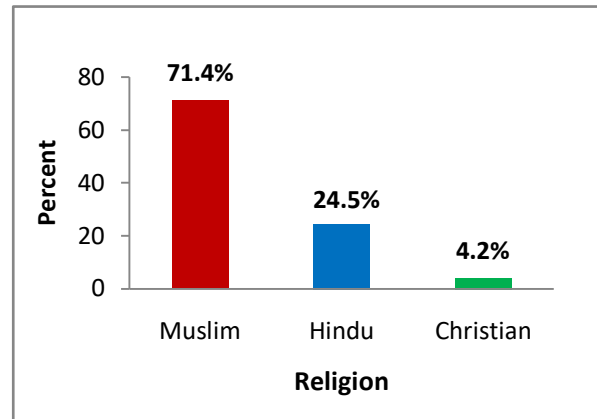

Fig. 1: Distribution of nurses by religion

Figure 2 estimated that according to the educational status of nurses, the highest (45.8%) percentage of them studied SSC or equivalent level. The second (40.1%) highest percentage had passed HSC or equivalent class. About 7.8% of nurses were graduated and only 6.3% of them were posted graduated.
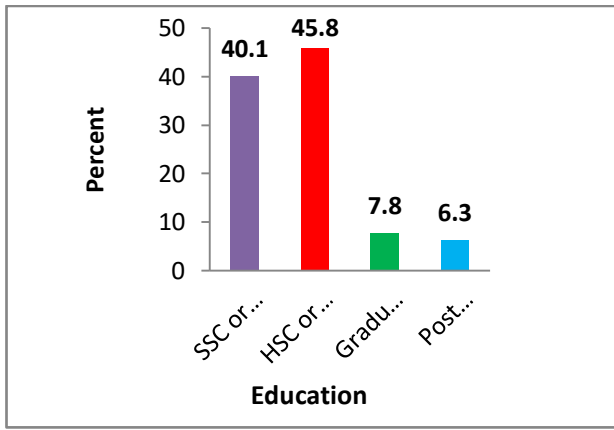
Fig. 2: Distribution of nurses by education

Average monthly incomes of the nurses were Tk. 30729.6. Among them, the majority (30.2%) had a monthly income between Tk. 10001-20000; while about 25.5% had between Tk. 20001-30000 and lowest (9.4%) number of nurses had a monthly income between Tk. 50000-70000 as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Distribution of nurses by monthly income

Income (Tk.)	Frequency	Percent
10001-20000	58	30.2
20001-30000	49	25.5
30001-40000	29	15.1
40001-50000	38	19.8
50001-70000	18	9.4
Total	192	100.0
Statistics	Mean ± SD (30729.66±8434.37)	

Table 3 depicts that according to monthly family income of nurses, the average monthly family income was Tk. 50130.7 and the highest (53.6%) number of them had between Tk. 50001-70000. Approximately 21.9% had between Tk. 30000- 40000 and only 3.6% had between Tk. 20001-30000.

Table 3: Distribution of nurses by monthly family income

Income (Tk.)	Frequency	Percent
20001-30000	07	3.6
30001-40000	42	21.9
40001-50000	40	20.8
50001-70000	103	53.6
Total	192	100
Statistics	Mean ± SD	

Table 4 illustrates that according to the educational status of the husband, around (44.3%) percentage were graduated followed by 30.7% completed HSC or equivalent class. About 18.2% were post-graduated and only 6.3% and 0.5% studied SSC or equivalent level and others respectively.

Table 4: Distribution of husband by education

Education	Frequency	Percent
SSC or equivalent	12	6.3
HSC or equivalent	59	30.7
Graduate	85	44.3
Post graduate	35	18.2
Others	1	0.5
Total	192	100.0

Table 5 demonstrated that according to the occupational status of the husband, around 46.4% were businessmen, while 29.7% were non-Government service holder. About 15.1% were paramedics and only 3.6% and 2.6% were doctors and Government service holders respectively.

Table 5: Distribution of husband by occupation

Occupation	Frequency	Percent
Doctor	5	2.6
Government service	5	2.6
Non-Government	57	29.7
Paramedics	29	15.1
Business person	89	46.4
Others	7	3.6
Total	192	100.0

The average monthly income of husbands was Tk. 27086.44 and majority (43.2%) of them had between Tk. 20001-30000. About 31.3% had 30001-50000 and very few (0.5%) of them had a monthly income between Tk. 1001-10000 as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Distribution of husband by income

Income (Tk.)	Frequency	Percent
1001-10000	1	0.5
10001-20000	48	25.0
20001-30000	83	43.2
30001-50000	60	31.3
Total	192	100.0
Statistics	Mean ± SD = 27086.44±2024.9	

From figure 3, it is estimated that among 192 female nurses, most (72%) of them were both, the main earning member of the family. About 19.0% were self and only 9.0% were husbands who were the main earning members in the family.

Fig.3: Distribution of main earning member of the family

Table 7 shows that greater (65.6%) number of victim nurses were Muslims. Approximately 27.9% of victims were among Hindu nurses and only 6.6% were amo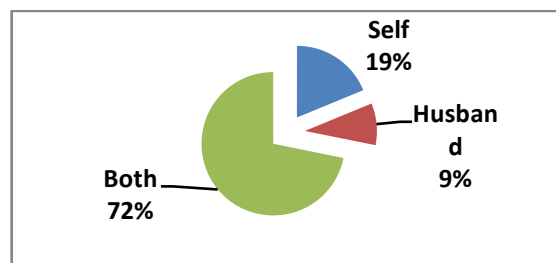ng Christian nurses. Though the evidence of violence was more among Muslim female nurses, there was no statistical association between religion and victim of domestic violence in this study (as P>0.05).

Table 7: Association between religion and victim of DV

Religion	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
Muslim	40	97	137	$X^2= 2.065$, df= 2, p= 0.356
	65.6%	74.0%	71.4%	
Hindu	17	30	47	
	27.9%	22.9%	24.5%	
Christian	4	4	8	
	6.6%	3.1%	4.2%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 8 depicts that according to the educational status of the married female nurses, those who passed HSC or equivalent level, suffered more (49.2%) DV than others and around 42.6% victims studied SSC or equivalent level. DV was lower among graduated (4.9%) and post-graduated (3.3%).

Table 8: Association between education and victim of DV

Education	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
SSC or equivalent	26	51	77	$X^2= 2.582$, df= 3, p= 0.461
	42.6%	38.9%	40.1%	
HSC or equivalent	30	58	88	
	49.2%	44.3%	45.8%	
Graduate	3	12	15	
	4.9%	9.2%	7.8%	
Post graduate	2	10	12	
	3.3%	7.6%	6.3%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 9 shows that about the educational status of the husband, those who studied HSC or equivalent level created more (41.0%) domestic violence; while among graduated about 31.1% were victims of DV.

Table 9: Association between the education of husband and victim of DV

Husband Education	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
SSC or equivalent	08	04	12	$X^2= 16.709$, df= 4, p= 0.002
	13.1%	3.1%	6.3%	
HSC or equivalent	25	34	59	
	41.0%	26.0%	30.7%	
Graduate	19	66	85	
	31.1%	50.4%	44.3%	
Post graduate	8	27	35	
	13.1%	20.6%	18.2%	
Others	01	00	01	
	1.6%	0.0%	0.5%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

But among SSC or equivalent level of the educational status, it was much less (13.1%) and there was a strong association between the education of husband and domestic violence (P<0.01).

Table 10 describes between Tk. 20001-30000 monthly incomes of nurses, the highest (42.6%) number of victims were present followed by approximately 34.4% of victims had between Tk. 10001 – 20000. Only 4.9% of victims had between Tk. 50001 – 70000 and there was a very highly significant relation between monthly income of nurses and DV (P<0.005).

Table 10: Association between monthly income of nurses and victim of DV

Monthly Income	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
10001-20000	21	37	58	$X^2= 20.383$, df= 4, p= 0.000
	34.4%	28.2%	30.2%	
20001-30000	26	23	49	
	42.6%	17.6%	25.5%	
30001-40000	6	23	29	
	9.8%	17.6%	15.1%	
40001-50000	5	33	38	
	8.2%	25.2%	19.8%	
50001-70000	3	15	18	
	4.9%	11.5%	9.4%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 11 mentions that bythe monthly income of the husband, those who had between Tk. 20001 – 30000 created more (44.3%) domestic violence, followed by 37.7% of victims had between Tk. 10001-20000. Only 11% of victims had between Tk. 30001 – 50000 and DV were almost absent (0.0%) between Tk. 1001-10000 monthly income group. There was high statistical significance between the income of husband and domestic violence as p<0.05

Table 11: Association between the income of husband and victim of DV

Husband Income	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
1001-10000	0	1	1	
	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	$X^2= 11.258$, df= 3, Significant= 0.010
10001-20000	23	25	48	
	37.7%	19.1%	25.0%	
20001-30000	27	56	83	
	44.3%	42.7%	43.2%	
30001-50000	11	49	60	
	8.2%	25.2%	19.8%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 12 estimates that domestic violence was more (39.3%) prevalent among those who had a monthly income between Tk. 50001 – 700000, while it was lowest (9.8%) those had between Tk. 20001 – 30000 and the second highest (27.9%) number of victims were present between Tk. 40001 – 50000 income group. There was a strong association between monthly incomes of the families and victim of DV as p<0.05.

Table 12: Association between monthly total family income and DV

Family Income	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
20001-30000	6	1	7	
	9.8%	0.8%	3.6%	
30001-40000	14	28	42	
	23.0%	21.4%	21.9%	
40001-50000	17	23	40	$X^2=14.977$, df=3, p=.002
	27.9%	17.6%	20.8%	
50001-70000	24	79	103	
	39.3%	60.3%	53.6%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 13 illustrates that greater number (82.0%) of domestic violence was present among those nurses who were both, the earning member of the family, while it was lowest (6.6%) among them whose husbands were the main earning member of the family. There was no significant association between the earning member of the family and victim of domestic violence (p>0.05) in this study.

Table 13: Association between earning members of the family and DV

Earning Member	Victim of Domestic Violence		Total	Significance
	Yes	No		
Self	7	29	36	
	11.5%	22.1%	18.8%	
Husband	4	14	18	
	6.6%	10.7%	9.4%	$X^2= 4.547$, df= 2, p= 0.103
Both	50	88	138	
	82.0%	67.2%	71.9%	
Total	61	131	192	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Table 14 shows that according to the family member of nurses, the majority (71.0%) of them had 6-8 and only 12.9% had 9-11 family members.

Table 14: Distribution of family members of the nurses

Family Members	Frequency	Percent
3-5	5	16.1
6-8	22	71.0
9-11	4	12.9
Total	31	100.0
Statistics	Mean ± SD (6.97±1.278)	

Figure 4, the pie chart describes that among 192 married female nurses, 32% was the victim of domestic violence while about 68% had no evidence of domestic violence.
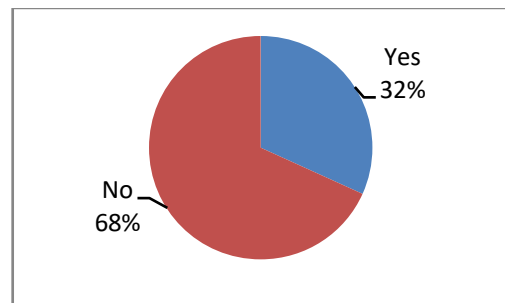

Fig. 4: Distribution of married female nurse victim of DV

Figure 5 demonstrates that among 32% victim married female nurses, around 22.4% suffered from mental violence, about 6.8% physical, 2.1% sexual and only 0.5% tolerated economic violence.
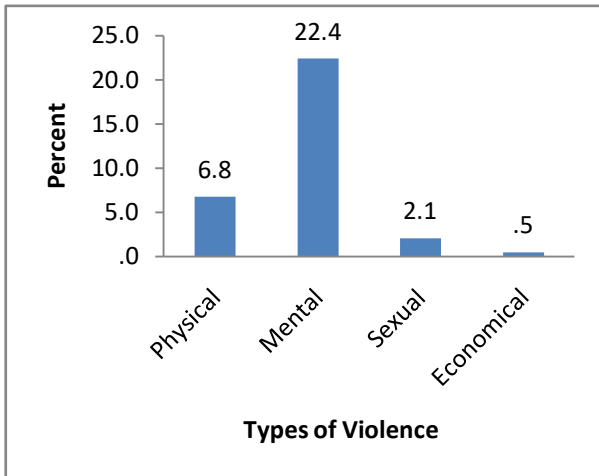
Fig. 5: Distribution of nurse victim of DV

Table 15 shows that nurse who suffered from physical violence, the most common type was beating (69.2%) and another common type of physical violence was slapping (30.8%) by their husbands.

Table 15: Types of physical violence

Physical Violence	Frequency	Valid Percent
Beating	9	69.2
Slapping	4	30.8
Total	13	100.0

The most common (30.8%) reason for physical abuse was related to appearance, followed by about 23.1% were related to their children and only 7.7 % were related to dowry as shown in Table 16.

Table 16: Causes of physical violence

Reasons for abusing physically	Frequency	Valid Percent
Related to appearance	4	30.8
Related to household matter	1	7.7
Related to your children	3	23.1
Related to your paternal	4	30.8
Related to dowry	1	7.7
Total	13	100.0

Figure 6 shows that greater (62%) number had moderate and around 38% had a severe impact on the health of married female nurses due to physical violence.
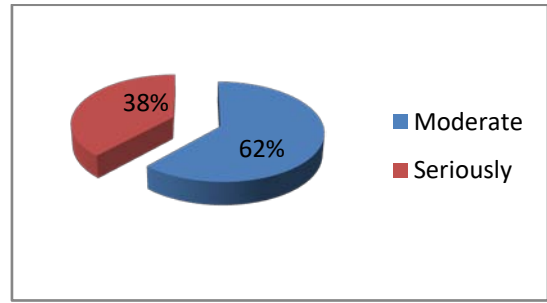
Fig. 6: Weight up physical violence from nurses

Table 17 depicts that the most common (31.7%) type of mental violence was using abusive language and another common (25.0%) type was created pressure doing things they didn't like. About 8.3% was stopping talking and only 5.0% was another type of mental violence they experienced.

Table 17: Types of mental violence

Types of mental violence	Frequency	Percent
Using abusive language	19	31.7
Stop talking	5	8.3
Restricting from doing things what she like	10	16.7
Restricting decision making in the family	8	13.3
Creating pressure to do things what you does not like	15	25.0
Others	3	5.0
Total	60	100.0

Table 18 reveals that most (47.4%) common reason of the economic violence was not willing to spend for the family. Approximately 26.3% had multiple families of the husband that was another common reason and only 10.5% were related to dowry.

Table 18: Reasons for economical abuse

Reason of abuse	Frequency	Percent
Unemployment of the husband	3	15.8
Not willing to spent for the family	9	47.4
Dowry	2	10.5
Multiple families of the husband	5	26.3
Total	19	100.0

Table 19 shows that majority (66.7%) had the reason of sexual violence was promiscuity of the husband, while about 22.2% were victims by forceful intercourse and around 11.1% were had having suspicious behavior of the husband on working women.

Table 19: Types of sexual abuse suffered by the nurses

Types of abused	Frequency	Valid Percent
Forceful intercourse	2	22.2
Promiscuity of the husband	6	66.7
Husband having suspicion on the working women	1	11.1
Total	9	100.0

Table 20 shows that a large (74.6%) number of domestic violence was created by their husbands while about 22% were created by their mothers –in law and only 3.4% were victims by their fathers-in-law.

Table 20: Person responsible for DV

By whom abused	Frequency	Percent
Husband	44	74.6
Mother-in-law	13	22.0
Father-in-law	2	3.4
Total	59	100.0

Table 21 illustrates that about 41.5% tried to get help from in-law's families followed by approximately 39.0% tolerated all by them without any protest and only 2.4% seek help from different NGOs working for women.

Table 21: Types of preventive measures

Types of preventive	Frequency	Percent
Try to get help from in-laws	17	41.5
Try to get help from paternal side of the respondent	6	14.6
Try to get help from different NGOs working for women	1	2.4
Tolerated all by herself without any protest	16	39.0
Others	1	2.4

Among those who had received treatment, only 3.6% took psychiatric treatment or medicine and 2.6% received psychiatric counseling for their mental trauma shown in table 22.

Table 22: Types of treatment

Types of treatment	Frequency	Percent
Psychiatric treatment/take medicine	7	3.6
Psychological counseling	5	2.6
Total	12	6.3

IV. Discussion

This descriptive type of cross-sectional study was carried out in Government and private hospitals in different areas of Dhaka city. The purpose of this study was to assess the pattern and reasons responsible for domestic violence against married female nurses.

This study revealed that out of 192 nurses, about 44.3% were in 31- 40 years of age and the second-highest (37.5%) number of nurses was between 41-50 years of age. Only 9.9 % were between 51- 60 years and the lowest percentage (8.3%) were between 21-30 years of age. *Sharma et al. [13]* shown that majority 41.58% of victim nurses were between 30- 40 years followed by 22% were between 21-30 years and lowest number only (2%) were between 51-60 years of age.

Most (71.4%) of the nurses were Muslims, followed by 24.5% nurses were Hindus and only 4.2% of them were Christians. About DV, most (65.6%) of victim nurses were Muslims followed by 27.9% were Hindus, estimated in this study. According to *Rao [14],* DV was more prevalent among Muslims (80%); while about 65% were among Hindus and the lowest numbers only 5% were among Christian nurses.

This study illustrated that the majority (45.8%) of nurses studied up to SSC or equivalent level followed by 40.1% had passed HSC or equivalent level. Only 7.8% and 6.3% were graduated and post-graduated respectively in this study. In compliance with domestic violence, the prevalence was highest (42.6%) among female nurses those had passed HSC or equivalent level. Around 42.6% of victims were having SSC or equivalent level of education and the lowest numbers only (3.3%) were among post graduated. There was no statistical significance (p= 0.461) between the education of nurses and DV in this study. In agreement with this present study findings, *Kidwai[15]* reported that nurses completed only HSC or equivalent level suffered the highest level of DV but it was lower (5.2%) among post-graduated and there was a strong association (P=0.005) between the educational status of nurses and domestic violence.

On the other hand, according to the educational status of the husband, the present study also estimated that around 44.3% were graduated followed by 30.7% were having HSC or equivalent level. About 18.2% were post-graduated and only 6.3% studied SSC or equivalent level of education. Husbands studied HSC or equivalent level, the highest (41.0%) rate of domestic violence was created by them and the graduated husbands ranked second highest (31.1%) in creating DV. There was a strong association (p=0.002) between the education of husbands and DV. In this respect *Vachercet al. [10]* emphasized that husbands those who had passed HSC or equivalent level of education produced more (59%) DV.

This study depicted that there was a very highly significant relation between monthly income of nurses and victim of domestic violence. This study demonstrated that DV was lower in the higher monthly income group of nurses. Moreover, *Campbell [8]* reported that DV was widely prevalent among those nurses having a monthly income between Tk.

15000-30000 and there was a highly significant relation (p=0.001) between monthly income and domestic violence.

The current study identified that the majority (46.4%) of them were a businessman. Sambisa*et al. [16]* shown that majority (65.5%) of husbands of nurses were businessmen and the husbands those did service in private sectors created more (45.3%) domestic violence. The majority (43.2%) of them had income between Tk. 20001-30000 and the largest (44.3%) numbers of perpetrators were among this income group. In this regard, *Willson [17]* stated that DV was more prevalent among the nurses whose husband had a monthly income between Tk. 25000-30000. *Campbell [8]* predicted that, the husbands of nurses having a monthly income between Tk. 20000-40000 created the highest range of domestic violence.

This study estimated that among 192 nurses most (72.0%) of them were the both, the earning members in their families and DV was also frequent (82.0%). There was no statistical association between earning member of family and DV in this study as p=0.103. But *Khan et al. [18]* predicted that domestic violence was more prevalent among them; those husbands were the main earning member of the family.

Most (49.2%) of victim nurses were between 21 – 25 years of age at the time of marriage. However, there was no significant (p=0.196) relation between victim of DV and age of the nurses at the time of marriage. According to *Sayem et al. [19],* they demonstrated that the occurrence DV was higher between 20-30 years of age and there was a strong (0.001) association between age at the time of marriage and DV.

In this study, we found, most of them (96.7%) were the victim of DV getting marriage arranged by their families. Another study *Ahmed et al. [20]* revealed that DV was widely prevalent (85.0%) among nurses who had got married arranged by their families.

This study identified that majority (95.3%) of them had their first marriage and the most common reason for getting re-marriage was physical torture (55.6%) by their husbands. Approximately (22.2%) were due to dowry and 11.1% were due to widowed and being a job holder.

This study showed that the majority belongs to nuclear family and the prevalence was highest (86.9%) among them. In agreement with this *Baral et al. [21]* demonstrated a significant relationship between types of family and their exposure to DV.

The current study identified that most (81.0%) of female nurses had one or two children and only 0.6% had 5 or 6 children. Another study *Schular et al. [22]* illustrated that nurses having 5-6 children experienced more (52.2%) DV in their lives.

This study illustrated that 32% were the victim of DV, among them, 22.4% suffered from mental violence,

6.8% physical, 2.1% sexual and only 0.5% economic violence. Meanwhile, *Vacherc et al. [10]* revealed that majority (49.0%) of female nurses suffered from mental violence and 15% experienced economic violence.

A notable number (69.2%) were beaten by their husbands and the most common reason was related to appearance (30.8%), (23.1%) due to their children. The most common type of physical torture was beating (65.0%) and slapping (43.0%). *Trevillion et al. [23]* reported in a study of DV in Minia, Egypt. Dowry was another main cause of physical violence against female nurses in India which is focused in *Ali et al.* [24].

53.8% of nurses did not receive any type of treatment; while about (46.2%) had taken. *Cope et al. [25]* reported that most (68.0%) of nurses did not receive any treatment as a result of DV and especially physical violence caused serious impact on their reproductive health as well as overall wellbeing.

31.35% experienced mental violence and the most common reason was using abusive language (31.7%) by their husbands. Another important cause was creating pressure to do things they didn't like (25.0%). On the same line, a study on nursing students in Australia *Doran et al. [26]* stated that using abusive language was one of the most common.

Only 4.7% of nurses had experienced sexual violence and the majority (66.7%) of them had the reason for the promiscuity of husbands. Also about 22.2% were abused by forceful intercourse by their husbands and minor (11.1%) were the cause of suspicious behavior of husbands on working women, as reported in this study. In another study *Woods [27]* represented that major (35%) cause of sexual violence experienced by nurses was promiscuity of husbands.

The current study also depicted that DV was mainly created by their husbands (74.6%). The main perpetrators of violence were their husbands (85%) and about (64%) were mothers-in-law in *Khan et al. [18].*

58.2% had taken preventive steps among victim nurses. The most common (41.5%) approaches were negotiation and seeking family help while restoring to legal actions was much less (2.4%) according to this report. Moreover, *Kalokhe et al., [28]* mentioned that majority (56.0%) of victim nurses tried to solve their problems by discussing with the members in their laws' families. In another study, *Florence [6]* illustrated that nurses working in private sectors were more vulnerable to DV due to their financial incapability and only 5.0% seek help from NGOs Meanwhile, *Kader [29]* in Malaysia demonstrated that none of the female nurses exposed to DV in Malaysia took a legal step in Malaysia in Malaysia.

This study was shown that only 6.3% received treatment for mental trauma. Few of them received psychiatric treatment (3.6 %) and psychological counseling (2.6%). Only (5.0%) took treatment for mental illness and among them, only 2% received

psychological counseling. A similar finding was reported in a study of DV in Bangladesh in *Khan et al. [18].*

This study also described that about 33.3% tried to make them mentally strong as cope with violence. In another study *Sayem et al. [30]* revealed that nurses victim of DV tried to make them financially (45.0%) and mentally (34.0%) strong so that they could cope the violence easily.

From the above discussion, it was revealed that according to religion, educational status of nurses, type of family, ways of marriages, age at the time of marriage, main earning member of the family, there was no significant relation with domestic violence. But on the basis of the education of husband, incomes of nurses, their husband, and total family income, there was a very strong and notable association with domestic violence.

V. Conclusion

Domestic violence against female nurses is one of the burning issues in contemporary Bangladesh. Women, working as nurses in Bangladesh, have many limitations to expose the violence against them. The bindings of cultural norms and values trigger the violence against them. Though prevention and protection act 2010 was being implemented at the local level rigorously designed research was also needed to develop and make a coordinative intervention with victim and perpetrator. Attention should be needed on government and as well as non-Government nurses by the government and other NGOs.

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Conclusion: Iron and folic acid adherence rate were low in the study area. Thus, increasing knowledge of pregnant women about iron and folic acid supplementation, through adequate counseling, community education helps to increase adherence.

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I. Background

Iron deficiency anemia during pregnancy is a serious public health problem due to its high prevalence and potential negative consequences. Estimates from the World Health Organization report that from 35% to 75% (56% on average) of pregnant women in developing countries, and 18% of women from industrialized countries are anemic (WHO, 1992). Studies done by (Haidar and Pobocik) also indicate that one in every three women had anemia and deficiency of folic acid, while one in every five had iron deficiency anemia, indicating that both folic acid and iron deficiencies constitute the major micronutrient deficiencies in Ethiopian women (Haidar and Pobocik, 2009). It can lead to several adverse birth outcomes including low birth weight, preterm delivery, stillbirth, and maternal and neonatal mortality (WHO, 1992). Infants are among the vulnerable groups of iron deficiency, since there is a link between maternal and neonatal iron status, interventions on infant alone will be insufficient to decrease infant iron status (Harris.ED.1992; WHO, 1992).

Oral iron and folic acid supplementation are a feasible and cost-effective strategy that exists for iron deficiency anemia prevention and control (CDC, 1998; WHO, 1989). Studies done on well-nourished Danish women, shows that: women were given either a placebo or 66 mg Fe/d as ferrous fumarate beginning week 16 of pregnancy. At term, in the placebo group, 92% of women had no bone marrow iron, 65% of women had latent iron deficiency, and 18% of women had iron deficiency anemia. Even in the group supplemented with iron, iron stores at term were exhausted in 54% of women, although only 6% of women had latent iron deficiency and no women had iron deficiency anemia (US, National Academy Press, 1993). Infants born to anemic mothers were 5.7 more likely to become anemic than women born to nonanemic mothers (Colomer J, et al. 1990).

Several developing countries are now implementing iron/folic acid supplementation programs, but only a few countries had significant improvement in anemia control and prevention. Studies conducted in different parts of the world (Asia, Latin America and African countries) have shown low adherence of women taking daily iron/folic acid supplementations and this is among one of the main reasons why IFAS programs have been less effective (Mithra et al., 2014; Bekele et al. 2015; Wendt et al., 2015). In Ethiopia, iron/foliate supplementation is the main strategy for Anemia control and prevention. However, adherence rate remains very low. The national data suggests that from all pregnant women supplemented with IFA tablets only 0.4% consumed more than 90 tablets during their pregnancy time (Fiedler et al. 2014). Eighty-three percent of women did not take iron tablets during their last pregnancy. Fifteen percent took for less than 60 days, and less than 1 percent took for three months or more during their last pregnancy (CSA, 2011). A comparison of 2005 and 2011 EDHS data reveals that the percent of women with at least one ANC visit who took iron tablets increased by 63 percent (CSA 2005; CSA 2011). Despite this progress, Studies conducted in different parts of the country showed that the adherence rate is low (Samson et al., 2014; Bekele et al., 2015; Abel et al., 2015). Even though adherence is a major problem in IFA supplementation programs, limited researches have been done to investigate factor associated with it. Therefore, study try to determine the adherence status and associated factors of IFAS among pregnant women attending at ANC clinic in Jimma town public health facilities.

II. Objectives

a) General Objective

To assess adherence status and associated factors of Iron and folic acid supplementations among pregnant women attending Ante natal care clinic at Jimma town public health facilities, south west of Ethiopia, 2017.

b) Specific Objectives

To determine adherence level of Iron and folic acid supplementations among pregnant women attending, Ante natal care clinic at Jimma town public health facilities, south west of Ethiopia, 2017.

To identify factors associated with adherence to Iron and folic acid supplementation among pregnant women attending Ante natal care clinic at Jimma town public health facilities, south west of Ethiopia, 2017.

III. Methods

a) Study design, period and area

Institutional based cross-sectional study design was employed from April 10 - May 10, 2017 at public health facilities of Jimma town, south west Ethiopia.

b) Source population

All pregnant women who took IFAS and visited the ANC clinic at Jimma town public health facilities during the study period

c) Study Population

All selected pregnant women who took IFAS at least for a month and visited the ANC clinic during the study period.

d) Dependent Variables

Iron and folic acid supplementations adherence whereas, Independent variables are**,** Age, religion, residence, marital status, mother education level, partner education level, support from family, family size, income, number of visits, time of registration, gravidity, parity, trimester, history of previous anemia, history of current anemia, Adequate explanation about the tablets by providers, distance from the health facility, Knowledge on Anemia and knowledge on IFAS.

e) Sample size determination

The sample size was determined by a single population proportion formula by considering the following assumptions:

$$n = \frac{(Z\_\alpha/2)^2 * P\,(1 - P)}{d^2}$$

Where:

f) Sample size

From the previous study the proportion of adherence level of IFAS among ANC followers was 37.2%. By taking 95% CI, a margin of error 5%, the sample size comes= 359. Since the source population is <10,000, by taking population correction formula and Considering 10% non-response rate, the total study subjects were 226- pregnant women. For qualitative data collection, eight IDI was done from six mothers and two midwives who have long time working experience on ANC clinic.

g) Sampling techniques

Initially, out of four health centers and two hospitals in the town one hospital and two health centers were selected by using simple random sampling techniques. Then the final sample size was allocated proportionally for each health facilities based on their number of ANC followers. By using the list of ANC registration book as sampling frame, simple random sampling technique were applied. For qualitative study participant were selected purposively from mothers ANC followers and midwifes work on ANC clinic.

h) Data collection tool and procedure

Data collection tool was prepared by reviewing different literature and first prepared in English then translated to Oromic language. Interviews were done to collect data from participants. Data was collected by four data collectors and one supervisor who had BSC and MSC respectively.

i) Data Quality Assurances

The data collectors and supervisors were trained for two days before pre-test on the objective, how to use the questionnaires to ensure consistency. Pre-test was conducted on 5% of sample size in jimma zone health facility out of town.

j) Data analysis

Data was analyzed using Pearson chi-square test. Variables found significant when its (p–value $\leq$ 0.05). Descriptive statistic including frequency, percentage was used to describe the data. Finally, the results were presented in the form of texts and tables. For qualitative study thematic analysis was done and triangulated with quantitative data.

IV. Result

a) Socio-demographic Characteristics of study participant

A total of 226 pregnant women were participated in the study, making a response rate of 100%. Majority of 124 (54.0%) were $\geq$25 years. One hundred ninety (84.1%) of study participants resided in urban. The vast majority, 112(49.5%) were Muslim followers, and 214 (94.7%) of the participants were married. According to mother's response about 26 (11.5%) and 27 (11.9%) respondents and respondents' husband were cannot read and write respectively. About 97 (42.9%) of the study participants were house wife followed by daily laborer 12(5.3%), and 187(80.97%) of the study participants had family size of at most three. About 51(22.5%) of the participants had monthly income of 1000-3000 birr. Table (1)

Table 1: Socio-demographic characteristic of anc followers among jimma town public health facilities south west Ethiopia, 2017

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percent
Age	<25 yrs	102	45.1
	>25 yrs	124	54.9
Religion	Orthodox	92	40.7
	Muslim	112	49.5
	Protestant	21	9.3
	Others*	1	0.4
Residence	Urban	190	84.1
	Rural	36	15.9
Educational status	Cannot read and write	26	11.5
	Can read and write	60	26.5
	Primary education	97	42.9
	Secondary and above	43	19.1
Occupational status	Government employee	51	22.6
	Daily laborer	12	5.3
	Merchant	66	29.2
	House wife	97	42.9
	Others**	0	0
Marital Status	Married	214	94.7
	Unmarried	12	5.3
Husband Educational status	Cannot read and write	27	11.9
	Can read and write	48	21.2
	Primary education	50	22.2
	Secondary and above	101	44.7
Family size	1-3	43	19.0
	4-6	121	53.5
Family income	>6	62	27.5

Variable	<500 birr	76	33.6
	500-1000birr	99	43.8
	1000-200birr	36	15.9
	<3000birr	15	6.7

b) *Obstetric and Health Facility related characteristics of the respondents*

One hundred thirty-one (58.0%) of the respondents were in their second trimester. About 30(13.3%) of the participants were primigravida, and only 196 (86.7%) were Multiparous. More than two-third 201(88.9%) of the respondents visited the ANC clinic within their 16weeks of gestation. More than ninety percent (226) of the respondents, had at most four ANC visits. About 125 (55.3%) of the respondents spent more than 30 minutes (by foot) to reach the health facility, and 180 (79.6%) of the respondents got medical advice about IFAS) (Table 2).

Table 2: Obstetric and health facility related characteristics of pregnant women attending anc, at jimma town public health facility, south west Ethiopia, May 2017, (n=226)

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percent
Gravidity	Primigravida	30	13.3
	Multigravida	196	86.7
Parity	Nulliparous	0	0
	Primiparous	30	13.3
	Multiparous	196	86.7
Trimester	First	43	19.0
	Second	131	58.0
	Third	52	23.0
Time of registration	<16 weeks (Early)	201	88.9
	≥16 weeks (Late)	25	11.1
Number of Visits	≤4	144	63.7
	>4	82	36.3
Distance from health facility	≤30 minutes	101	44.7
	>30 minutes	125	55.3
Get Medical advice about IFAS	Yes	180	79.6
	No	46	20.4

c) *Self-reported rate of Adherence to IFAS and Reasons*

One hundred thirty-six (60%) of pregnant women adhered to IFAS (took ≥4 tablets per week in the previous one month preceding the survey) (Figure 1). The leading reason for adherence was getting medical advice (79.6%) followed by fear of illness if not taking the supplement (20.4%). Findings from the qualitative part of the study also revealed that most pregnant mothers' main reason for consuming the tablets was getting medical advice from health care providers.
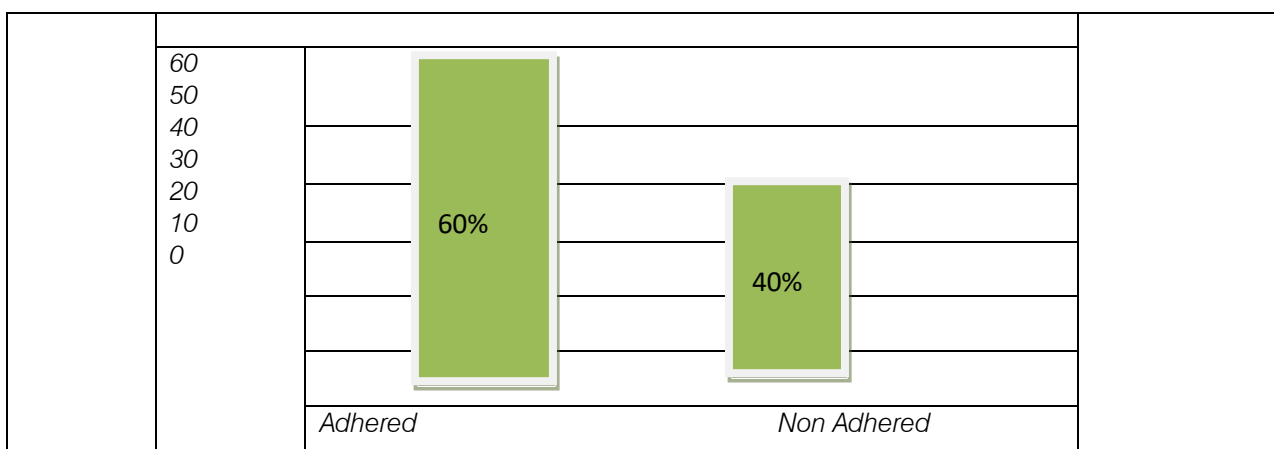

Figure 1: Self-reported rate of Adherence among Pregnant women attending ANC, in Jimma town south west Ethiopia, May 2017, (N=226).

Twenty-eight years old, pregnant women said that, "I took IFAS's because the health care providers (both at a health facility and home visit) told me it prevents you from anemia and your fetus from diseases."

The other qualitative finding showed that, fear of illness, if tablets are missed was the second main reason to adhere IFAS.

Thirty-two years old, pregnant women said that … "I am forced to take the IFAS, because I fear the illness that would happen to me and my fetus, if I missed the doses of IFAS."

Another reason for taking IFAS raised by in-depth interview participants was getting family support.

Thirty years old, pregnant women said that …" I never missed the tablet, because my husband reminds me to take it."

From women who missed the doses of IFAS, the leading reason was forgetfulness (88, 38.9%) followed by fear of side effect (72, 31.9%). Other reasons for missing the doses of IFAS were the belief that taking IFAS leads a too big baby (56, 24.8%) and taking too many IFAS tablets, would harm the mother and infant (24, 10.6%).

Findings from the qualitative component also revealed that most pregnant mothers' main reason for missing the doses of tablets was forgetfulness.

Twenty-six years old, pregnant women said that …" Since I forgot, I missed more than half of the tablets. Pills are taken at night time; I spent all day with work, when I returned to home, I will be so exhausted then I will forget them. "

A thirty-five years Midwife *said that…."* the main reason for missing the doses of tablets was forgetfulness, not side effect since we gave them counseling about side effects."

d) Knowledge of Anemia and IFAS

Accordingly, the median was 47.4%. About 78 (61.9%) of the respondents had good knowledge of anemia (scored median and above), and 48 (38.0%) of the respondents had poor knowledge of anemia (scored below the median. The median was 71.4%. One hundred five (46.5%) of the respondents had good knowledge of IFAS (scored median and above), and about 61(26.9%) of the respondents had poor knowledge of IFAS (scored below the median).

e) Factors Associated with Adherence to IFAS

To know the association of predictor variables with IFAS, Pearson chi-square test was used. Four variables: -Gravidity, time of ANC registration, history of anemia during the current pregnancy and having knowledge about anemia were showed an association with p-value (P<0.05).

A chi-square test was performed to examine the relation between gravidity and adherent to iron and folic supplementations of pregnant women. The relation between these variables was significant, X^2 (1, N=226) = 22.9821, p=0.00001.Multiparity were more likely than primiparity to be able to adherent to iron and folic supplementations.

There is a significant association between registration time and iron adherent and folic supplementations. The relation between these variables was significant, X^2 (1, N=226) = 7.3997, p= 0.006523. Mothers who registered early gestational age (<16 weeks) were more likely to adherent iron and folic supplementations than who were registered lately (>16 weeks).

Qualitative finding also supports this finding:

Thirty years old, female midwife said that … "If they come to health facility at early gestational age, we get more time for counseling and knowing each other, that helps them to adhere for IFAS."

There is a significant association between history of anemia during current pregnancy and adherent to iron and folic supplementations. The relation between these variables was significant, X^2 (1, N=226) = 5.5078, p= 0.018932. Women who had history of anemia during current pregnancy were more likely to be adhered to Iron and folic acid supplementations than those who hadn't.

This is supported by qualitative finding:

Twenty -eight years old, pregnant women said that … "I am forced to take IFAS because of I have anemia."

There is a significant relationship between knowledge of anemia and adherent to iron and folic supplementations. The relation between these variables was significant, X^2 (1, N=226) = 24.4671, p= 0.00001.Mothers who had good knowledge about anemia had more likely to adhere iron and foliate supplementations.

This finding supported by qualitative data.

Thirty-two years old pregnant women said that … "I am forced to take the tablets because I know about anemia that may cause serious complication if I bleed during delivery."

Table 3.

Table 3: Chi- square test that shows may factors associated with Adherence to IFAS among pregnant women attending ANC, in Jimma town public health facility, southwest of Ethiopia, 2017

Variables	Adhered No. (%)	None adhered No. (%)	Chi-square	p-value
Educational status				
Cannot read and write	36	40		
Can read and write	42	18		
Primary education	38	20	8.3811	0.38758
Secondary and above	20	12		
total	136	90		
Monthly family income				
< 500	36	24		
500 – 1000	28	22		
> 1000	31	20	0.6008	0.896258
1000-3000	41	24		
Total	136	90		
Gravidity				
Primigravida	91	31		
Multigravida	45	59	22.9821	0.00001
Total	136	90		
Trimester				
First	40	31		
Second	44	34	2.6369	0.267558
Third	52	25		
Total	136	90		
Time of regiratation				
Early (≤16 weeks)	102	52		
Late (>16 weeks)	34	38	7.3997	0.006523
Total	136	90		
History of anemia current pregnancy				
Yes	99	52		
No	37	38	5.5078	0.018932
Total	136	90		
Knowledge of anemia				
Poor	48	62		
Good	88	28	24.4671	0.00001
Total	136	90		
Knowledge of IFAS				
Poor	31	28		
Good	105	62	1.942	0.163449

V. Discussion

The result revealed that 60% of pregnant women were adhered to Iron and folic acid supplementation (took ≥4 IFAS tablets per week in the previous one month preceding the survey) which is consistence with the study done in Indonesia (53.7%) (Wulandari et al. 2013). However; it is higher than the study done in Mecha district, Northwest Ethiopia (20.4%) (Bekele et al. 2015), Tigray, Ethiopia (37.2%) (Abel et al., 2015), Misha district, South Ethiopia (39.2%) (Abient et al., 2015), Kenya (24.5%) (Dinga et al., 2013).This difference might be due to difference in study setting, time variation related with currently accelerated maternal and child health promotions, and majority of the respondents being urban residents' this helps to get information from media. It is lower than the study done in South India (64.7%) (Mithra et al., 2014). The variation may be due difference in geographic locations, socio cultural, healthy life style, inaccessibility of health services and lack of awareness.

The study revealed that, women who had history of anemia during current pregnancy had more likely to adhere with Iron and folic acid supplementations. The finding is consistent with other studies conducted in Mecha district, Northwest Ethiopia (Bekele et al. 2015), Tigray, Ethiopia (Abel et al., 2015), Kenya (Dinga et al., 2013) and Tanzania (Ogundipe et al., 2012). This might be due to health care providers given more attention for anemic women during counseling which increases client's awareness and knowledge of Iron and folic acid supplementations. The other reason might be due to women's fear of anemia complications for both them self's and their infants, they try to take more pills to be cured from the anemia.

Mothers who were registered early for ANC services had more likely adhere to IFAS than those who were late registered. The result of this study is supported by other studies done in Tigray, Ethiopia (Abel et al., 2015), Ethiopia (Fiedler et al., 2014), India (Wendt et al., 2015) and Indonesia (Titaley and Dibley, 2015). The reason may be pregnant women who had early registration for ANC services probably had better concern for their pregnancy and had more ANC visits which in turn leads to getting better medical advice and

ultimately improved their knowledge about anemia and Iron and folic acid supplementations.

The other important factors that had a significant association with Iron and folic acid supplementation adherence was, knowledge of Anemia. A mother who has good knowledge of anemia more likely adherent to IFAS than who had poor knowledge. The finding is supported by other studies done in Eight rural districts of Ethiopia (Samson et al., 2014, and India (Mithra et al., 2014).The possible reason is that those pregnant women who had good knowledge of anemia, were aware of the effect of anemia on pregnancy this may cause fear of anemia complications, this helps them to know the importance of IFAS to alleviate anemia and the problem if missed the tablets. Similarly, the result also indicates that, multipara mothers have, more likely to had adherence of IFAS. The reason may be multipara mothers may have more contact with health care providers during previous pregnancy, so this may improve time to time their knowledge and experience about IFAS, anemia and its complications, finally they can easily adhere to IFAS.

In addition to the above-mentioned association the study participant raised different reasons for adherence and non-adherence to iron and folic acid supplementations. Among the reasons that make the pregnant women to be adhered to iron and folic acid supplementations, getting medical advice, partner support and fear of illness if missed the tablets, were the major ones. The finding was supported by the study conducted in Kenya (Dinga et al., 2013) and qualitative finding in this study. This can be related with knowledge of both anemia and its complications that results women's fear of the quensquence of anemia, finally this causes adherence to IFAS. The other important reason is knowledge of the benefit of iron and folic acid supplementations that resulted from proper counseling through medical advice from health care providers. Partner support also related with, opportunity not to forget the tablets and giving more concern for the health of the baby and the mother.

The other reason of pregnant women for adherence was getting family support. The justification behind is that when pregnant women get family support, they will have an opportunity not to forget the tablets and great concern for adherence. The study was supported by the study conducted in Pakistan (Nisar et al., 2014).

Forgetfulness, misconception and fear of side effect was the most mentioned reason mentioned qualitatively for pregnant women for non-adherence to iron and folic acid supplementations. A possible explanation for forgetfulness as a major reason is that the timing that the tablet is taken. Findings from the qualitative study revealed that since most of health professional advise them to taken at night, pregnant women were forced to forget the tablet because they spent the day time with different activities and they tired and sleep early by forgetting the tablets to take. The finding also supported by other studies done in Misha district, South Ethiopia (Abient et al., 2015), Ethiopia (Fiedler et al., 2014), and South India (Mithra et al., 2014). Misconceptions and fear of side effect like taking the tablets will lead to, too big baby and harm the mother and the infant, were the other reasons of pregnant women mentioned fornot continuously using the tablets. This is probably resulted from getting inadequate counseling during medical advice from health care providers results women's poor knowledge of anemia and IFAS. The finding is supported by other studies done in eight rural districts of Ethiopia (Samson et al., 2014), Misha district, South Ethiopia (Abient et al., 2015), Kenya (Dinga et al., 2013), South India (Mithra et al., 2014), Pakistan (Nisar et al., 2014). (Bekele et al. 2015), Ethiopia (Fiedler et al., 2014), and Pakistan (Nisar et al., 2014).

VI. Conclusions

This study revealed that adhered to Iron and folic acid supplementation of the respondent was low. Early time of registration, history of anemia during current pregnancy, knowledge of anemia significantly and gravidity are associated with pregnant women adherence to iron and folic acid supplementations. Getting medical advice and partner support followed by fear of illness if missed were the major reasons that enforce pregnant women to take the tablets. On the other hand, the perceived cause of missing tablet is forgetfulness misconception and fear of side effects.

List of Abbreviations

ANC…. Antenatal Care, CSA…. Central statistical Agency, EDHS…. Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey, FMOH… Federal Ministry of Health, IFA…. Iron Folic Acid, IFAS…. Iron Folic Acid Supplementation, IHRERC… Institutional Health Research Ethics Review Committee, NGO…….Non-Governmental Organization, WHO….World Health Organization.

Ethics approval and consent to participate

Ethical clearance was obtained from Jimma University ethical revive board. Official permission was obtained to conduct the study from Jimma town public health facilities. The respondents were informed about the objective and the purpose of the study. There was no coercion to participate in the study and participations were free to decline, giving information at any time without any justification and prejudice. Verbal consents were obtained from each mother. Confidentiality of the information was ensured by not asking the name of the client or other identifiers.

Consent for publication

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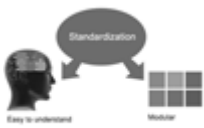
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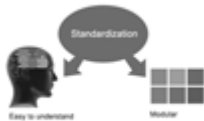
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