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# Differences Of Still Birth Rate Between Cesarean Section And Normal Vaginal Delivery in Al-Nasiriyah At 2019: A Comparative Study

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# Abstract

**Background:** A born baby with no any life signs within or after 28 weeks of gestation is define as stillbirth,  $.3_{rd}$  trimester SB account 2.6 million globally at 2015.

**Objectives:** to compare SBR by the 2 places of birth in Al-Nasiriyah city, and to determine the expected determinants of the still birth.

**Methodology:** An analytical-comparative, hospital based study, extending all over the past 1 years; from 1<sup>st</sup> day of January till the end of December of 2019 in Bint Al-Huda maternity and pediatrics hospital-Thi-qar/Iraq. Including all Still birth, from 2 different places of labor that including: Main labor room and operative theater room, informed consent also was taken from all participants parent. SPSS version 25 had been used, P value <0.05 is considered significant.

**Results:** Among 8772 delivered fetus as a normal vaginal delivery, 136 delivered died with a total still birth rate 0f 15.5/1000, compared to a total deliveries by cesarean section of 5810, were the total still birth of 97 delivered died with a rate of 16.7/1000.Still birth rates difference was of not a great values in their distribution according to different months and seasons of the year 2019. Age of the parents and weight of SB had a significant role in SBR.

**Conclusion:** delivery by CS and NVD show no significant statistical difference of the SBR between those who are., also no difference in monthly trends of SBR all-over the period of the study, whether was by CS or NVD. Different age groups in different places and within the same place show a highly significant statistical association, B. wt. of deliverd baby was also one of the main determinants of the SBR and the age of father that extending the 41 years show significant difference in the occurance of the SB.

# **Introduction**

A born baby with no any life signs within or after 28 weeks of gestation is define as stillbirth(SB)<sup>(1)</sup>.  $3^{rd}$  trimester ( $3^{rd}$  T) SB account 2.6 million globally at 2015, countries of low & middle income are the most affected regions., nearly 75% in sub-Saharan Africa & south  $Asia^{(2)}$ . Where this number approximately greater by ten times than that for developed countries (29/1000 versus 3 / 1000 of total births)<sup>(2)</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> T

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SB number is unknown in the in LMICs but in high-income countries(HIC) nearly 1/2 of all SB occur from 20 -28 weeks of pregnancy<sup>(2)</sup>.

In LMIC, the High SB rates might be contributed to several proximal, intermediate & distal factors ,that tended to be crossly related<sup>(3)</sup>. Potential factors that consider as a distal involve poorly educated women, low the seeking care SES. & time is inappropriate. While intermediate factors for SB expressed as young or extreme age of reproduction of mother, lackness or poorly aware of danger signs awareness, community resources- non-availability, hospital transfer or referral delay, and maternal malnutrition (poverty) (4,5). Finally, proximal factors: medical conditions for both fetal & mother and health care system poor response act for These factors inter-relatedness SB. exampled as, illiteracy plus poverty, where correlated with food insecurity, malnutrition plus anemia. also affect a seeking care family's decisions if they identifying the danger signs, and antenatal care access inform delivery, or emergency care. For the poorly resourced- countries, even when time of reach to facility is proper for saving life of both the inadequate facilities are fail to prevent poorly progress fetal or meternal  $outcomes^{(6)}$ .

many literatures emphasized that the determinants of deaths clinical cause for maternal & SB are hospitals occurrence .

Global analyses, recently, over the past five years, suggest overall decline in SBR was 25.5%, A big variations in SBR exist among LMIC, and many of these countries have experienced little or no reduction in SBR<sup>(7,8)</sup>.

The intra-partum period is the main period for the fetal deaths occurance, where most of these occur in near term or at term, by which the the maternal causes were the main contributors of mortality. The surprising point was that 2/3 of the SB were with no any maternal complication during their gestation and before labor<sup>(2)</sup>.

Many risk factoers across LMIC playing a big role in the resistant of these high  $SBR^{(3)}$ . That are of varying incidences across countries, where resources availability & care provision are the main determinants. A populations that are remotely located not getting a care at proper time. Poor a accessible registration vital statistics functionality had a relation for high SBR<sup>(3,7)</sup>. Data at National levels are rarely available regarding some countries In LMICs, surveys for health & demography were have not included SBs as pregnancy outcomes, if routine the information is available, it is of poor validation regarding age of  $gestation^{(8,9)}$ . A hospital-based data regarding the SB are the main dependent information for manv countries<sup>(10-12)</sup>

This article aimed to determine the comparative main suspected determinants of still birth in two different localities of birth in the hospital of the study inform of intermediate & distal risk factors and also to be compared with SBR of other societies.

Aim of the study: to compare SBR by the 2 places of birth in Al-Nasiriyah city, and to determine the expected determinants of the still birth.

**Methodology & Type of study:** A The study was an analytical-comparative, hospital based study, extending all over the past 1 years; from 1<sup>st</sup> day of January till the end of December of 2019 in Bint Al-Huda maternity and pediatrics hospital-Thiqar-Iraq.

#### **Study population:**

All Still birth had been included, from 2 different places of labor that including: Main labor room and operative theater room

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#### **Inclusion and exclusion criteria:**

All SBs regardless to their gender or age were included, those who died after birth were excluded.

#### Variables of interest:

1-Age for the mother and father that divided into three categories (<20 yrs, 20-40 yrs and > 40 yrs), 2-Sex that resorted into male and females. 3.Residence into: Al-Nasiriyah and others. 3- Months of death as documented in the case sheet of the mother. 4-Presence of congenital anomalies. 5- Ward of labor by which the neonate had been died and death registered. 6- Weight of delivered still birth (<1Kg, 1-2.5 Kg and >2.5Kg).

#### **Ethical considerations:**

An ethical clearance was obtained from Bint Al-Huda teaching hospital directorate to perform the study. An informed consent also was taken from all participants parent.

#### **Pilot study :**

To know the feasibility, cost and time required for the final study and also know the adequacy of the questionnaire and the extent of any unexpected problems, a piloting was carried out during the first two weeks of January 2019on ten

Procedures of recording , coding and checking of data :

The data

directly registered in the questionnaire form at the work field and checked daily and weekly. A quantitative approach was used for coding and the questionnaire data was pre-coded by using of statistical package for social science (SPSS)version (25).

#### **Statistical analysis:**

Excel sheet, SPSS version (25) was used for data analysis . descriptive statistic , frequencies , percentages , associations , tests of significance ( Paired t test ) was used for

analysis of quantitative- continuous variables . means and standard deviations were used to present data of continuous variables. Correlation was performed to recognize the independent predictors of SBR. A P-value < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

## **Epidemiological analysis: Including estimation of still birth rate =** Number of all delivered died fetus/total number of deliveries\*1000

At specific place and time.

#### **Results:**

Among 8772 delivered fetus as a normal vaginal delivery, 136 delivered died with a total still birth rate 0f 15.5/1000, compared to a total deliveries by cesarean section of 5810, were the total still birth of 97 delivered died with a rate of 16.7/1000.

Still birth rates difference was of not a great values in their distribution according to different months and seasons of the year 2019 , as shown in figure 1 and table 1.

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Figure 1: Distribution according to month of the year 2019

Months	Normal Va	aginal Deliv	veries	Cesarean Section			
	Total	S.B	S.B. rate	Total	S.B	S.B. rate	
	birth			birth			
Jan	671	6	8.941878	418	5	11.96172	
Feb	695	11	15.82734	465	8	17.2043	
Mar	763	14	18.34862	461	4	8.67679	
Apri	665	15	22.55639	423	3	7.092199	
May	669	10	14.94768	443	11	24.8307	
June	733	9	12.27831	445	7	15.73034	
July	738	15	20.3252	465	16	34.4086	
August	777	14	18.01802	491	9	18.32994	
Sep.	790	9	11.39241	499	9	18.03607	
Oct.	749	13	17.35648	580	11	18.96552	
Nov	778	6	7.712082	552	5	9.057971	
Dec	744	14	18.8172	568	9	15.84507	
Total	8772	136	15.50388	5810	97	16.69535	

Table 1: Still birth number and rate according to places of delivery and months of 2019

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There was no significant statistical difference of the SBR with in the 2 places of delivery, where P value 0.382.



Figure 2: Difference of the total SBR in the 2 places of delivery ANOVA= 0.795.....p value= 0.382

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Figure 3-A: Distribution according to gender of the SB babies



Figure3-B: Distribution according to residence of the SB fetus.

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Figure 3-C: Distribution according to presence of congenital anomalies

	Table 2: Paired Samples Statistics analysis for the total SB in two different places of delivery										
Pai	r	Mean	Ν	<b>S. D</b>	<b>S.</b> E	Correlation	Sig.	t	р		
1	Total birth NVD	731	12	45.19	13.04	.635	.026	19.479	.0001		
	Total birth Cs	484.2	12	55.34	15.97						
2	No .of S.B.NVD	11.3	12	3.31	.95	.292	.356	2.721	.020		
	S.B.CS	8.08	12	3.62	1.047						
	S.B.R.NVD	15.54	12	4.60	1.32	.220	.492	495-	.630		
3	S.B.R. CS	16.67	12	7.56	2.182						

A very high had been noted in comparison of the total birth means of the 2 different places of delivery, while the comparison of still birth number show significant statistical difference with a week positive correlation, on other hand there was no significant statistical difference between the SB Rates of 2 different place with non significant negative correlation

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# Table 3- A: Comparison of still birth rates according to type of deliveries and weights of born baby and months of 2019

Months	Wt<1	Kg%	1-2.5k	Kg%		>2.5kg
	NVD	CS	NVD	CS	NVD	CS
Jan	0.167	0.4	0.33	0.2	0.5	0.4
Feb	0	0.13	0.54	0.25	0.45	0.62
Mar	0.14	0.25	0.57	0.5	0.28	0.25
Apri	0.53	0.33	0.2	1	0.26	0
May	0.2	0	0.4	0.54	0.4	0.45
June	0.22	0.14	0.44	0.71	0.33	0.143
July	0.13	0.06	0.53	0.62	0.33	0.32
August	0.28	0	0.43	0.33	0.28	0.66
Sep.	0.66	0.22	0	0.55	0.33	0.22
Oct.	0.38	0.09	0.31	0.64	0.31	0.27
Nov	0.66	0	0	0.4	0.33	0.6
Dec	0.07	0.44	0.57	0.11	0.35	0.44

 Table 3- B: Paired sample statistics comparison of still birth rates according to type of deliveries and weights of borne baby and months

	0		Paire	d Differe	nces		Sig.
		Mean	S. D	Correl ation	Sig.	t	(2-tailed)
Pair 1	Less 1Kg(NVD) - less1kgCS	.11475	.293	168-	.601	1.356	.202
Pair 2	bet.1to2.5kg(NVD) – bet 1to2.5kgCS	12750-	.362	290-	.360	-1.219-	.248
Pair 3	More 2.5kg(NVD) – More 2.5KgCS	01858-	.185	.395	.204	346-	.736
Pair 4	less1Kg - bet.1to2.5kg (NVD)	07358-	.420	951-	.000	606-	.557
Pair 5	less1Kg – More 2.5kg(NVD)	05942-	.262	436-	.156	785-	.449
Pair 6	less1kgCS – bet. 1to2.5kgCS	31583-	.314	172-	.593	-3.479-	.005
Pair 7	less1kgCS – More 2.5KgCS	19275-	.301	410-	.186	-2.213-	.049
Pair 8	bet. 1to2.5kg – More 2.5kg (NVD)	.01417	.205	.137	.672	.239	.815
Pair 9	Bet. 1to2.5kgCS – More 2.5KgCS	.12308	.424	780-	.003	1.005	.337

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Only the body weight of the less than one and from 1-2.5 kg in CS group and less1kgCS – More 2.5KgCS show significant statistical differences.

Table 4- A: Comparison of still birth rates according to mother age in different months of2019

Months	Mother ag	ge <20 yrs	Bet. 20-4	40 yrs	>40 yrs		
	NVD	CS	NVD	CS	NVD	CS	
Jan	0.166667	0	0.833333	1	0	0	
Feb	0.272727	0	0.727273	1	0	0	
Mar	0.214286	0	0.785714	1	0	0	
Apri	0.066667	0	0.933333	1	0	0	
May	0.1	0	0.9	1	0	0	
June	0.222222	0.142857	0.777778	0.857143	0	0	
July	0.2	0.0625	0.8	0.6875	0	0	
August	0.071429	0	0.928571	1	0	0	
Sep.	0.111111	0.111111	0.888889	0.888889	0	0	
Oct.	0	0	0.846154	1	0	0	
Nov	0.333333	0	0.5	1	0.166667	0	
Dec	0.142857	0.222222	0.714286	0.777778	0.142857	0	

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Table 4- B: Paired Samples Statistics Comparison of still birth rates according to mother age borne baby in different months									
Mo	Mother age		S. D	Correl ation	sig	t	P value		
Pair 1	<20yr	.1584	.095	.038	.907	3.308	.007		
	<20CS	.0449	.074						
Pair 2	20 to 40yr	.8029	.120	.103	.750	-2.975-	.013		
	20 to 40 CS	.9343	.107						
Pair 3	> 40 yr	.0258	.060	•		1.478	.167		
	>40 CS	.0000	.000						
Pair 4	< 20 yr	.1584	.095	813-	.001	-10.88-	.000		
	20 to 40 yr	.8029	.120						
Pair 5	< 20 yr	.1584	.095	.425	.168	5.197	.000		
	>40 yr	.0258	.060						
Pair 6	< 20 CS	.0449	.074	745-	.005	-17.99-	.000		
	20 to 40 CS	.9343	.107						
Pair 7	< 20 CS	.0449	.074	•		2.074	.062		
	>40 CS	.0000	.000						
Pair 8	20 to 40 CS	.9343	.107	•		30.008	.000		
	>40 CS	.0000	.000						
Pair 9	20 to 40 yr	.8029	.120	791-	.002	15.657	.000		
	> 40 yr	.0258	.060						

The only age of the mother with more than 40 years among different places of delivery and the age of 20 with more than 40 among CS group show non-significant statistical association while the other relation between different age groups in different places and within the same place show a highly significant statistical association, regarding the correlations was of strong negative values within 3 groups as seen with in the table 4-B.

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# Table 5- A: Comparison of still birth rates according to father age borne baby in different months

Months	Father ag	e <20 yrs	Bet. 20-4	40 yrs	>40 yrs		
	NVD	CS	NVD	CS	NVD	CS	
Jan	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Feb	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Mar	0	0	0.071429	0	0.857143	1	
Apri	0	0	0	0	0.933333	1	
May	0	0	0	0	0.9	0.909091	
June	0	0	0	0	0.888889	1	
July	0	0	0.066667	0	0.866667	0.9375	
August	0	0	0	0	0.928571	1	
Sep.	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Oct.	0	0	0.153846	0	0.846154	1	
Nov	0.166667	0	0	0	1	1	
Dec	0.142857	0	0	0	1	1	

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# Table 5- B: Paired Samples Statistics Comparison of still birth rates according to father age borne baby in different months

Pairs	Father age	Mean	S. D	Corr el.	Sig.	t	Р
Pair1	< 20 NVD	.0258	.06045			1.478	.167
	20 CS	.0000	.00000				
Pair2	20-40 NVD	.0243	.04872			1.730	.112
	20-40-CS	.0000	.00000				
Pair3	>41 NVD	.9351	.06263	.356	.257	-3.057-	.011
	>41- CS	.9872	.03047				
Pair 4	<20 NVD	.0258	.06045	232-	.467	.059	.954
	20-40 NVD	.0243	.04872				
Pair 5	<20- NVD	.0258	.06045	.483	.112	-50.292-	.0001
	>41 NVD	.9351	.06263				
Pair 6	20-40 NVD	.0243	.04872	709-	.010	-30.608-	.0001
	>41 NVD	.9351	.06263				
Pair 7	<20-CS	.0000 <sup>a</sup>	.00000			1.478	.167
<b>D</b> • 0	20-40-CS	.0000 <sup>a</sup>	.00000				0001
Pair 8	<20CS	.0000	.00000			- 112.253-	.0001
	>41-CS	.9872	.03047				0001
Pair 9	20-40-CS	.0000	.00000			- 112.253-	.0001
	>41-CS	.9872	.03047				

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# **Discussion**

The current study show little non- significant difference between the SBRs of NVD & CS through which the total values of both was 15,5 and 16.7 /1000 respectively, which was Sarah S. & Shiyam Sunder lower than Tikmani, et  $al^{(\overline{13})}$  study reviewed the trend of SBR mean of 2010 - 2016, that decreased 26.4/1000 births , where from 31.7 to reduction average annually by nearly 3.0% .this difference of the our SBR and Sarah et al study migh be explained by the difference in the study design or difference in the community characters that are reviewed by the 2 studies but our study was nearest to goal by 2030 of The Every Newborn the year of Action Plan, a to reduce SBR at global level to 12 / 1000 births<sup>(14,15)</sup>. If we assume a rate of 12/1000 births by 2030.

In our study the SBR dosn't show significant decline or increment all over the 12 months of the study, this was not comparable to many studies especially Blencowe et al study, that done using thousand number of data envolving large number of countries (195) between the years of 2005-2015<sup>(8,16)</sup>

Regarding the SBR we register lower rate than Pakistan (43.1per thousand births) also <u>S.Saleem et al</u> register a SBR at 2016 as 47.7/1000 births. In India –different states SBR (20- 66/1000), the stillbirth rates in different states reportedly range from births. Bellad et al- from Karnataka(also Indian sites).(28.6/1000) births[<u>16</u>]. it also lower than mean SBR for many Indian states which (25.3/1000) births But, Our study result was comparable to Nagpur- Maharashtra district ( 17.8/1000 )births..and also nearly comparable to Kenya national SBR as WHO reporting (21.8/1000 ) births<sup>(17)</sup> & lower thann Zambia (25.5/1000) births<sup>(18)</sup>.

The national SBR Guatemala reporting (10/1000) births which was lower than our

study<sup>(8)</sup>. This variation might be explained by the differences in the population characteristics, sample size and design of the study.

Parents age of more than 40 was one of the main contributors of the SBR in different places, regardless the place of delivery was the main significant finding of our study, which comparable to other studies where consider as independent risk of  $SB^{(2,5,19)}$  Regarding the antenatal care coverage rate was low in our society, public sector of health suffering from scarcity of resources regarding the availability of supplements, diagnostic tools and treatment, that convert the pregnant vision to private sectors, which make difficult decision to convey the role of ANC in reduction of SBR, in Iraq. That surely make a differences from other studies Kenya, Pakistan and Zombia<sup>(20)</sup> that focusing on the role of ANC on outcome of pregnancy

# Limitation:

1- To an unknown extent the deliveries with home or mid wife deliveries was deficult tobe predicted

2- Private sectors regarding the deliveries by CS or deliver by Painless clinic also don't enter in our research.

# **Conclusion:**

1- There was no significant statistical difference of the SBR with in the 2 places of delivery

2- There was no difference in monthly trends of SBR all-over the priod of the study, whether was by CS or NVD.

3- Different age groups in different places and within the same place show a highly significant statistical association, B. wt. of deliverd baby was also one of the main determinants of the SBR and the age of father

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that extending the 41 years show significant

difference in the occurance of the SB..

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الاختلافات في معدل المواليد الساكنة بين الولادة القيصرية والولادة المهبلية الطبيعية في الناصرية عام ٢٠١٩: دراسة مقارنة

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نبذة مختصرة:

الخلفية: يُعرّف الطفل المولود بدون أي علامات على الحياة خلال أو بعد ٢٨ أسبوعًا من الحمل في الفصل الثالث بأنه ولادة جنين ميت. يقدر العدد ٢,٦ مليون عالميًا في عام ٢٠١٥.

الأهداف: مقارنة حسب مكان الولادة في مدينة الناصرية وتحديد المحددات المتوقعة للمواليد الميتة. المنهجية: دراسة تحليلية مقارنة ، تستند إلى المستشفى ، تمتد على مدار السنوات الأولى الماضية ؛ من اليوم الأول من كانون الثاني حتى نهاية كانون الأول ٢٠١٩ في مستشفى بنت الهدى للولادة والأطفال في ذي قار / العراق بما في ذلك جميع المواليد الموتى ، من مكانين مختلفين للولادة ، بما في ذلك: غرفة المخاض الرئيسية وغرفة مسرح العمليات ، تم أخذ الموافقة المستنيرة أيضًا من جميع الولادة عنه مناركين الثاني مالولادة مسرح العمليات ، تم أخذ الموافقة المستنيرة أيضًا من الوالدين المتاركين. المتاركين. المعاركة مولودًا مقارنة بإجمالي المواليد المواليد الموافقة المستنيرة أيضًا من الولادات القريرة من بين ٢٧٢٢ جنينًا تم الولادة كولادة مهبلية طبيعية توفي ١٣٦ مولودًا مقارنة بإجمالي الولادات القيصرية البالغ ١٨٥٠

لا يزال الاختلاف في معدلات المواليد ليس ذا قيمة كبيرة في توزيعها وفقًا للأشهر والمواسم المختلفة

الإستنتاج: لا يظهر بين الولادة القيصرية والولادة المهبلية الطبيعية أي فرق إحصائي كبير.