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Snus in pregnancy and infant birth size; a mother-child birth cohort study

Methods

Inclusion criteria were singleton and twin pregnancies at week 16-22 and sufficient Scandinavian language skills. Upon primary enrolment the women were informed about how to complete the 18- and 34-weeks electronic questionnaires.

Although we had available birth weight and tobacco exposure for the excluded infants born before gestational week 35, we chose not to include them because of potential bias such as severe disease.

Twin pregnancies were excluded mainly because their mean birth weight of 2682 grams was significantly different (p-value <0.000) from the singletons' mean weight of 3582 grams.

The Standard Operating Procedures for anthropometric measurements were based upon a pilot where different measuring methods were tested. We chose the procedures that were easiest to perform and had the highest inter-rater reliability.

Discussion

In the entire cohort with available GA at birth (both included and non-included in this study), there was no significant difference between tobacco exposure groups when separated into preterm (GA \leq 37 weeks) and term (GA \geq 37 weeks) delivered babies (eTable S2). In addition, of the 10 excluded preterm infants born before gestational week 35, only one was exposed to snus during pregnancy, making the exposure in this group considered the same as for the rest of the cohort.

There are limitations related to the timing and method of the biometric measure used in the routine ultrasound scan conducted between weeks 16-22 as the basis for GA identification. Ultrasound measures in the first trimester are supposed to be more reliable at identifying gestational age due to lower biological variation in fetal size. Femur length was the standardized measure in all study sites and therefore used to estimate GA as the biometric measures of the fetal head circumference were assessed differently in Sweden and Norway.

Table S1 Baseline characteristics of the study population

PreventADALL cohort; twins excluded n=2688

		Complete	5	
		Included	Not included in the mother-child cohort	
Background characteristics	No.	N=2313	N=202	P-value
Fetal sex, male no. (%), no. (%)	2313	1216 (52.6)	-	
GA at birth, mean (no.)	2347			
Weeks		39.3 (1.7)	38.2 (2.3)	< 0.001
Days		274.8 (11.7)	267.3 (16.0)	< 0.001
Maternal factors, mean (SD)				
Age - years	2515	32.4 (4.1)	32.2 (4.5)	0.37
Pre-pregnancy BMI	2450	23.1 (3.6)	23.5 (4.2)	0.15
Height - cm	2480	168.0 (6.2)	167.8 (6.4)	0.63
Weight before pregnancy - kg	2461	65.4 (11.2)	66.2 (12.3)	0.33
Weight at inclusion - kg	2488	70.1 (11.2)	70.8 (12.4)	0.43
18w BMI	2478	24.8 (3.7)	25.2 (4.2)	0.23
Pregnancy history, no. (%)				
Current in vitro fertilization	2501			0.91
Yes		177 (7.7)	15 (7.5)	
Previous miscarriage(s) <12w	2501			
0		1737 (75.2)	149 (74.1)	0.45
1		408 (17.7)	41 (20.4)	
>1		165 (7.1)	11 (5.5)	
Previous late miscarriage/stillbirths 12-23w	2501			0.91
0		2250 (97.8)	197 (98.0)	
1		48 (2.1)	4 (2.0)	
>1		2 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	
Parity	2337			
0		1290 (60.0)	114 (61.0)	0.31
1		677 (31.5)	63 (33.7)	
>1		183 (8.5)	10 (5.3)	
Sociodemographic factors, no. (%)				
Education	2328			0.57
Preliminary school only		16 (0.7)	2 (1.1)	
High school only		219 (10.2)	18 (9.6)	
Higher education <4 years		682 (31.9)	70 (37.4)	
Higher education ≥4 years		1222 (57.1)	97 (51.9)	
Other		2 (0.1)	0 (0.0)	
Country of origin	2337			0.10
Norway and Sweden		1914 (89.0)	159 (85.0)	
Rest of the world		236 (11.0)	28 (15.0)	
Marital status	2337			0.020
Married		885 (41.2)	77 (41.2)	
Cohabitants		1210 (56.3)	99 (52.9)	
Single		37 (1.7)	5 (2.7)	

Divorced/separated		1 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
Other		17 (0.8)	7 (3.2)	
Living area	2337			0.17
City, densely populated		834 (38.8)	76 (40.6)	
City, less densely populated		817 (38.0)	60 (32.1)	
Suburb		343 (16.0)	29 (15.5)	
Countryside, village		111 (5.1)	16 (8.6)	
Countryside, outside village		46 (2.1)	6 (3.2)	
Household income	2337			0.15
Low		25 (1.2)	5 (2.7)	
Middle		1150 (53.5)	108 (57.8)	
High		938 (43.6)	70 (37.4)	
Not reported		37 (1.7)	4 (2.1)	
Smoking history, no. (%)				
Previous smoking	2337	475 (22.1)	54 (28.9)	0.033
In utero exposure to cigarette smoking	2337			0.56
No		1623 (75.5)	137 (73.3)	
Yes		306 (14.2)	32 (17.1)	
Do not know		221 (9.5)	18 (9.6)	

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Table S2: Tobacco exposure among term (≥37 weeks) and preterm infants (<37 weeks)

All subjects in the PreventADALL cohort (except twins) included at 18W with available gestational age (GA) and questionnaire (n=2347)

		Tobacco exposure during pregnancy								
	Total	Never	Snus only	Smoke/dual	P-value					
Preterm* no. (%)	281 (100)	250 (89.0)	13 (4.6)	18 (6.4)	0.103					
Term no. (%)	2066 (100)	1834 (88.8)	144 (7.0)	88 (4.3)	0.103					

*Preterm: infants born <37 weeks.

Table S3. Results on building the multivariable linear regression models to determine significant covariates for the final model of each outcome. Significance

Outcomes		variates
	Non-significant	Significant
Abdominal circumference/Head	Previous smoking history	Parity
circumference	Maternal education	Fetal sex
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Maternal age
	Marital status	
	Living area	
	Pre-pregnancy BMI	
TI .	GA at birth	G 4 - 11 - 1
Thoracic	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
circumference/Abdominal	Maternal education	
circumference	In utero exposure to tobacco	
	Marital status	
	Living area	
	Pre-pregnancy BMI	
	Parity	
	Fetal sex	
	Maternal age	
Thoracic circumference/Head	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
circumference	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Maternal age
	Living area	
	Pre-pregnancy BMI	
Birth weight/placenta weight	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Maternal age
	Living area	
	Pre-pregnancy BMI	
Upper left arm circumference	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Maternal age
	Living area	Pre-pregnancy BMI
Abdominal circumference	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Maternal age
	Living area	Pre-pregnancy BMI
Length	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
-	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Pre-pregnancy BMI
	Maternal age	Living area
Birth weight	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
-	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Maternal age
	Living area	Pre-pregnancy BMI
Head circumference	Previous smoking history	GA at birth
	Maternal education	Parity
	In utero exposure to tobacco	Fetal sex
	Marital status	Pre-pregnancy BMI
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	Living area	
	Living area Maternal age	

Placenta weight

Maternal education Parity
In utero exposure to tobacco Fetal sex
Marital status Pre-pregnancy BMI
Living area Maternal age
Previous smoking history GA at birth
Maternal education Parity
In utero exposure to tobacco Fetal sex

Marital status Pre-pregnancy BMI
Maternal age Living area

Table S4. Linear regression analyses: Effect of tobacco exposure during pregnancy on anthropometric measures (cm). The reference group 'Never' includes all women who did not report use of tobacco or nicotine during pregnancy. The 'Smoke/dual' group includes dual smokers and snus users during pregnancy of who most quit before 6 weeks of pregnancy.

Tobacco exposure	No.	В	95% CI	P-value	No.	В	95% CI	P-value
during pregnancy				Ler	ngth			
		U	nivariable			Multi	variable (1-4, 6)
				0.27				0.37
Never	1718	Ref.			1718	Ref.		
Snus	137	0.28	(-0.09, 0.64)		137	0.24	(-0.10, 0.58)	
Smoke/dual	93	-0.13	(-0.57, 0.31)		93	0.04	(-0.37, 0.44)	
				0.44				
Never	1718	Ref.			1718	Ref.		0.49
Snus only up to 18w	128	0.26	(-0.12, 0.64)		128	0.28	(-0.07, 0.63)	
Snus only up to 34w	9	0.47	(-0.91, 1.9)		9	-0.06	(-1.3, 1.2)	
Smoke/dual	93	-0.13	(-0.57, 0.31)		93	0.04	(-0.37, 0.44)	
]	Head circ	umfere	nce		
		τ	nivariable			Multi	ivariable* (1-4))
				0.023				0.023
Never	1762	Ref.			1762	Ref.		
Snus	143	0.34	(0.10, 0.60)		143	0.32	(0.09, 0.55)	
Smoke/dual	95	0.017	(-0.28, 0.32)		95	0.097	(-0.18, 0.38)	
				0.041				0.055
Never	1762	Ref.			1762	Ref.		
Snus only up to 18w	132	0.31	(0.06, 0.57)		132	0.31	(0.07, 0.55)	
Snus only up to 34w	11	0.71	(-0.14, 1.57)		11	0.41	(-0.39, 1.2)	
Smoke/dual	95	0.017	(-0.28, 0.32)		95	0.10	(-0.18, 0.38)	
			Head circ	umference	e sensiti	vity ana	lyses	
		τ	nivariable			Multi	variable (1-4, 7)
				0.014				0.053
Never	1684	Ref.			1684	Ref.		
Snus	137	0.37	(0.12, 0.62)		137	0.29	(0.06, 0.53)	
Smoke/dual	88	0.004	(-0.31, 0.31)		88	0.03	(-0.26, 0.32)	
				0.024				0.108
Never	1684	Ref.			1684	Ref.		
Snus only up to 18w	127	0.34	(0.08, 0.60)		127	0.28	(0.03, 0.53)	
Snus only up to 34w	10	0.81	(-0.09, 1.7)		10	0.47	(-0.37, 1.3)	
Smoke/dual	88	0.004	(-0.31, 0.31)		88	0.03	(-0.26, 0.32)	
			TI	noracic ci	rcumfer	ence		

Univariable

Multivariable (1-5)

Smoke/dual	89	0.19	(-0.21, 0.60)		89	0.23	(-0.15, 0.61)	
Snus only up to 34w	10	-0.03	(-1.21, 1.16)		10	-0.46	(-1.56, 0.64)	
Snus only up to 18w	126	0.25	(-0.09, 0.60)		126	0.23	(-0.09, 0.55)	
Never	1710	Ref.			1710	Ref.		
				0.43				0.26
Smoke/dual	89	0.19	(-0.21, 0.60)		89	0.23	(-0.15, 0.61)	
Snus	136	0.23	(-0.10, 0.56)		136	0.18	(-0.13, 0.49)	
Never	1710	Ref.			1710	Ref.		
				0.28				0.27

	Abdominal circumference								
		U	J nivariable						
				0.69				0.75	
Never	1709	Ref.			1709	Ref.			
Snus	136	0.09	(-0.29, 0.47)		136	0.07	(-0.30, 0.43)		
Smoke/dual	89	-0.16	(-0.63, 0.30)		89	-0.15	(-0.59, 0.30)		
				0.86				0.85	
Never	1709	Ref.			1709	Ref.			
Snus only up to 18w	126	0.08	(-0.31, 0.48)		126	0.09	(-0.29, 0.47)		
Snus only up to 34w	10	0.14	(-1.20, 1.49)		10	-0.23	(-1.52, 1.05)		
Smoke/dual	89	-0.16	(-0.63, 0.30)		89	-0.15	(-0.59, 0.30)		

	Left upper arm circumference								
		τ	Jnivariable			Multivariable (1-5)			
				0.13				0.13	
Never	1718	Ref.			1718	Ref.			
Snus	136	0.19	(0.01, 0.37)		136	0.18	(0.00, 0.35)		
Smoke/dual	88	0.04	(-0.19, 0.26)		88	0.04	(-0.17, 0.25)		
				0.25				0.22	
Never	1718	Ref.			1718	Ref.			
Snus only up to 18w	126	0.19	(-0.00, 0.37)		126	0.19	(0.01, 0.40)		
Snus only up to 34w	10	0.19	(-0.45, 0.84)		10	0.002	(-0.61, 0.61)		
Smoke/dual	88	0.04	(-0.19, 0.26)		88	0.04	(-0.17, 0.25)		

^{*}The results of the multivariable analyses restricted by the same study population as in the sensitivity analyses without adjusting for gestational weight gain, were similar in both populations (data not shown). Covariates used in multivariable analyses: 1=Parity, 2=gestational age at birth, 3=fetal sex, 4=pre-pregnancy body mass index, 5=maternal age, 6=living area, 7=gestational weight gain up to 18 weeks of pregnancy.

No.=number, B=beta coefficient, CI=confidence interval, Ref.=reference value, w=week.

Table S5. Linear regression analyses: Effect of tobacco exposure during pregnancy on proportional size measures (ratio). The reference group 'Never' includes all women who did not report use of tobacco or nicotine during pregnancy. The 'Smoke/dual' group includes dual smokers and snus users during pregnancy of who most quit before 6 weeks of pregnancy.

Tobacco exposure during	No.	В	95% CI	P-value	No.	В	95% CI	P- value
pregnancy			Abdominal cir	cumferen	ce/head			
		τ	nivariable			variable (1-4)		
				0.46				0.36
Never	1724	Ref.			1724	Ref.		
Snus only	139	-0.005	(-0.02, 0.00)		139	-0.005	(-0.02, 0.01)	
Smoke/dual	90	-0.004	(-0.02, 0.01)		90	-0.007	(-0.02, 0.01)	
				0.60				0.48
Never	1724	Ref.			1661	Ref.		
Snus only up to 18w	129	-0.005	(-0.02, 0.01)		126	-0.004	(-0.01, 0.01)	
Snus only up to 34w	10	-0.014	(-0.05, 0.02)		10	-0.016	(-0.05, 0.02)	
Smoke/dual	90	-0.004	(-0.02, 0.01)		87	-0.007	(-0.02, 0.01)	
			Thoracic circum	ference/A	bdomina	al circumf	erence	
		τ	Inivariable			Mult	ivariable (2)	
				0.10				0.09
Never	1889	Ref.			1889	Ref.		
Snus	140	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)		140	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)	
Smoke/dual	90	0.01	(0.00, 0.02)		90	0.01	(0.00, 0.02)	
				0.12				0.10
Never	1889	Ref.			1889	Ref.		
Snus only up to 18w	129	0.004	(-0.00, 0.01)		129	0.004	(-0.01, 0.01)	
Snus only up to 34w	11	-0.01	(-0.04, 0.02)		11	-0.01	(-0.04, 0.02)	
Smoke/dual	90	0.01	(0.00, 0.02)		90	0.01	(0.00, 0.02)	
			Thoracic circ	umference	e/Head c	ircumfere	nce	
		τ	Inivariable			Multi	variable (1-4)	
				0.72				0.68
Never	1695	Ref.			1695	Ref.		
Snus	139	-0.002	(-0.01, 0.01)		139	-0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)	
Smoke/dual	88	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)		88	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)	
				0.55				0.41
Never	1695	Ref.			1695	Ref.		
Snus only up to 18w	129	-0.001	(-0.01, 0.01)		129	-0.001	(-0.01, 0.01)	
Snus only up to 34w	10	-0.02	(-0.05, 0.01)		10	-0.03	(-0.06, 0.01)	
Smoke/dual	88	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)		88	0.003	(-0.01, 0.01)	

		Birth weight/Placenta weight										
			Univariable			Mult	ivariable (1-4)					
				0.65				0.46				
Never	1368	Ref.			1340	Ref.						
Snus	126	-0.09	(-0.34, 0.16)		126	-0.12	(-0.37, 0.12)					
Smoke/dual	64	0.10	(-0.24, 0.43)		64	0.12	(-0.21, 0.46)					
				0.83				0.67				
Never	1368	Ref.			1368	Ref.						
Snus only up to 18w	116	-0.10	(-0.35, 0.16)		116	-0.12	(-0.38, 0.13)					
Snus only up to 34w	10	-0.02	(-0.86, 0.82)		10	-0.13	(-0.97, 0.70)					
Smoke/dual	64	0.10	(-0.24, 0.43)		64	0.12	(-0.22, 0.46)					

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No.number, B=beta coefficient, CI=confidence interval, Ref.=reference value

Figure S1 Study population.

