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Supplemental Material

Drinking Water Disinfection by-Products and Congenital Malformations: A Nationwide Register-Based Prospective Study

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	Malformations n	Hypochlorite			Chloramine		
		No chlorination n (%)	<5 µg TTHM/L n (%)	5-15 µg TTHM/L n (%)	>15 µg TTHM/L n (%)	<5 µg TTHM/L n (%)	5-15 µg TTHM/L n (%)
		65,154	30,883	54,144	48,044	188,428	18,934
All malformations	1,373 (2.1)	680 (2.2)	1,094 (2.0)	936 (1.9)	3,992 (2.1)	416 (2.2)	1,042 (2.6)
Nervous system	37 (0.06)	22 (0.07)	30 (0.06)	20 (0.04)	78 (0.04)	9 (0.05)	36 (0.09)
Neural Tube Defects	17 (0.03)	6 (0.02)	11 (0.02)	9 (0.02)	15 (0.008)	4 (0.02)	8 (0.02)
Eye	12 (0.02)	8 (0.03)	28 (0.05)	10 (0.02)	37 (0.02)	4 (0.02)	10 (0.01)
Ear, face and neck	15 (0.02)	8 (0.03)	17 (0.03)	18 (0.04)	58 (0.03)	10 (0.05)	18 (0.04)
Congenital Heart Defects	586 (0.9)	262 (0.8)	453 (0.8)	372 (0.8)	1355 (0.7)	139 (0.7)	345 (0.9)
Severe congenital heart defects	103 (0.2)	33 (0.1)	87 (0.2)	66 (0.1)	204 (0.1)	29 (0.2)	61 (0.2)
Transposition of great vessels	21 (0.03)	3 (0.01)	12 (0.02)	12 (0.02)	36 (0.02)	6 (0.03)	12 (0.03)
Ventricular septal defect	312 (0.5)	151 (0.5)	258 (0.5)	214 (0.4)	740 (0.4)	67 (0.4)	198 (0.5)
Atrial septal defect	147 (0.2)	35 (0.1)	81 (0.1)	69 (0.1)	150 (0.08)	28 (0.1)	88 (0.2)
Atrioventricular septal Defect	19 (0.03)	4 (0.01)	16 (0.03)	11 (0.02)	42 (0.02)	6 (0.03)	13 (0.03)
Tetralogy of Fallot	15 (0.02)	5 (0.02)	12 (0.02)	13 (0.03)	36 (0.02)	2 (0.01)	8 (0.02)
Pulmonary valve stenosis	21 (0.03)	7 (0.02)	15 (0.03)	9 (0.02)	44 (0.02)	3 (0.02)	17 (0.04)
Coarctation of aorta	16 (0.02)	6 (0.02)	19 (0.04)	12 (0.02)	32 (0.02)	6 (0.03)	15 (0.04)
Patent ductus arteriosus as only in full-term infants	67 (0.1)	28 (0.1)	38 (0.07)	34 (0.07)	103 (0.06)	18 (0.01)	43 (0.1)
Respiratory	9 (0.01)	6 (0.02)	10 (0.02)	6 (0.01)	39 (0.02)	5 (0.03)	6 (0.01)
Oro-facial clefts	107 (0.2)	44 (0.1)	87 (0.2)	64 (0.1)	247 (0.1)	27 (0.1)	51 (0.1)
Cleft lip with or without cleft palate	66 (0.1)	26 (0.08)	54 (0.1)	31 (0.06)	151 (0.08)	15 (0.08)	31 (0.08)
Cleft palate	42 (0.06)	18 (0.06)	54 (0.06)	34 (0.07)	97 (0.05)	11 (0.06)	20 (0.05)
Digestive system	87 (0.1)	37 (0.1)	70 (0.1)	77 (0.2)	202 (0.1)	14 (0.07)	54 (0.1)
Oesophageal atresia with or without trachea- oesophageal fistula	18 (0.03)	9 (0.03)	10 (0.02)	14 (0.03)	38 (0.02)	2 (0.01)	9 (0.02)
Ano-rectal atresia and stenosis	20 (0.03)	7 (0.02)	18 (0.03)	17 (0.04)	47 (0.02)	1 (0.005)	8 (0.02)
Diaphragmatic hernia	11 (0.02)	6 (0.02)	9 (0.02)	9 (0.02)	27 (0.01)	2 (0.01)	8 (0.02)
Abdominal wall defects	19 (0.03)	10 (0.03)	13 (0.02)	13 (0.03)	28 (0.01)	1 (0.005)	7 (0.02)
Urinary	101 (0.2)	63 (0.2)	72 (0.1)	62 (0.1)	668 (0.4)	66 (0.3)	128 (0.3)
Congenital hydronephrosis	71 (0.1)	43 (0.1)	46 (0.08)	42 (0.08)	562 (0.3)	60 (0.3)	89 (0.2)
Genital	161 (0.2)	97 (0.3)	167 (0.3)	145 (0.3)	544 (0.3)	63 (0.3)	178 (0.4)
Hypospadias	150 (0.2)	94 (0.3)	154 (0.3)	134 (0.3)	510 (0.3)	60 (0.3)	164 (0.4)
Limbs	274 (0.4)	146 (0.5)	230 (0.4)	184 (0.4)	864 (0.5)	91 (0.5)	232 (0.6)
Limb reduction defects	15 (0.02)	11 (0.04)	21 (0.04)	13 (0.03)	48 (0.03)	13 (0.07)	8 (0.02)
Club foot – talipes equinovarus	64 (0.1)	43 (0.1)	58 (0.1)	46 (0.1)	172 (0.09)	16 (0.08)	50 (0.1)
Hip dislocation and /or dysplasia	51 (0.08)	14 (0.05)	33 (0.06)	46 (0.1)	153 (0.08)	16 (0.08)	66 (0.2)
Polydactyly	71 (0.1)	33 (0.1)	54 (0.1)	45 (0.09)	220 (0.1)	19 (0.1)	57 (0.1)
Syndactyly	40 (0.06)	28 (0.09)	33 (0.06)	24 (0.05)	158 (0.08)	20 (0.1)	36 (0.09)
Chromosomal	88 (0.1)	39 (0.1)	61 (0.1)	68 (0.1)	245 (0.1)	24 (0.1)	49 (0.1)
Down syndrome	68 (0.1)	29 (0.09)	49 (0.09)	57 (0.1)	190 (0.1)	19 (0.1)	33 (0.08)

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Congenital malformations	Chlorination treatment	<5 µg TTHM/l OR (95% CI)	5-15 µg TTHM/l OR (95% CI)	>15 µg TTHM/l OR (95% CI)	p-trend
Nervous system	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	22 30,861 1.00 (ref)	30 54,114 0.81 (0.44-1.50)	20 48,024 0.56 (0.28-1.11)
					0.1
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	78 188,350 1.00 (ref)	9 18,925 0.81 (0.34-1.90)	36 40,099 1.99 (1.29-3.08)
					0.02
Heart Defects	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	2,218 287,697 1.00 (ref)	1,185 177,997 1.02 (0.86-1.20)	723 88,494 0.94 (0.79-1.12)
					0.5
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	1,355 187,073 1.00 (ref)	139 18,795 0.98 (0.80-1.20)	345 39,790 1.24 (1.09-1.41)
					0.001
Oro-facial clefts	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	44 30,839 1.00 (ref)	87 54,057 1.08 (0.73-1.58)	64 47,980 0.99 (0.66-1.48)
					0.9
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	247 188,181 1.00 (ref)	27 18,907 1.13 (0.74-1.73)	51 40,084 0.93 (0.67-1.29)
					0.6
Digestive system	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	37 30,846 1.00 (ref)	70 54,074 1.01 (0.64-1.58)	77 47,967 1.34 (0.87-2.08)
					0.2
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	202 188,226 1.00 (ref)	14 18,920 0.63 (0.34-1.16)	54 40,081 1.26 (0.91-1.76)
					0.2
Urinary	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	63 30,820 1.00 (ref)	72 54,072 0.64 (0.44-0.92)	62 47,982 0.65 (0.45-0.94)
					0.02
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	668 187,760 1.00 (ref)	66 18,868 1.06 (0.80-1.40)	128 40,007 0.89 (0.72-1.09)
					0.3
Genital	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	97 30,786 1.00 (ref)	167 53,977 0.96 (0.74-1.25)	145 47,899 0.91 (0.69-1.19)
					0.5
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	544 187,884 1.00 (ref)	63 18,871 1.21 (0.92-1.60)	178 39,957 1.50 (1.24-1.81)
					<0.001
Limbs	Hypochlorite	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	146 30,737 1.00 (ref)	230 53,914 0.89 (0.71-1.11)	194 47,850 0.87 (0.70-1.10)
					0.2
	Chloramine	Cases (n) Non-cases (n) Multivariable adjusted	864 187,564 1.00 (ref)	91 18,843 0.96 (0.75-1.23)	232 39,903 1.27 (1.08-1.49)
					0.004

Chromosomal	Hypochlorite	Cases (n)	39	61	68	
		Non-cases (n)	30,844	54,083	47,976	
		Multivariable adjusted	1.00 (ref)	0.94 (0.60-1.47)	1.15 (0.74-1.79)	0.6
	Chloramine	Cases (n)	245	24	49	
		Non-cases (n)	188,183	18,910	40,086	
		Multivariable adjusted	1.00 (ref)	0.80 (0.48-1.33)	1.09 (0.79-1.50)	0.6

Models multivariable-adjusted for the following factors: maternal age, BMI (body mass index), diabetes, any use of teratogenic drugs, parity, smoking at registration to the antenatal care, highest attained education and household income using inverse probability weighting.