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#### Relationship between the Blood Pressure and Serum Uric Acid Levels in Pregnant Women

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#### Introduction and Objectives

Exploring the intricate interplay of serum uric acid and blood pressure offers critical insights into pregnancy-related hypertensive disorders. This study was conducted to determine whether there is a statistically significant correlation between blood pressure and serum uric acid levels in pregnant women.

#### Methods

All the selected subjects were included and there were no dropouts. Study showed a significant positive correlation between serum uric acid levels with both systolic ( $r=0.864$ ,  $p<0.001$ ) and diastolic ( $r=0.739$ ,  $p<0.001$ ) blood pressures. In addition, statistically significant ( $p<0.001$ ) positive correlation was observed between serum uric acid levels and systolic blood pressure among those with different body mass index (BMI) categories (underweight;  $r=0.955$ , normal;  $r=0.910$ , overweight;  $r=0.817$ , obesity;  $r=0.721$ ) and gestational weeks (trimester) (second;  $r=0.780$ , third;  $r=0.878$ ). Meanwhile, similar statistically significant ( $p<0.001$ ) positive correlations between serum uric acid levels and diastolic blood pressure among different BMI categories (underweight;  $r=0.867$ , normal;  $r=0.625$ , overweight;  $r=0.772$ , obesity;  $r=0.650$ ) and gestational weeks (trimester) (second;  $r=0.809$ , third;  $r=0.730$ ) were observed.

#### Conclusions

Robust and significant positive correlations between serum uric acid with both systolic and diastolic blood pressures were observed. This suggests that uric acid can be used as a predictor of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy like pre-eclampsia in a wide range of pregnant women regardless of their characteristics like BMI and gestational period.

#### Keywords

Pregnant women, Serum uric acid, Systolic and diastolic blood pressure, Gestational period