

**Supplementary material: Appendix 1-2-3**

**Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug use in pregnant women with rheumatic diseases: a systematic review of the risk of congenital malformations**

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## Appendix 1. Search Concepts and Corresponding Headings and Keywords

Subject Headings	Text Words*
<b>Concept 1: Arthritis</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exp Arthritis</li> <li>▪ exp Lupus Erythematosus, Systemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ arthritis</li> <li>▪ lupus</li> <li>▪ spondylarthropath*</li> </ul>
<b>Concept 2: Pregnancy</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exp Pregnancy</li> <li>▪ exp Pregnancy Complications</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ pregnanc* OR pregnant</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Concept 3: DMARDs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exp Antirheumatic Agents</li> <li>▪ exp Pregnancy Complications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "anti-inflammatory agent*" OR aurano fin* OR aurothioglucose* OR chloroquine* OR hydroxychloroquine* OR cyclophosphamine* OR cyclosporin* OR gold salt OR gold salts OR gold sodium thiomalate* OR gold sodium thiosulfate* OR leflunomide* OR methotrexate* OR minocycline* OR prospidium* OR sulfasalazine* OR sulphasalazine* OR sulfasalazine* OR sulphasalazine* OR pencillamine* OR penicillamine* OR "biological agent*" OR adalimumab OR etanercept OR golimumab OR infliximab OR rituximab</li> <li>▪ "disease modifying antirheumatic*" OR "disease-modifying antirheumatic*" OR "disease modifying anti rheumatic*" OR "disease-modifying anti rheumatic*" OR "disease modifying anti-rheumatic*" OR "disease-modifying anti-rheumatic*" OR "disease-modifying anti-rheumatic*" OR DMARD OR DMARDs OR antirheumatic agent* OR anti rheumatic agent* OR anti-rheumatic agent* OR anti rheumatic drug* OR anti rheumatic drug* OR anti-rheumatic drug*</li> <li>▪ "interleukin 1 receptor antagonist protein" OR "interleukin-4"</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>Concept 4: Congenital</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exp Congenital Abnormalities</li> <li>▪ Congenital [Subheading]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ congenital</li> <li>▪ birth defect*</li> </ul>
<b>Concept 5: Outcomes</b>	

Subject Headings	Text Words*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ exp "Outcome and Process Assessment (Health Care)"</li> <li>▪ Pregnancy Outcome</li> <li>▪ exp Risk</li> <li>▪ (Adverse Effects OR Complications OR Congenital OR Contraindications OR Toxicity) [Subheading]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ outcome*</li> <li>▪ adverse</li> <li>▪ risk OR risks</li> <li>▪ prognosis OR prognostic</li> <li>▪ complication*</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concept 6: Study Types</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meta-Analysis As Topic</li> <li>▪ Meta Analysis [Publication Type]</li> <li>▪ Review Literature As Topic</li> <li>▪ (Review OR "Review, Academic") [Publication Type]</li> <li>▪ Randomized Controlled Trial [Publication Type]</li> <li>▪ Controlled Clinical Trial [Publication Type]</li> <li>▪ Exp Clinical Trial</li> <li>▪ Cohort Studies</li> <li>▪ Exp Case-Control Studies</li> <li>▪ Exp Longitudinal Studies</li> <li>▪ Retrospective Studies</li> <li>▪ Practice Guideline</li> <li>▪ (Consensus Development Conference OR Consensus Development Conference Nih OR Guideline OR Practice Guideline) [Publication Type]</li> <li>▪ Evidence-Based Medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ met analy* OR metaanaly* OR metanaly*</li> <li>▪ systematic (review* OR overview*)</li> <li>▪ quantitative (review* OR overview*)</li> <li>▪ methodologic* (review* OR overview*)</li> <li>▪ quantitative (synthesis OR syntheses)</li> <li>▪ integrative research review*</li> <li>▪ research integration</li> <li>▪ random* OR placebo* OR single blind* OR double blind* OR triple blind*</li> <li>▪ controlled clinical trial* OR controled clinical trial* OR controlled trial* OR controled trial*</li> <li>▪ cohort*</li> <li>▪ case (control* OR series OR report* OR study OR studies)</li> <li>▪ (longitudinal OR follow-up OR follow up OR prospective OR retrospective OR observational) (study OR studies)</li> <li>▪ CPG OR CPGs OR practice guideline*</li> <li>▪ evidence based</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2: Case Reports on Traditional and Biologic DMARD Use During Pregnancy and Congenital Malformation Outcomes

Study	Country	Disease	Exposure				Outcomes		
			DMARD	Dose/Timing in pregnancy	Other Drug(s)	No. of infants	Congenital malformation (Y/N)	Type of malformation*	Other outcomes reported
<b>Pregnancies Exposed to a Single DMARD</b>									
Matz,1968 [15]	USA	SLE	CQ <sup>DI</sup>	250mg BID, 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester	-	3	Y	Hearing loss/seizures/ependymoma, hearing-loss/Wilms tumour	SA
Keeling, 2009 [21]	Canada	SLE	HCQ <sup>DI</sup>	not reported	GC	1	N	-	PM
Stirnemann, 2002 [19]	France	SLE	HCQ <sup>DI</sup>	400mg daily, all trimesters	GC, ASA, LMWH	1	N	-	-
Ostensen 2005 [49]	Switzerland	RA	SSZ <sup>DD</sup>	2g BID, all trimesters	GC	1	N	-	-
Williamson,1981[51]	USA	SLE	AZA <sup>DI</sup>	50mg QID	GC	1	Y	Pre-axial Polydactyly	PM, CS
Ostrer,1984 [52]	USA	SLE	AZA <sup>DI</sup>	100-150mg/day, 34 weeks	GC	1	Y	Micropenis, microcephaly, dysmorphia	PM
Rogers,1980 [47]	Australia	RA	Gold <sup>DI</sup>	20mg q2 weeks, 20 weeks	-	1	Y	Hypertelorism, occipital encephalocele, cleft lip/palate	PM, CS
Solomon,1977 [72]	South Africa	RA	D-Pen <sup>DI</sup>	900mg/day, 16 weeks	-	1	Y	Dysmorphia, bilateral inguinal hernia, flexion contractures, simian creases	SGA, CS, neonatal death
Somalanka, 2009 [85]	UK	SLE	MMF <sup>DI</sup>	1g BID, 13 weeks	GC, ARB	1	Y	Non-communicating duplication of esophagus	PM, sepsis
Corona, 2010 [75]	Mexico	SLE	MTX <sup>DI</sup>	5mg/day, week 5		1	Y	Multiple – cranial, facial abnormalities, short thorax, umbilical hernia, coronal hypospadias, cryptorchidism, short limbs, digits, generalized hypotonia, seizures.	PM, CS

Delatycki, 2005 [74]	Australia	RA	MTX <sup>D1</sup>	12.5mg/week, 6 weeks	-	1	Y	Developmental delay/seizures	PM
Piggott, 2011 [76]	USA	SLE	MTX <sup>D1</sup>	not reported	-	1	Y	Pulmonary atresia, VSD, intestinal malrotation, absent external auditory canal, micrognathia, multicystic kidney	PM
Buckley, 1997 [73]	USA	JIA	MTX <sup>D1</sup>	12.5mg/day, 8 weeks	NSAID	1	Y	VSD, double-outlet right ventricle, PA stenosis, skeletal abnormalities	PM
Feldkamp, 1993 [72]	USA	RA	MTX <sup>D1</sup>	7.5mg/week, 2 weeks	NSAID, ASA, misoprostol	1	N	-	PM, CS
Heine, 2008 [82]	Germany	JIA	LEF <sup>D1</sup>	12 weeks pre-conception; serum level 0.5mg/l <sup>-1</sup> after wash-out	-	1	Y	Uncomplicated sacral dysplasia, PDA, VSD, ASD	PM, CS
Enns,1999 [65]	USA	SLE	CTX <sup>D1</sup>	20mg/kg, week 6	GC, ASA	1	Y	Multiple – Cranial abnormalities, coronal, facial abnormalities, hypoplastic thumbs, absent/abnormal digits.	-
Kirshon,1988 [64]	USA	SLE	CTX <sup>D1</sup>	200mg IV, weeks 2, 6	GC	1	Y	Multiple – Dysmorphic facies, limb abnormalities, generalized hypotonia, developmental delay.	-
Lazalde, 2012 [68]	Mexico	SLE	CTX <sup>D1</sup>	1.4g/m <sup>2</sup> , weeks 4, 9	GC	1	Y	Dysmorphia, bilateral thumb agenesis, proximal hypospadias, bilateral cryptorchidism, hearing loss	SGA, CS
Aslan, 2005 [66]	Turkey	SLE	CTX <sup>DD</sup>	500mg IV/month week 22, 26	GC	1	N	-	PM, CS
Escobar, 2011 [67]	Columbia	SLE	CTX <sup>D1</sup> HCQ <sup>D1</sup>	125mg/day; 150mg/day	GC	1	N	-	PM, CS

Carter, 2006 [87]	USA	PsA	ETA <sup>D1</sup>	50mg twice weekly, all trimesters	NSAID	1	Y	VATER	-
Andrulonis,2012 [93]	USA	PsA	UST <sup>D1</sup>	dose not reported, week 6	-	1	N	-	-
<b>Pregnancy Exposed to Combination of DMARDs</b>									
Streit 2009 [22]	Switzerland	SLE	AZA <sup>D2</sup> HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	dose not reported, week 5	Bosentan, phenprocoumon	1	N	-	CS
Anderka 2009 [20]	USA	SLE	MMF <sup>D1</sup> HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	1g BID, 12 weeks; HCQ not reported	GC, ARB	1	Y	Bilateral microtia/hearing loss, bilateral inguinal hernia, tethered foreskin	PM, SGA
Schoner 2008 [53]	Germany	SLE	MMF <sup>D1</sup> AZA <sup>D2</sup>	750mg BID, 8 weeks; 50mg BID, 8 weeks until delivery	-	1	Y	Multiple – cranial abnormalities, facial abnormalities, esophageal atresia, abnormal limbs and digits.	TA
Airo, 2002 [18]	Italy	SLE	CSP <sup>D1</sup> HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	3mg/kg/day; 200-400 mg/day	GC, IVIG	1	N	-	PM, SGA

#### Abbreviations

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D2 – Indicates that drug is concomitant to a primary drug studied;

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DD – Indicates primary disease(s) studied with reporting of exposure to particular drug;

**Drugs:** ARB – angiotensin receptor blocker; ASA – aspirin; AZA – azathioprine; CQ – chloroquine; CTX – cyclophosphamide; CSP – cyclosporine; D-PEN – D-penicillamine; ETA – etanercept; GC – glucocorticoids; HCQ – hydroxychloroquine; LEF – leflunomide; LMWH – low molecular weight heparin; MMF – Mycophenolate mofetil; MTX – methotrexate; NSAID – non-steroidal anti-inflammatory; SSZ – sulfasalazine; UST – Ustekinumab

**Diseases:** JIA – juvenile idiopathic arthritis; PsA – psoriatic arthritis; RA – rheumatoid arthritis; SLE – systemic lupus erythematosus.

**Outcomes:** CS – C-section; PM – premature; SA – spontaneous abortion; SGA – small for gestational age; TA – therapeutic abortion

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Study	Country	Disease (N)	Exposed Pregnancies (N)	Exposure DMARD(s)	Other drug(s)	Live births (N)	Congenital malformation (Y/N)	Type of malformation	Other outcomes reported	
<b>Pregnancies Exposed to a Single DMARD</b>										
Parke,1988 [16]	USA	SLE, 14	15	CQ <sup>D1</sup>	-	7	N	-	4 SA	
				HCQ <sup>D1</sup>					4 SB	
Parke,1996 [25]	USA	SLE, 9	9	HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	8 GC, ASA, heparin	2 1	9	N	-	5 PM
Sharon,1974 [54]	USA	SLE, 5	5 (1 set twins)	AZA <sup>D1</sup>	3 GC		4	N	-	1 SA 1 TA 2 PM 1 SGA
Hussein,1993 [63]	Saudi Arabia	SLE, 2	2	CSP <sup>D1</sup>	1 GC		2	N	-	1 PM 1 CS
Ostensen, 2000 [77]	Norway	RA, 2 PsA, 1 JIA, 1*	4	MTX <sup>D1</sup>	1 NSAID		3	N	-	1 SA*
Hajdyla-Banas, 2009 [83]	Poland	RA, 2	2	LEF <sup>D1</sup>	-		2	N	-	-
Scioscia, 2011 [89]	Italy	RA, 2	2	ETA <sup>D1</sup>	-		2	N	-	-
Roux, 2007 [88]	France	RA, 3	3	ETA <sup>D1</sup> ADA <sup>D1</sup>	1 GC		2	N	-	1 TA 1 PM
<b>Pregnancies Exposed to Single or Combination of DMARDs</b>										
Levy, 1991 [17]	Canada	SLE, 10 RA, 1; SLE, 2 RA, 1 SLE, 1	11 3 1 1	CQ <sup>D1</sup> HCQ <sup>D1</sup> CQ <sup>D1</sup> AZA <sup>D2</sup> CQ <sup>D1</sup> D-Pen <sup>D2</sup>	8 GC, 1 NSAID 2 GC GC, Phenytoin ASA		6 3 1 1	N N N N	- - -	3 SA 1 SB (SLE) 1 SA
Almarzouqi, 2007 [27]	Canada	20 RA	12	GOLD <sup>D1</sup>	-		9 (twins)	Y Y	1 tear duct blockage 1 extra-ocular muscle weakness	4 SA 1 SGA

			6	<b>GOLD</b> <sup>D1</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	-	5	N		1 SA
			1	<b>GOLD</b> <sup>D1</sup> , SSZ <sup>D2</sup>	-	1	N	-	-
			1	<b>GOLD</b> <sup>D1</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup> , ETA <sup>D2</sup>	-	1	N	-	-
Donnenfeld,1994 [24]	USA	7 RA	6	<b>MTX</b> <sup>D1</sup>	1 ASA	3	N	-	3 SA
			1	<b>MTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup> , ETA <sup>D2</sup>	-	1	N	-	-
Kozlowski,1990 [23]	USA	8 RA 1 JIA 1 AA	3	<b>MTX</b> <sup>D1</sup>	GC in one, remaining not reported	0	N	-	1 SA 2 TA
			7	<b>MTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	6 GC, 4 NSAID, 6 ASA	5 (twins)	N	-	3 SA
Clowse, 2005 [55]	USA	4 SLE	2	<b>CTX</b> <sup>D1</sup>	2 GC, 1 ACEi, ARB	0	N	-	2 SA
			1	<b>CTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , AZA <sup>D2</sup>	GC	0	N	-	1 FD
			1	<b>CTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , AZA <sup>D2</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup>	GC, ASA	0	N	-	1 FD
<b>Pregnancies Exposed to Combination of DMARDs</b>									
Lannes, 2011 [28]	Brazil	4 SLE 1 SLE	4 1	<b>CTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , HCQ <sup>D2</sup> <b>CTX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , AZA <sup>D2</sup>	GC GC	2 1	N N	- -	2 SA 1 PM
Rosner, 2007 [56]	Israel	2 RA, 1 JIA, 1 SLE	3 1	<b>IFX</b> <sup>D1</sup> , AZA <sup>D2</sup> <b>ETA</b> <sup>D1</sup> , MMF <sup>D2</sup>	- -	3	N	-	1 PM, 1 CS

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