



Sleep Disorders During Pregnancy and Postpartum: A Systematic Review

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This study aimed to assess previous research results about bio-physiological alterations during pregnancy and postpartum, and make clear outlook about prevalence and related factors of sleep disorders during pregnancy and postpartum. In this review, the articles that published from 2000 to 2019 were reviewed. Related articles were searched from databases in English language. After evaluation of inclusion and exclusion criteria, articles were chosen and reviewed based on the University of York strategies. Sleep disorders in present study were classified according to the International Classification of Sleep Disorders-3. The search revealed 4449 articles, after evaluating and assessing qualified articles, finally 56 articles were selected for review. According to the results of this review, the prevalence of sleep disorders was almost 76%–97% in whole pregnancy. The most common sleep disorders included central disorders of hyper somnolence (waking up in the middle of the night, daytime sleepiness, sleeplessness) or insomnia, sleep-related movement disorders (restless legs syndrome), sleep related breathing disorders (obstructive sleep apnea), and parasomnia. In addition, sleep disorder may continue 3–12 months postpartum (33.2%). Sleep disorders induced by physiological processes (fetal movement, excessive weight gain, male sex of the fetus, and multiparity), health-related risks (metabolism disorders, cardiovascular diseases, and mood disorders), and physical or sexual abuse in childhood. In addition, these disorders could have maternal outcomes that can be greatest trigger to postpartum psychiatric disorders and fetal outcomes that have harmful sequences during childhood (sexual, fertility, emotional, and cognitive problems). Health care providers should evaluate the mothers' sleep quality because sleep disorder leads to harmful consequences in fetuses and children.

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INTRODUCTION

Sleep consists of non-rapid eye movement (NREM) sleep, also known as slow sleep, and rapid eye movement (REM) sleep or rapid sleep. REM sleep has an important role in memory reinforcement, organization of cognition ability, and mood regulation. NREM sleep is identified as a decreasing in physiological activity. It is believed that REM sleep which usually make up 20%–25% of the night sleep is important for cognitive functions [1].

Neonates need about 14 to 18 hours of sleep during the day which gradually decrease and reach 8 hours in adults. Sleep has a repairing and relieving function and is essential for preparing mothers to transfer their energy to fetal-placental unit [2]. So sleep disorders can interfere with these goals. Also, some studies emphasize the most prevalent sleep disorders are in first trimester of pregnancy vice versa other studies demonstrate in the second and third trimester [3-5]. As well as the prevalence of sleep disorder widely is deferent in the studies, Effati-Daryani et al. [6] demonstrated the prevalence of sleep disorder in the first (40.1%), second (53.0%), third (83.9%), and whole pregnancy (59.2%). But Jahdi et al. [7] showed the prevalence of sleep dis-

order in the second or third trimesters 87.2%. Hedman et al. [8] emphasized sleep disorder reduced during pregnancy. The limitation of evaluated studies was that most of these studies were cross-sectional which limited the assessment of real relationship between pregnancy situation and sleep disorders. Therefore, we decided to include qualified and reviewed articles in the present study to diminish this defeat. We planned to find the most prevalent sleep disorders during pregnancy, postpartum, and the mutual effects between sleep and pregnancy we hope to answer and confirm the contradictory results and make clear outlook about finding variations of different studies about pregnancy sleep disorders, their related factors, and recommend new insights to the future research.

METHODS

The articles published from 2000 to 2019 were reviewed according to the University of York strategies (Center for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York) [9]. We used University of York strategies because it includes all criteria of Cochran and is look like Cochran review as well as our authors use from this strategy frequently in their published articles.

Related articles were searched from the databases of Medline, Embase, Psych INFO, CINAHL, PubMed, OVID, EBSCO host, Science Direct, ISI Web of Knowledge, and Google Scholar. The search strategies were Pregnant Women; Pregnancy; Pregnancy Trimester (First, Second, Third); Postpartum Period; Postnatal Care; Sleep Wake Disorders; Dyssomnias; Sleep Disorders, Circadian Rhythm; Parasomnias; Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS); Sleep Arousal Disorders (Supplementary Table 1 in the online-only Data Supplement).

In addition, we applied some criteria to include relevant articles such as 1) Document type: article; 2) Language: English; 3) Study design: quantitative and qualitative; and 4) Existing essential keywords in title or abstract.

Two authors independently searched the databases and then screened the titles and abstracts of articles. Afterward, two authors independently studied full texts of the articles that met the criteria. Every disagreement was negotiated between two authors to acquire consensus and inter-rater reliability. To add the richness of the review, we used both qualitative and quantitative articles in our research.

Furthermore, we used the Strengthening the Reporting of Observation Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) which consists 22 items to assess cross-sectional, case-control, and cohort studies; Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials (CONSORT) with 25 items to evaluate clinical trial studies and Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) tools consists 27 items to assess quality of review articles. We evaluated the methodology, managing the risk of biases, type and manner of analysis, evaluation of outcomes and de-

fects in the discussion and research field. Then try to integrated quantitative and qualitative results. To integrate quantitative and qualitative data, we reported the results of the percentage of the most common sleep disorders in quantitative studies that had been reported one of the most common complaints and main concerns of women in qualitative studies.

Generally, we found 4449 articles, 3799 abstract and title were evaluated. 3019 articles were excluded because repeated researches (n=650), irrelevant articles according to study goals (weren't on the pregnancy and postpartum) (n = 950) and non-English papers (n = 59), and unavailable full texts to make assessment (n = 200). Then quality of 580 articles was assessed by checklists. 523 articles excluded again because no actual data available on outcome (n = 109), outcomes not reported clearly (n = 80), not appropriate design/method (n = 170), background (n = 80), discussion (n = 142). Finally 56 articles selected to review (Fig. 1 and Table 1). We used SPSS version 23.0 (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA for analyzing data. Categorical variables were stated as number (%) and continuous variables were represented as ranges.

RESULTS

Overall, 56 articles of different countries evaluated based on the mentioned searching methods were as follows: (Table 1): 14 (26%) in the USA, 8 (15%) in Iran, 5 (8.7%) in Finland, 4 (7%) in China, 4 (7%) in Australia, 3 (5.2) in Taiwan, 2 (3.5%) in Peru, 2 (3.5%) in the UK, 2 (3.5%) in Canada, 2 (3.5%) in Turkey, 2 (3.5%) in India, 1 (1.7%) in Norway, 1 (1.7%) in Brazil, 1 (1.7%) in France, 1 (1.7%) in New Zealand, 1 (1.7%) in Sri Lanka, 1 (1.7%) in Slovakia, 1 (1.7%) in Russia, and 1 (1.7%) in Spain.

All types of studies quantitative such as cross-sectional, case-control randomized controlled trials, retrospective and prospective cohort studies, reviews and content analysis were included. The findings of these 56 articles have been presented in the following section (Table 1 and Fig. 1). Also quality assessment of the articles have been showed in Table 2.

Effect of Pregnancy on Sleep

Pregnancy affects women's sleep through making changes in structure and function of the body, hormone level, and immune system which lead to neonatal development and safe birth [10]. Most complaints start at the end of pregnancy and continue until a year after labor. Lee et al. [1] believed that changes in sleep pattern started from the end of the first trimester (11–12 weeks) of pregnancy; these changes included increased duration and wakefulness of sleep and decreased deep sleep that resulted in reducing sleep efficiency started from the follicular stage sometimes. Despite sleep improvement three months after labor, sleep is still less efficient than before. The sleep of multiparous women is less efficient before and after pregnancy, and they experience

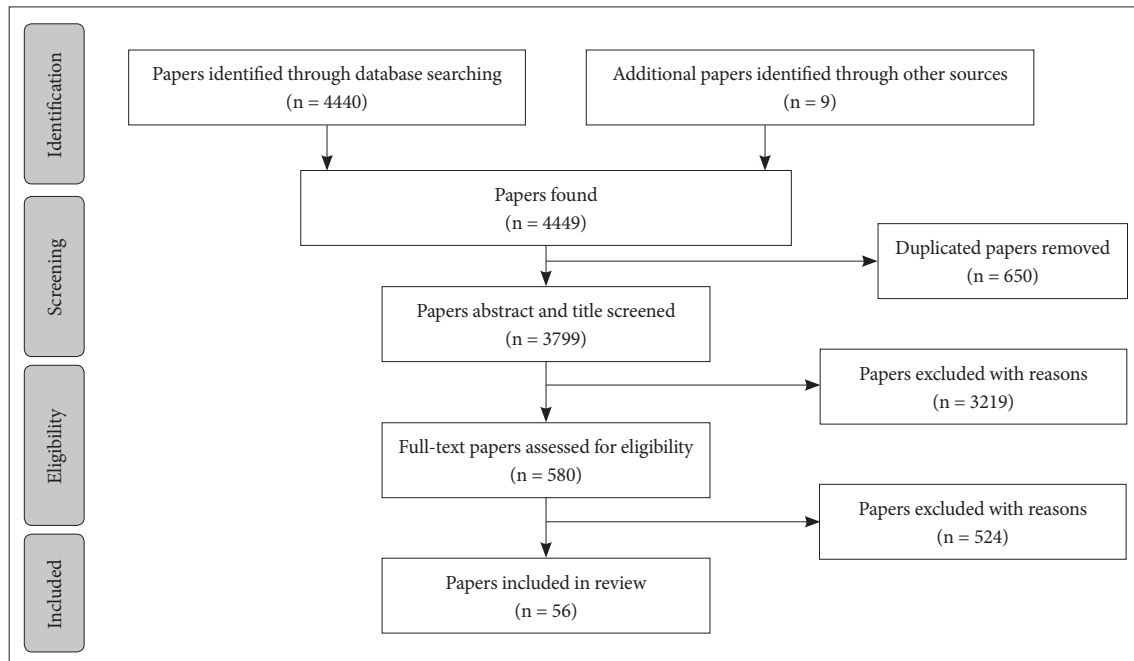


Fig. 1. Flow chart of the study's selection process based on Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA).

repeated wakefulness more than nulliparous women [1].

Pregnancy imposes some additional needs such as more sleeping time. An increase in sleep causes mothers to store energy, which is useful for fetal nutrition and organogenesis. Increase in sleep duration increases human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) and progesterone hormones that are essential for pregnancy continuation. Sleep duration increases in the first and second trimesters, but it decreases in the third trimester because of physiological changes [3,5].

Furthermore, progesterone, estrogen, cortisol, and oxytocin increase gradually during pregnancy and affect sleep quality remarkably, especially in the third trimester. High progesterone in the first trimester causes sleepiness. High oxytocin can result in repeated waking-ups. Li et al. [11] demonstrated that overall sleep quality was weak at the end of pregnancy, and sleeping problems, night diseases, and early morning wake ups increased in comparison with the mid-pregnancy. Sleep quality and healthy life decrease remarkably in the second and third trimesters compared with the first trimester [3,5].

Additionally, excessive daily sleeplessness has been observed in the first trimester more. Sleeplessness rate and repeated waking ups in women have increased during the second and third trimesters and reached 75% especially because of an urgent need for urination, fetal movements, backache, and RLS [4]. Stomachache (a common physical symptom in pregnancy), nausea, polyuria, and backache may disturb sleep quality [2,12], as 38.8% of the pregnant women have poor sleep quality because of nausea and moderate or severe vomiting [11]. The fetal activity is effective in most mothers' waking ups during sleep in the third trimester [7]. After labor, neonates' nutritional requirements and

subsequently repeated waking ups lead to sleep deprivation, stress, and different sleep disorders such as sleep respiratory distress, sleeplessness, and sleep attack. Although poor sleep, sleeplessness, and insufficient sleep are almost common in pregnant women, all women are not affected by sleep disorders [11,13].

Results of Li et al. [11] demonstrated that the more flexible in facing problems, tragedies, and stress sources, the better the sleep quality. People who are more flexible have positive characteristics (such as high self-efficiency, positive feeling, realistic optimism, and cognitive flexibility), which help them for positive adaptation and preservation of good sleep quality against acute or chronic stress [11]. In addition, insufficient sleep is a known stress factor for health and a risk factor for pregnant women's health and fetal growth. In studies, 25% of women reported a high level of the labor fear (a complex picture of women's emotional experiences during pregnancy) and 20.6% reported less than 6 hours of sleep each night. Women who are highly scared of labor have more daily stress, anxiety, fatigue, and less support, which cause about 95% of repeated night wake ups, 14% of sleep start problems, and 27% of low sleep quality [13,14]. On the other hand, more than 75% of the women had reported reduced conscious and increased need for day naps [4].

Studies have mentioned a relationship between short sleep duration (SSD), severe sleep disorder and high body mass index (BMI) in pregnant adults. Gay et al. [15] demonstrated that excessive weight gain was associated with shorter sleep duration and more sleep disorders. Moreover, Abeyesena and Jayawardana [16] reported that daily sleep duration less than 8 hours in the second, third, or both second and third trimesters (odds ratio [OR] = 1.60), male sex of fetus (OR = 1.50), several pregnan-

Table 1. Literature addresses sleep and pregnancy

Area of research (No. of studies address each area)	Author	Year of publication	Study design	No. of research subject	Study's location	Results
The first trimester of pregnancy (7)	Abeysena and Jayawardana [16]	2011	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	710	Sri Lanka	Risk factors of inadequate gestational weight gain were low income, multiparous mothers, sleep deprivation, physical activity in terms of standing and walking, and the male sex of the baby.
	Effati-Daryani et al. [6]	2019	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	605	Iran	They showed the prevalence of sleep disorder in the first (40.1%), second (53.0%), third (83.9%), and whole pregnancy (59.2%).
	Tsai et al. [26]	2017	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	204	Taiwan	Snoring in the first trimester was associated with increased depressive symptoms.
The second trimester of pregnancy (13)	Facco et al. [19]	2017	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	3705 (6–15 wk & 22–31 wk)	USA	There was a relationship between SDB and both hypertensive disorders and GDM.
	Gelaye et al. [21]	2015	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	634	Peru	Women who experienced any childhood abuse had elevated odds of stress-related sleep disturbance and poor sleep quality during early pregnancy.
	Román-Gálvez et al. [25]	2018	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	486 (before 14 wk– 6 month. pp)	Spain	Prevalence of insomnia was different in first (44.2%), second (46.3%), and last trimesters (63.7%), and postpartum (33.2%).
The second trimester of pregnancy (13)	Toffol et al. [59]	2019	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	4785	Finland	Depression symptoms of mother during pregnancy were associated with 3.5-year-old children sleep disorders.
	Polo-Kantola et al. [10]	2017	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	78	Finland	Poor general sleep quality, difficulty in falling asleep, the number of nocturnal awakenings per night, and too-early morning awakenings elevated in late pregnancy compared to mid-pregnancy.
	Crowley et al. [4]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	14	USA	Lower cortisol, progesterone, and a combined stressor protocol was associated with worse sleep quality.
	Felder et al. [12]	2018	Quantitative (RCT)	215	USA	Poor sleep quality was prevalent among overweight and obese pregnant women and was related to worsening psychological distress, but mindfulness training significantly decreased the influence of poor sleep.
The prevalence of sleep disturbance in pregnant women was 87.2%.	Li et al. [11]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	231	China	The risk factor for disturbed sleep was pregnancy-specific stress; however, resilience was as a protective factor for sleep quality.
	Jahdi et al. [7]	2013	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	312	Iran	The prevalence of sleep disturbance in pregnant women was 87.2%.

Table 1. Literature addresses sleep and pregnancy (continued)

Area of research (No. of studies address each area)	Author	Year of publication	Study design	No. of research subject	Study's location	Results
	Moghadam et al. [17]	2014	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	972 (15-40 wk)	Iran	Pregnant women with sleep disorder who had a female fetus experienced more back pain and vomiting than mothers who had male fetus.
	Zahra and Elham [36]	2014	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	972 (15-40 wk)	Iran	Prevalence of depression among pregnant women with poor sleep quality was reported 71.7%. Also, there was a significant relationship between depression and all component of sleep quality.
	Rezaei et al. [60]	2014	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	972 (15-40 wk)	Iran	There was a significant relationship between depression and all common complaints of pregnancy (vomiting, headache, fatigue and drowsiness, heartburn, foot spasm, flatulence, constipation, inactivity, and stress) except headache and urgency.
	Rezaei et al. [39]	2015	Quantitative (RCT)	96	Iran	Study declared the effectiveness of sleep health behavioral education on the prenatal care and clinical management of insomnia during pregnancy.
	Rezaei et al. [38]	2013	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	100	Iran	The scores of total quality of life and one of the domains (psychological health) were associated with quality of sleep.
	Volkovich et al. [42]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	148	USA	Emotional distress (i.e., depressive and anxiety symptoms) during pregnancy was related to subjective sleep disturbances but not to objective sleep disturbances.
	Cai et al. [51]	2017	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	686 (Chinese, Malay, Indian)	Asian	Poor sleep quality and short nocturnal sleep duration were independently related to an elevated risk of GDM.
	Qiu et al. [53]	2015	Quantitative (case control)	324	Peru	Short and long sleep duration were related to elevated odds of placental abruption.
The third trimester of pregnancy (12)	Julia Paavonen et al. [13]	2017	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	1667 mothers and 1498 fathers	Finland	Symptoms of insomnia were associated with symptoms of depression both among mothers and fathers. Short sleep was related to depression among mothers.
	Hall et al. [14]	2009	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	650	Canada	One-fourth of women reported high childbirth fear. Women's fear of childbirth was associated with fatigue, stressors, and anxiety. Fear of childbirth appeared to be part of a complex picture of women's emotional experiences during pregnancy.
	Gay et al. [15]	2017	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	128	USA	Pre-pregnancy BMI and gestational excessive weight gain were related to shorter sleep duration and more sleep disruption among women who were overweight before pregnancy.
	Minar et al. [29]	2013	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	300	Slovakia	The study approved the high prevalence of RLS among pregnant women. Almost three-fourths of the symptoms were only transient throughout pregnancy.
	Wilson et al. [35]	2018	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	91	Australia	PLMS were common in the third trimester of pregnancy in both hypertensive or non-hypertensive women

Table 1. Literature addresses sleep and pregnancy (continued)

Area of research (No. of studies address each area)	Author	Year of publication	Study design	No. of research subject	Study's location	Results
	Tsai et al. [37]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	247	Taiwan	Both objective night time sleep less than 6 hours and self-reported poor sleep quality in healthy pregnant women were related to the risks for clinical depression.
	Pietikäinen et al. [40]	2019	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	1667 (32 wk- 3 month pp)	Finland	Prenatal and postnatal sleep disorder were related to increased postpartum depression.
	O'Brien et al. [45]	2013	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	1673	USA	Maternal snoring during pregnancy was a risk factor for adverse delivery outcomes including cesarean delivery and small-for-gestational age.
	Peng et al. [41]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	56	China	Maternal sleep deprivation at different stages of pregnancy disrupted the emotional and cognitive functions of the offspring.
	Zafarghandi et al. [50]	2012	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	457	UK	Sleep duration and quality of sleep could affect the type of delivery, length of labor, neonates' Apgar score, and birth weight.
	Howe et al. [56]	2015	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	827	New Zealand	Findings suggested self-reported breathing obstructions and leg twitching in late pregnancy were related to infant outcomes.
	Gordon et al. [58]	2015	Quantitative (case control)	295	Australia	Supine sleep position might be an additional risk for late-pregnancy stillbirth.
All three trimester of pregnancy (14)	Lee et al. [1]	2000	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	45	USA	Increasing in total sleep time, less deep sleep, and more awakening during sleep were observed by 11–12 weeks of pregnancy. By the third month of postpartum, there was an improvement in sleep characteristics.
	Kumar [2]	2016	Review article	-	India	The sleep disorders during pregnancy led to adverse fetal-maternal outcomes and long term cardiovascular complication.
	Sut et al. [5]	2016	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	492	Turkey	Compared to the first trimester, the risk of poor sleep quality had elevated in the second and third trimester.
	Neau et al. [3]	2009	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	871	France	More than 75% of the women complained of a decrease in their vigilance. Also, a need to have a nap increased during the pregnancy.
	Mindell et al. [32]	2015	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	2427	USA	Women experienced significant sleep disruption, inadequate sleep, and high rate of sleep disorder throughout pregnancy.
	Chung et al. [20]	2018	Review article	9838	Taiwan	Prenatal sleep disorder increased the risk of developing postpartum depression.
	Madaeva et al. [24]	2014	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	400	Russia	78% of pregnant women complained of sleep disorders, obstructive sleep disordered breathing, insomnia, RLS, and a combination of these problems. The frequency of sleep disorders increased as pregnancy progresses.
	Guilleminault et al. [31]	2000	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	395	USA	Abnormal breathing during sleep could be observed in healthy young pregnant women. It might contribute to the symptom of daytime sleepiness.

Table 1. Literature addresses sleep and pregnancy (continued)

Area of research (No. of studies address each area)	Author	Year of publication	Study design	No. of research subject	Study's location	Results	
Prenatal	Hedman et al. [8]	2002	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	325	Finland	The reported frequency of parasomnias reduced during pregnancy and even more in primiparas than multiparas.	
	Ullman TF et al. [48]	2012	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	72435	USA	Eating disorder before or during pregnancy was related to sleeping problems during pregnancy and dissatisfaction of sleep after childbirth.	
	Alvarenga et al. [44]	2013	Review article	-	Brazil	Parental sleep affected the reproductive ability of next generations.	
	Carnelio et al. [47]	2017	Review article	-	Australia	SDB had known as a risk factor for IUGR, preterm labor, low birth weight, NICU admission, and low Apgar score (less than seven at one minute) in pregnancy.	
	Li et al. [55]	2018	Review article	35	China	SDB increased some prenatal outcomes (GDM, PIH, and PEC).	
	Warland et al. [57]	2018	Review article	65	Australia	Sleep disorders during pregnancy might have some poor fetal outcomes such as low birth weight, preterm labor, and stillbirth.	
	Cetin et al. [18]	2017	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	130	Turkey	PEC could negatively influence on psycho-emotional state, psychopathological symptoms, and sleep patterns.	
	Uglane et al. [28]	2011	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	541	Norway	There was no correlation between pregnancy-related RLS and low hemoglobin levels in the first trimester; and the incidence of RLS was not affected by use of iron supplementation.	
	St-Ongue et al. [33]	2016	Review article	-	USA	Sleep disorders were associated with adverse cardio metabolic risk including obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and cardiovascular disease.	
	Spence et al. [27]	2017	Quantitative (retrospective cohort)	305001	USA	Study identified OSA was related to a higher odds of cesarean section, gestational hypertension, PEC, and preterm labor.	
Postpartum (10)	Habr et al. [30]	2013	Quantitative (prospective cohort)	2025	USA	Maternal age, smoking, race, and SDB were associated with GERD. Fetal weight or uterine size did not seem as predictive factor for developing GERD in pregnancy.	
	Gupta et al. [34]	2016	Review article	-	India	Study suggested that a strong family history, low level of serum iron and ferritin, vitamin D and calcium deficiency, and high estrogenic level during pregnancy might play important roles in RLS.	
	Stein et al. [49]	2014	Review article	-	UK	This review was mostly about maternal depression and emphasized the need of both treating the parent's disorder and helping them with associated health providers.	
	Sharma [43]	2019	Review article	-	Canada	Discussing about sleep deprivation might have a role in the cause of postpartum OCD.	
	Bourjeily [54]	2020	Quantitative (cross-sectional)	-	USA	OSA of mother was related to a higher risk of musculoskeletal anomalies in children.	
	Yari et al. [46]	2015	Qualitative (individual interviews)	35	Iran	Three main themes were extracted from the interviews: reproductive thinking as pregnancy; sex as a taboo topic; and inappropriate relation between parents and children.	
							SDB, sleep disordered breathing; GDM, gestational diabetes mellitus; BMI, body mass index; RLS, restless legs syndrome; PLMS, periodic limb movements in sleep; IUGR, intrauterine growth retardation; NICU, neonatal intensive care unit; PIH, pregnancy-induced hypertension; PEC, pre-eclampsia; OSA, obstructive sleep apnea; GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; OCD, obsessive-compulsive disorder; pp, postpartum.

Table 2. Quality assessment of included articles by special check lists

STROBE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
1 Abeysena and Jayawardana [16]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2 Effati-Daryani et al. [6]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3 Tsai et al. [26]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 Facco et al. [19]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
5 Gelaye et al. [21]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6 Román-Gálvez et al. [25]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
7 Toffol et al. [59]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
8 Polo-Kantola et al. [10]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
9 Crowley et al. [4]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10 Li et al. [11]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
11 Jahdi et al. [7]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12 Moghadam et al. [17]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
13 Zahra and Elham [36]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
14 Rezaei et al. [60]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15 Rezaei et al. [39]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16 Rezaei et al. [38]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
17 Volkovich et al. [42]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
18 Cai et al. [51]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19 Qiu et al. [53]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20 Juulia Paavonen et al. [13]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
21 Hall et al. [14]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
22 Gay et al. [15]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
23 Minar et al. [29]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24 Wilson et al. [35]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
25 Tsai et al. [37]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
26 Pietikäinen et al. [40]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
27 O'Brien et al. [45]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
28 Peng et al. [41]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
29 Zafarghandi et al. [50]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
30 Howe et al. [56]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
31 Gordon et al. [58]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
32 Lee et al. [1]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
32 Sut et al. [5]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
34 Neau et al. [3]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
35 Mindell et al. [32]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
36 Chung et al. [20]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
37 Madaeva et al. [24]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
38 Guillemineault et al. [31]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
39 Hedman et al. [8]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
40 Ulman et al. [48]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
41 Cetin et al. [18]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
42 Uglane et al. [28]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
43 Spence et al. [27]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
44 Habr et al. [30]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
45 Bourjeily et al. [54]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Table 2. Quality assessment of included articles by special check lists (continued)

PRISMA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
46 Kumar [2]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
47 Alvarenga et al. [44]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
48 Carnelio et al. [47]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
49 Li et al. [55]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
50 Warland et al. [57]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
51 St-Onge et al. [33]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
52 Gupta et al. [34]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
53 Stein et al. [49]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
54 Sharma [43]	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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55 Felder et al. [12]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
56 Rezaei et al. [39]	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

STROBE, Strengthening the Reporting of Observation Studies in Epidemiology; PRISMA, Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses; CONSORT, Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials.

cies (OR = 1.96), standing and walking for more than 5 hours during a day in the second trimester were the risk factors for undesirable weight gain during pregnancy (OR = 1.50) [17].

Cetin et al. [18] indicated that pre-eclampsia (PEC) had negative impact on not only pregnancy conditions but also on mental and emotional signs and sleep patterns. Depending on the severity of PEC, these disorders could be more severe. They recommended that obstetric specialists should provide mental health cares and education beside the patients' bed; these services should also be available after labor [18].

Prevalence of Sleep Disorder During Pregnancy and Postpartum

Prevalence of sleep disorders in the first, second, and third trimesters, and during the whole pregnancy was reported to be 40.1%, 53.0%, 83.9%, and 59.2%, respectively. Most women (78%–97%) reported sleep disorders during the third trimester [6,19]. In addition, prenatal sleep disorders is associated with a 5.359-fold increased risk of postpartum depression during the first 6 weeks postpartum [20]. Gelaye et al. [21] found that those women who were abused during childhood were 1.6 times more affected by sleep disorder due to stress (adjusted odd ratio [AOR] = 1.65), and had 2.11 times poor sleep quality during the first weeks of pregnancy (AOR = 2.11). In addition, women who were physically and sexually abused more than twice in their childhood had 2.2 times more sleep disorders because of stress (AOR = 2.26) and a 2.4-fold poor sleep quality (AOR = 2.43) compared with normal women [21]. According to the International Classification of Sleep Disorders-3 [22], the most prevalent sleep disorders during pregnancy and postpartum with regard to diagnostic criteria are:

Insomnia (disorders of initiating and maintaining sleep, DIMS)

Insomnia (also known as sleeplessness [23]) and SSD are common in pregnancy. Insomnia is defined as difficulty in falling asleep and typically is followed by daytime sleepiness or sleep duration fewer than 7 hours at night [2]. A study demonstrated an increase in sleeplessness (from 14.3% in the first trimester to 37.6% in the third trimester), difficulty in falling asleep (from 14.3 to 44.9 minutes), and reduction in sleep duration (from 8.7 to 7.8 hours) [24].

Prevalence of insomnia in the first, second, and third trimesters of pregnancy and postpartum was 44.2% (39.3–49.6), 46.3% (41.9–51.3), 63.7% (57.7–67.8), and 33.2% (28.2–37.9), respectively [25]. Risk factors for SSD include nulliparous, obesity, high blood pressure, and old age. These factors are indirectly associated with glucose intolerance during pregnancy [2]. Furthermore, pre-pregnancy insomnia is a risk factor for insomnia in the first trimester of pregnancy (AOR = 12.50) and obesity is related to insomnia in the third trimester of pregnancy (AOR = 2.30), but moderate physical activity can decrease insomnia in the third trimester (AOR = 0.65) [25].

Sleep related breathing disorders

Sleep disordered breathing (SDB) is characterized by abnormal respiration and gas exchange during sleep and includes a wide range of signs such as snoring and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). Snoring in the first trimester is associated with the beginning and continuation of sleepiness and increases depression symptoms in pregnancy [26]. OSA increases from 10.12% in the first trimester to 31.7% in the third trimester [24]. OSA is the most common respiratory sleep disorder in women of reproductive age, which is accompanied by side-effects and mortality in pregnant and non-pregnant women [2, 27]. According to the studies, 3.6%–8.3% of the pregnant women complained

of OSA [19,28,29]. OSA results in continuous hypopnea and apnea, but central sleep apnea is rare in pregnancy [19]. A study showed that the history of gastroesophageal reflux disease in women was 56.7% and reflux signs had been associated with BMI before pregnancy and labor time, mother's age, smoking, and presence of respiratory sleep disorder signs [30]. Abnormal respiration during sleep (which is mostly, not always, associated with high volume and chronic snore may be due to edema induced by hormonal changes during pregnancy) can be seen in healthy young pregnant women. It may involve the signs of daily sleepiness [31]. The snoring rate increases at the end weeks of pregnancy, but women are less affected by sleep apnea [10]. The rate of snoring has an 18-point increase throughout the pregnancy among women who have a history of snoring [4].

Central disorders of hyper somnolence and circadian rhythm sleep-wake disorders

Sleep attack or narcolepsy is a common disorder among young women during reproductive age and is characterized by excessive sleepiness during the day, cataplexy, hypnagogic hallucinations, and sleep paralysis. This disorder has a few undesirable consequences because it increases sleep duration [2]. According to the studies, 76% of the pregnant women have poor sleep quality [12], 38% have insufficient night sleep (6 hours or less), 52.6%–65.4% have daytime sleepiness [26], 61.9% have sleeplessness, and 100% have night wake-ups [32]. The rates of disorders increase during pregnancy. 15.2% of women experience severe daily sleepiness during the whole pregnancy. Nulliparous women and those who snore experience more (2.28–2.1 folds) daily sleepiness during the first trimester. Sleepiness increases in 15.2% of the women during pregnancy, especially if they have worked for a long time during the week (OR = 1.04), or have had depression signs (OR = 1.09) and snored (OR = 6.75) [26].

Parasomnia

Parasomnias are undesirable events occurring near sleep onset or within sleep. Parasomnia rate in pregnancy reduces in nulliparous women compared with multiparous women. Talking and walking in sleep decreases in the second trimester compared with before pregnancy (22.8% vs. 12.6%). Moreover, sleep onset reduces in the first trimester in comparison with before pregnancy (78.5% vs. 63.1%), but it does not change in the second and third trimesters. 55.7% of the women reported nightmares from three months before pregnancy to the first (47.7%), second (49.5%), third trimesters (41.2%), and after labor (40.3%). Hypnagogic hallucinations decreases in the first trimester compared with before pregnancy (6.5% vs. 9.8%), but it returns to the previous level in the next stages of pregnancy. Bruxism rate reduces in the first trimester compared with before pregnancy (25.8% vs. 19.9%). Although sleep paralysis rate reduces in the first trimester of pregnancy, it is just parasomnia that increases in the next months of pregnancy (from 5.7% to 13.3%) [8]. Additionally, undesir-

able sleep may result in health-related risks such as metabolism disorders, cardiovascular diseases, and mood disorders [12,33].

Sleep-related movement disorders-restless legs syndrome (RLS) and periodic limb movements in sleep (PLMS)

RLS is a sleep disorder with unknown reasons which leads to an urge for moving legs during the night. It has been observed in more than one-fourth of the pregnant women and has a wide variety and different diagnostic criteria. It is characterized by painful and severe spasm of foreleg muscles resulting in sleep and daily activity disorders [2]. Sleep disorder due to RLS may occur in the forms of increased delay in sleep onset, sleep continuity, and sleeplessness. Studies have demonstrated that 10%–34% of the pregnant women have complained of sleeplessness, RLS, and a combination of these problems [28,29]. Gupta et al. [34] suggested that family history, low serum levels of iron and ferritin, high levels of estrogen, vitamin D and calcium deficiency might have an important role in inducing the disease signs. Wilson et al. [35] demonstrated that most RLS patients suffered from PLMS. PLMS not only is associated with sleep disturbance but also may be correlated with autonomic heart rate and arterial hypertension in the third trimester of pregnancy. Despite the role of iron deficiency in RLS; it is not common in PLMS. In addition, 45% of the women reported more than 5 PLMS and 24% experienced more than 15 PLMS during the third trimester of pregnancy [35].

Effect of Sleep Disorders on Pregnancy Outcome

Psychiatric disorders

At the end stages of pregnancy, symptoms of depression and anxiety are due to sleep disorder, but it is not the case in the mid-stages [10]. Studies reported that pregnant women with sleep disorder (less than six hours of night sleep and poor sleep quality during the third trimester) were at risk for clinical depression (23.4%–71.7%) and daytime sleepiness (69%) [36,37]. Poor sleep quality had been associated with increased depression, perceived stress in pregnancy, psychological distress, and negative consequences on pregnant women and children [7,36,38,39]. Furthermore, prenatal sleep disorders like insomnia symptoms (poor sleep quality, daytime tiredness, short sleep [sleep less than 6 and 7 hours], sleep latency [more than 20 min], and sleep loss [more than 2 hours]) were significantly correlated with postnatal depression [40]. Depression before pregnancy was accompanied with pregnancy negative consequences, negative behaviors of children, and long-term psychological consequences in children such as internalizing and externalizing disorders [41]. Volkovich et al. [42] demonstrated that depression and anxiety moderated the relation between objective sleep (with actigraphy for at least five nights) and subjective sleep (based on Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index). Psychological stresses during pregnancy not only disturb the objective sleep but also subjective sleep [42]. Sleep

disorders during pregnancy can be the greatest trigger to postpartum psychiatric disorder such as mania, psychosis, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder [43].

Also, Sleep deprivation during pregnancy (for 6 h a day) not only increases the risk for maternal psychological disorders but also leads to harmful consequences in children including less sexual behavior in male children, increased risky behavior, sexual and fertility problems, and emotional and cognitive disturbances in children [36,41,44-47].

As well as, Women with sleep disorders in the first trimester of pregnancy may experience more eating disorders or binge eating disorder (which is defined as eating quickly and large amounts of food; losing control during the binge; and experiencing shame, distress, or guilt afterward) in the second trimester rather than the third trimester of their pregnancy (OR = 1.26-1.42). However, dissatisfaction with sleep during the whole pregnancy is accompanied by eating disorders that continue until 18 months after labor (ORs = 1.28-1.47) [48].

Prenatal outcome

Primary information about the effect of circadian rhythm on labor indicated that the spontaneous membrane rupture occurred mainly during night and initiation of the following labor pain was early in the morning. Sleep-wake cycle disturbance results in an imbalance between sympathetic, parasympathetic hormones, and excessive secretion of sympathetic hormones. In addition, sleep deprivation releases TNF- α , C-reactive protein, and interleukins 1, 6, 10 causing pro-inflammatory conditions [2]. A study proved that most sleep complaints including SSD and undesirable sleep efficiency in the mid and late pregnancy weeks were associated with elevated and stimulated blood levels of IL-6 [49]. These biological pathways are accompanied with unfavorable pregnancy consequences including increased cesarean section (AOR = 1.60), high blood pressure in pregnancy (AOR = 2.46), PEC (AOR = 2.42) and preterm labor (AOR = 1.90) [27]. As the prevalence of PEC, blood pressure disorders, and diabetes during pregnancy were 6%, 13.1%, and 4.1%, respectively. With the presence of sleep respiratory disorders, the OR of PEC is estimated to be 1.94 and 1.95 at the beginning and mid-stage of pregnancy, respectively. High blood pressure in pregnancy was 1.46 and 1.73, and pregnancy diabetes was 3.47 and 2.79 at the beginning and mid-stage of pregnancy, respectively [19]. According to the studies, poor or short-term night sleep in Asian women is accompanied with increased gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) risk, and abnormal regulation of glucose; these two disorders influences on labor type, length of labor stages, neonates Apgar score, and their birth weight [50,51]. RLS has been associated with some pregnancy effects, including PEC and cesarean section [28,52].

Respiratory sleep disorder has been associated with oxidative stress, autonomic function disorder, inflammation, endothelial injury, and changed hormonal regulation for energy consump-

tion [19]. OSA is a risk factor for high blood pressure, diabetes, and several metabolic diseases. SSD has been associated with weight gain, glucose intolerance, premature labor, and low birth weight (LBW). Habitual and repeated snores (> 3 nights per week) are accompanied with increased GDM which is exacerbated by obesity [2]. High blood pressure in pregnancy, PEC, and pregnancy diabetes are dependent on SDB. PEC and OSA have a common pathological relationship, but it is not known which one predicts the other one [47].

Qiu et al. [53] reported that short sleep (≤ 6 h) (ORs = 2) and long sleep (≥ 9 h) (ORs = 2.1) were accompanied with a two-fold increase in the risk of premature placental abruption. Additionally, the complaint of fatigue due to sleep duration was associated with premature placental abruption (OR = 2.37) [53].

Fetal outcome

SDB can lead to some fetal side-effects, including intrauterine growth retardation (IUGR), preterm labor, LBW, admission to neonatal intensive care unit, and Apgar score less than seven in the first minute of birth [47,54]. Li et al. [55] showed that prenatal SDB didn't significantly relate to Apgar score and birth weight but it was associated with GDM, pregnancy-induced hypertension, and PEC.

Habitual snoring (26% with initiation of pregnancy and 9% chronic snoring) is associated with small for or gestational age (SGA) (OR = 1.65) and selective cesarean section (OR = 2.25), but snoring at the beginning of pregnancy (OR = 1.68) has been accompanied with urgent cesarean section [45].

Also, Howe et al. [56] showed that apnea three nights a week or more at the late stages of pregnancy had been associated with SGA (OR = 2.8) and large for gestational age (LGA) (OR = 2.0) but had a stronger correlation with LGA especially when apnea occurred at the initiation of pregnancy. The relationship between apnea and fetus size (especially LGA) was partly due to the relationship between OSA, glucose intolerance, pregnancy diabetes, and macrosomia. Moreover, long sleep duration (≥ 9 h) a week (OR = 1.6) and nasal congestion has been associated with SGA. Findings showed an association between apnea and sudden foreleg spasm at the late stages of pregnancy and neonate consequences. In addition, racial inequalities are also involved in these sleep disorders. Maori women (New Zealand tribes) had higher prevalence of sleep disorders, short sleep length, and poor sleep during pregnancy. Furthermore, RLS (OR = 3.3) and repeated sleep disorders (OR = 1.7) at early pregnancy have been due to excessive hot and cold feelings, accompanied with increased fetal distress risk [56].

Warland et al. [57] emphasized that maternal sleep disorders could predict some poor fetal outcome such as LBW, inappropriate birth growth (LGA, SGA), preterm birth, and stillbirth. Gordon et al. [58] demonstrated that supine position was an additional risk for fetal death at the final stages of pregnancy, especially for women who had been previously at risk. There-

fore, the sleeping position should be considered in the pregnancies which are suspect of IUGR to reduce fetal death [58].

Toffol et al. [59] demonstrated that clinically depressive pregnant women had SSD, longer sleep latency, higher odds for waking up [59,60]. When these disorders continued two or more times during the women night sleep their child associated with all these disorders in the 3.5-year-old [59].

Finally, the results of the present study demonstrated pregnancy could induce some changes in pregnant women sleep such as sleeplessness, repeated wake ups, SSD that could decrease their sleep quality and had sever effects on their pregnancy if we ignored them. Also, sleep disorders not only affected mother (e.g. preterm labor, hypertension, preeclampsia, diabetes, and depression) and fetal outcomes (e.g. IUGR, LGA, SGA, and LBW) but also they could be greatest trigger to postpartum psychiatric disorders (such as mania and psychosis) and harmful sequences during childish period of mother's fetus (e.g. sexual, fertility, emotional, and cognitive problems).

Conclusion

Findings extracted from the studies enhance the richness of literature about the mutual effects of sleep disorder and pregnancy. Studies also emphasized that the interventional studies should not only be designed for improving sleep during pregnancy but also they should focus on evaluating and managing depression that could be effectively reduced by sleep improvement interventions. Health care providers should assess and improve mothers' sleep health because they have a critical role in the family and are a vulnerable population in the society.

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Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy of study

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((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Dyssomnias"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Sleep Disorders, Circadian Rhythm"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Sleep Deprivation"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Parasomnias"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Restless Legs Syndrome"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND "Sleep Arousal Disorders"[Mesh]

((("Pregnant Women"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy"[Mesh]) OR ("Pregnancy Trimester, Third"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, Second"[Mesh] OR "Pregnancy Trimester, First"[Mesh])) OR ("Postpartum Period"[Mesh] OR "Postnatal Care"[Mesh])) AND ("Sleep Wake Disorders"[Mesh] OR "Dyssomnias"[Mesh] OR "Sleep Disorders, Circadian Rhythm"[Mesh] OR "Sleep Deprivation"[Mesh] OR "Parasomnias"[Mesh] OR "Restless Legs Syndrome"[Mesh] OR "Sleep Arousal Disorders"[Mesh]))
