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9 **Pregnancy rates and outcomes amongst women with cystic fibrosis in the UK: comparisons**
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35 **ABSTRACT**

36 **Objective**

37 To compare pregnancy rates and outcomes for women with cystic fibrosis in the UK with the
38 general population and assess the effect of introduction of disease modifying treatment.

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40 **Design**

41 A population-based longitudinal study, 2003-17

42 **Setting**

43 United Kingdom

44 **Population**

45 Women aged 15-44 years in the UK CF Registry compared to women in England and Wales.

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47 **Methods**

48 We calculated pregnancy and live birth rates for the CF and England and Wales (E&W)
49 populations. For women with CF we compared pregnancy rates before and after ivacaftor was
50 introduced in 2013. We further used CF registry data to assess pregnancy outcomes for mothers
51 with CF, and to assess the relationship between maternal pre-pregnancy lung function and
52 nutritional status and child gestational age.

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54 **Main outcome measures**

55 Pregnancy and live birth rates; and child gestational age.

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57 **Results**

58 Of 3,831 women with CF, 661 reported 818 pregnancies. Compared E&W the pregnancy rate was
59 3.3 times lower in the CF population (23.5 vs. 77.7 per 1,000 women years); the live birth rate was
60 3.5 times lower (17.4 vs. 61.4 per 1,000 women years) with 70% of pregnancies in CF women
61 resulting in live births; abortion rates were also lower (9% vs. 22%). Pregnancy rates increased
62 post-ivacaftor for eligible women with CF, from 29.7 to 45.7 per 1,000 women years. There was
63 no association between pre-pregnancy lung function/nutrition status and gestational age.

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65 **Conclusions**

66 Pregnancy rates in women with CF are about a third of the rates in E&W with favourable
67 outcomes, and increased for eligible women post-ivacaftor.

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72 Pregnancy rates in women with CF are about a third of rate in England and Wales with 70% live
73 births. Ivacaftor increases the rate.

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75 **Key words: Cystic fibrosis, Pregnancy, Ivacaftor Epidemiology, CFTR modulator**

76 **Abbreviations:** CF (cystic fibrosis), wwCF (women with cystic fibrosis), CFTR (cystic fibrosis
77 transmembrane conductance regulator), UK (United Kingdom), E&W (England and Wales), ONS
78 (Office for National Statistics), LB (live birth), IVF (in vitro fertilisation), %FEV1 (percent
79 predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second.), BMI (body mass index).

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81 INTRODUCTION

82 Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common autosomal recessive disorder in Caucasians. It is a
83 progressive multisystem disease caused by a reduction or loss of the Cystic Fibrosis
84 Transmembrane conductance Regulator (CFTR) protein function. Over 2,000 mutations of CFTR
85 have been discovered and the most common mutation in cystic fibrosis is deletion of
86 phenylalanine 508 (F508del) ¹.

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88 Considerable advances in care, diagnosis, neonatal screening, and treatments has improved
89 survival over recent decades (Text box 1). As of 2019, over half of babies born, and individuals
90 aged 30 and above, can expect to survive into at least their fifth decade compared to less than 10
91 years in the 1960s (Text box 1) ^{2,3}. One of the notable advancements in the care of CF is the
92 availability of CFTR modulators such as ivacaftor. Ivacaftor targets the underlying cause of CF
93 through increased chloride transport of the CFTR protein with significant improvement in lung
94 function in people with CF since its launch in the USA in 2012 ⁴.

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96 As people with CF are living longer, healthier lives, more women are considering having families
97 of their own ⁵. Recent studies from Australia, Europe and USA have reported successful
98 pregnancy outcomes in women with CF (wwCF) with reduction in maternal morbidity and
99 mortality; but with limited information on pregnancy outcomes for wwCF compared to the
100 general population ⁶⁻¹¹. Patel et.al and Girault et *al* both found that pregnancies occurred at
101 younger ages in the CF population compared to the general population in France (Patel et al, 26.5
102 vs 27.6 years, $p = 0.006$; Girault et *al*, 28.7 vs 32.1 years, $p = .003$). Patel et.*al* used nationwide
103 records and reported an increased risk of preterm labour (aOR, 2.2; 95% CI, 1.9–2.6); while
104 Girault et *al*, demonstrated similar levels of uncomplicated deliveries, gestational age and birth
105 weight amongst the CF and non-CF population but findings were limited by a small sample size of
106 only 33 wwCF from a single centre. In the UK, recently available evidence on pregnancy in
107 wwCF from the Obstetric Surveillance System data did not capture all wwCF and their pre-
108 pregnancy clinical characteristics such as BMI, lung function, or genotype ⁹. These factors
109 determine preconception health status and may be linked to pregnancy outcomes ¹². Further, there
110 is a paucity of large population-based studies on pregnancy in the era of CFTR modulators, with
111 only one study published to date ¹³.

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113 The objective of this study was to determine current pregnancy rates and outcomes in the whole
114 CF population and compare these with the UK general population, and explore the potential
115 impact of the availability of ivacaftor on pregnancy rates and outcomes based on analysis of data
116 from a sub-population of eligible women who have had access since 2013¹⁴. This will provide
117 useful information for clinicians counselling or managing women with CF who are currently
118 pregnant or would like to start a family.

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120 **METHODS**

121 **Study Design, Setting and Participants**

122 We conducted a retrospective longitudinal observational study of pregnancy rates and outcomes
123 among wwCF of child-bearing age (15-44 years inclusive) in the UK CF Registry between 2003-
124 2017. We describe the baseline characteristics of women of childbearing age (15-44 inclusive) in
125 the UK CF registry who became pregnant. Then two comparisons were made. First, rates and
126 outcomes in the wwCF were compared to those in the general population of England and Wales.
127 Second, for the wwCF only, we compared pregnancy rates and outcomes before and after the
128 availability of ivacaftor for eligible wwCF with all wwCF.

129 **Data sources and baseline characteristics**

130 The UK CF Registry records data from each patient's comprehensive annual review with a
131 specialist clinician for evaluation of clinical status, pulmonary function, microbiology of
132 respiratory tract secretions and use of major CF-related therapies¹⁵. Records date back to the
133 1990s and are estimated to capture approximately 99% of the current CF population with
134 approximately 80% from England¹⁵. Baseline characteristics of interest were ethnicity, genotype,
135 age at the end of year the woman became pregnant, employment status, CF related diabetes,
136 pancreatic insufficiency, body mass index (BMI) and percent predicted forced expiratory volume
137 in 1 second (%FEV1) based on the Global Lung Initiative reference equations at annual review
138 visit in the three years pre-pregnancy¹⁶. We used %FEV1 measures across three years due to the
139 large visit-to-visit variation in the measurement of FEV1, meaning that mean values over multiple
140 time points give a better estimate of underlying true lung function¹⁷.

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142 Conceptions and legal abortions for England and Wales are published annually by the Office of
143 National Statistics (ONS) ¹⁸. Data on early pregnancy loss (miscarriages) are not included in
144 conception publications. Live births are available from the ONS Vital Statistics and birth
145 characteristics publications ¹⁹.

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147 **Outcome measures**

148 The main outcomes of interest were pregnancy rates and outcomes. We adopted the ONS
149 definition of conceptions for pregnancies – “*pregnancy of a woman that leads either to a*
150 *maternity or an abortion*”, where abortion refers to legal abortion according to the 1967 abortion
151 act ¹⁸. The UK Cystic Fibrosis Registry codes pregnancy as a binary event (yes/no) during annual
152 review with possible outcomes recorded in the case of a “yes” response: live birth, still birth,
153 therapeutic abortion (abortion), spontaneous abortion (miscarriage), undelivered, and unknown.
154 For full questions related to pregnancy captured in the UK CF Registry at annual review, see
155 Supplementary file. Women who were pregnant in two consecutive years with outcome
156 “undelivered” in the former year were counted as a pregnancy case in the former year – but not the
157 latter.

158 Other pregnancy related outcomes captured in the registry include gestational age (recorded as
159 weeks of completed pregnancy), congenital anomalies, use of invitro fertilisation (IVF) and CF
160 status of child all recorded as categorical variables with possible options of Yes, No or Unknown.

161 We were also interested in the number of women who were pregnant with a mean %FEV1 below
162 50% in the three years pre-pregnancy as this is a contraindication for pregnancy ²⁰.

163 Further, we assessed the pregnancy rates and outcomes amongst wwCF with at least one G551D
164 mutation (the group first eligible for disease modulator therapy) to explore effects of modulator
165 therapy on pregnancy rates. The information on genotype was recorded for each mutation and
166 ivacaftor was recorded as a binary variable with possible options of Yes or No.

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168 **Statistical analyses**

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170 The analyses progressed in four stages. First, we described the characteristics of the population of
171 women of childbearing age (15-44 inclusive) in the registry who became pregnant.

172 Second, we compared pregnancy and live birth rates between 2003 and 2017 amongst women of
173 child bearing age (15-44 inclusive) for both populations (wwCF and E&W women) calculating
174 three yearly averages to account for year on year variation. In the data for England and Wales,
175 pregnancies resulting in a miscarriage are excluded from the numerator, for better comparison, we
176 excluded miscarriages from the numerator for wwCF in determining the pregnancy and live birth
177 rates. Pregnancy rates were calculated as the total number of pregnancies for the specified time
178 period divided by the total number of women years (wys) for the same time period while live
179 births rates were calculated as the total number of live births divided by the total number of
180 women years for the specified time period and presented as a rate per 1,000 wys (Rate
181 calculations, Supplementary File). Both pregnancy and live birth rates were broken down into the
182 child bearing age groups to determine the age specific rates - the number of pregnancies or live
183 births per 1,000 wys for a specific age group. For abortion, miscarriages, and still births we
184 considered the proportion of pregnancies resulting in these outcomes and made the comparison
185 between both populations where possible.

186 Third, for wwCF only we compared the pregnancy rate and outcomes for all wwCF with women
187 who had a G551D mutation (those initially eligible for ivacaftor) in the period before (2008-2012)
188 and the period after (2013-2017) ivacaftor became available.

189 Fourth, for wwCF only, we assessed the association between aspects of maternal health - mean 3-
190 years pre-pregnancy maternal BMI and %FEV1 – and child gestational age using a linear
191 regression model.

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193 Baseline data were summarised as mean and standard deviations (sd) or medians and interquartile
194 ranges (IQR) for continuous variables, and percentages for categorical variables. All analyses were
195 performed using STATA V14 (College Station, Texas, USA) and R V 3.16 (R Foundation for
196 Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria). All rates were reported with 95% confidence interval (CI)
197 using the Byar's method ²¹.

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199 **Ethical approval, core outcomes set, patient involvement, and funding**

200 The UK CF Registry has NHS research ethics approval: (Huntingdon Research Ethics Committee
201 07/Q0104/2) for the collection of data into the registry. The CF Trust Registry Research
202 Committee approved the use of anonymised data in this study, under the terms of the NHS ethics
203 approval. Patients were not involved in the development of this research. Core outcome sets were

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207 The funder was not involved in the study design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation,
208 or in the writing of the report.

209 **RESULTS**

210 **Population Characteristics**

211 A total of 3,831 women were followed up during the study period, of which 661 became pregnant,
212 with a total of 818 pregnancies. A flow chart of selection of the study population from the UK CF
213 Registry is in Supplementary Figure S1. Pregnant women with CF were predominantly of white
214 ethnicity (97%), diagnosed in childhood, had two copies for F508del mutation (43.7%), were in
215 employment or education (45%) with pre-pregnancy mean BMI – 22.1 kg/m² (sd: 3.5), %FEV-1 –
216 69.5% (sd: 20.1) (Table1). One fifth reported CF related diabetes (21%) and the majority had
217 pancreatic insufficiency (81%). 14% of women who became pregnant had %FEV1 below 50%.

218 **Pregnancies in women with CF and rates compared to the general population**

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220 818 pregnancies were reported in the UK CF Registry between 2003 and 2017. 59% of wwCF
221 who became pregnant reported only one pregnancy but some had up to five (Table 2). Records on
222 IVF in the CF population were available in 2016 and 2017 only, of which 34 women with IVF had
223 25 pregnancies and six women were recorded twice with no information on the number of IVF
224 cycles per woman. Median age at pregnancy was higher amongst women with IVF in comparison
225 with all wwCF who became pregnant (median 31, IQR 27, 34 vs median 27 IQR 23, 31) (Table 2).

226
227 Pregnancy rates over the study period in wwCF and in the general population were relatively
228 stable (Figure 1). Overall, compared to the general population the pregnancy rate was 3.3 times
229 lower in women with CF (23.5 vs. 77.7 per 1,000 women years). The pregnancy rate was highest
230 at 30-34 years for wwCF compared to 25-29 years for E&W women (Figure 2). The lowest
231 pregnancy rate was amongst the youngest and oldest for wwCF and those aged 40-44 years for
232 E&W women (Figure 2, Supplementary Table S2). Conceptions for women aged 15-19 years are

233 on the decline in the general population but have remained fairly stable at a low rate in wwCF
234 (Figure 2).
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236 **Pregnancy outcomes in women with CF and live birth rates compared to the general** 237 **population**

238 Pregnancy outcome was available for 773 pregnancies for wwCF, of which 70% had a live birth,
239 11.6% miscarriage, 9.6% abortion, and the remaining were undelivered (8%) or still births (<1%)
240 (Table 2). 42% of the pregnancies that were undelivered were recorded in 2017, the last year of
241 study. Those with IVF had a live birth rate of 60% (Table 2). The median age of wwCF with a live
242 birth was 27 (IQR 23-31) and similar to the median age of pregnancy.

243
244 The overall live birth rate in wwCF was 3.5 times lower than the rate for the general population
245 (17.4 vs 61.4 per 1,000 wys). The age specific live birth rates followed a similar trend of higher
246 rates in the general population across all age groups except for those aged 40-44 years where the
247 rates were similar (Supplementary Figure S2).

248 The percentage of pregnancies resulting in abortion for women in the general population was
249 double that of wwCF (wwCF 9.6% vs. 21.6% E&W women). 11.6% of wwCF had a miscarriage;
250 the estimate for the general population is 10-20%²².

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252 **Pregnancy rates and outcomes in women with CF eligible for ivacaftor with a G551D** 253 **mutation**

254 43 women had at least one G551D mutation and were eligible for ivacaftor between 2013 and
255 2017, representing 6.2% of all wwCF of child-bearing age between 2013-2017. 86% had a
256 recording of ivacaftor for at least one year over the 5-year period. The median number of years of
257 ivacaftor prescription was 4 (IQR 2 - 5). 68 pregnancies were recorded for 51 wwCF with at least
258 one G551D mutation between 2003 and 2017 with half of pregnancies recorded in the five years
259 since ivacaftor became available in 2013. There was a 1.5-fold increase in pregnancy rates
260 between the 2008-2012 and 2013-2017 periods from 29.7 per 1,000 wys (95% C.I 19.0-46.7) to
261 45.7 per 1000 wys (95% CI 32.4-62.8) (Table 2). Where information was available, outcomes
262 were favourable with more pregnancies resulting in a live birth in the post-ivacaftor period (74%
263 vs. 60%). (Table 2).

264

265 **Association of pre-pregnancy lung function and nutrition status with child gestational age**
266 **for wwCF**

267 Gestational age was available for 186 babies (35%) born to wwCF with a median of 37 completed
268 weeks and IQR of 35 to 38 completed weeks. There was no correlation between pre-conception
269 %FEV1 and gestational age ($R=0.066$, 95% CI -0.16-0.28) or pre-conception BMI and gestational
270 age ($R=-0.083$, 95% CI -3.0-0.14) (Supplementary Figure S3).

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272 **DISCUSSION**

273 *Main findings*

274 In this large comparative study of pregnancy in women with CF in the UK, we found that wwCF
275 were approximately 3.3 times less likely to become pregnant than women from the general
276 population (23.5 vs 77.7 per 1,000 wys). Pregnancy rates were highest for women aged 25-29 and
277 30-34 years for both wwCF and the general population and lowest for those aged 15-19 and 40-44
278 years. Live births mirrored pregnancy rates with a 3.5-fold difference in the live birth rate (17.4 vs
279 61.4 per, 1000 wys). The proportion of pregnancies resulting in abortion was lower in wwCF (9%
280 vs. 22% in the general population). Following the introduction of ivacaftor for eligible women
281 with CF who carry the G551D mutation the pregnancy rate doubled.

282

283 *Strength and Limitations*

284 Our study has several notable strengths. First, we were able to follow up about 99% of wwCF of
285 child-bearing age using the UK CF Register with baseline characteristics and pre-pregnancy
286 clinical status, hence providing the most up to date pregnancy estimates using population level
287 data across all CF centres in the UK. Further, this is the first study of pregnancies in the UK of
288 wwCF following the availability of the first approved CFTR modulator. As more people with CF
289 become eligible for modulator therapy, prognosis is expected to improve with more wwCF and
290 their partners likely to consider having children. The comparison with the general population
291 allows people with CF and their partners to understand pregnancy related outcomes for wwCF in
292 relation to women of similar age in the general population. This information can be used to

293 facilitate person-centred discussions about the outcomes of pregnancy in wwCF between
294 clinicians and patients.
295

296 There are limitations in the data available on pregnancy related outcomes in the UK CF Registry.
297 It was not possible to ascertain exact pregnancy dates, maternal (e.g. delivery method) and
298 neonatal outcomes (e.g. birth weight) with limited reporting of gestational age. As such, we were
299 unable to compare delivery method, birth weight or gestational age of neonates born to wwCF
300 with the general population. Moreover, pregnancy outcomes for 2017 were incomplete for wwCF,
301 hence outcomes for this period are underestimated. Further, data on conceptions were only
302 available for England and Wales, while the CF Registry covers the UK. However, this is unlikely
303 to have had a major impact on our results as Scotland and Northern Ireland represent less than
304 15% of the UK population, and the overall pattern of pregnancy rates in wwCF are similar to
305 E&W women.
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307 For assessing the impact of modulator therapy on pregnancy rates, we used the initial eligibility
308 criteria for ivacaftor and have therefore not captured all women who may have had the opportunity
309 to receive ivacaftor. Following the first approval of ivacaftor for people with at least one mutation
310 for G551D in 2013 in the UK, there has been a progressive increase in those eligible for ivacaftor
311 and other modulator therapies are now available and approved for use in UK (Orkambi, Symkevi
312 – 2019 and Kaftrio – 2020) with up to 90% of the CF population eligible for modulator therapy
313 ^{23,24}. This raises the need for continued research and improved data completion of the UK CF
314 Registry data on pregnancy related outcomes in this new era of care for people living with CF.
315

316 *Interpretation*

317 The overall pregnancy rate in wwCF reported in our study was twice the rate reported in the
318 Italian CF population (23.5 vs. 10.6 per 1,000 wys) but similar to that in the US (25.5 per 1,000
319 wys). In contrast, there was a four-fold difference in the pregnancy rate in US wwCF and that of
320 the US general population due to a higher overall pregnancy rate in the US population. During our
321 study period there was one and a half-fold increase in pregnancy rates in the years 2013-2017 for
322 wwCF with at least one G551D mutation following the introduction of ivacaftor. This is in line
323 with the study in the US by Heltshe et.al who found an increase in pregnancy rates for women
324 with at least one G551D mutation during the post approval period (2012-2014) for ivacaftor ¹¹.

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326 Over our study period, the live birth rate for younger wwCF was relatively stable in comparison
327 with the rate in the general population which has declined from 2009-2011 onwards. This decrease
328 in the general population coincided with an increase in the proportion of pregnancies leading to
329 abortion^{18,25}. Although, we were unable to assess age specific abortion rates over time in the CF
330 population, the overall percentage of pregnancies resulting in abortions was half that of the general
331 population, (9.6% vs. 21.6%), with miscarriages (11.6%) at a similar level to the general
332 population²².

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334 Similar to other studies, pregnant wwCF in this study had good nutritional status (mean BMI –
335 22.1kg.m²) and respiratory function (mean %FEV1 – 69%) with majority reporting first
336 pregnancies^{26–29}. This is not surprising as most women will consider getting pregnant before their
337 lung function begins to decline and will work at achieving good nutritional status in agreement
338 with their clinical care teams prior to pregnancy. Guidelines published in 2008 suggests %FEV1
339 <50% is a contraindication for pregnancy, with CF related diabetes and pancreatic insufficiency as
340 potential risk factors for pre-term delivery and caesarean section²⁰. In our study, 14% of women
341 had mean %FEV1 below 50%, over 20% with CF related diabetes and over 80% were pancreatic
342 insufficient. Although we did not assess the impact of these factors on pregnancy outcomes, recent
343 evidence now demonstrate that pregnancy may not negatively impact maternal health with
344 favourable respiratory function and nutritional status in women with %FEV1 as low as 40%, but
345 pancreatic insufficiency remains a risk for small for gestational age in infants^{7,12,30}

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347 Gestational age was only available for a subset of wwCF. We did not find any correlation between
348 pre-pregnancy BMI or %FEV1 and gestational age respectively as reported by others^{6,9,29}. This
349 may be due to the definition of these baseline characteristics, and sample sizes considered in
350 previous studies. For instance, in the study by Ashcroft and colleagues in the UK, they included 56
351 women and used the %FEV1 and BMI at pregnancy booking (~13 weeks) for baseline recording
352 while we used the mean in the three years pre-pregnancy; an Australian study only included 20
353 women^{6,9}.

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355 *Conclusion*

356 This observational study represents the largest multicentre study of pregnancy rates amongst
357 wwCF of child-bearing age in comparison with women in the general population in the pre- and
358 post-approval period of ivacaftor in the UK. Pregnancy rates are over three times lower in wwCF
359 than the general population with about 70% resulting in a live birth. The availability of ivacaftor
360 for 6.2% of wwCF of child-bearing age increased the pregnancy rate in this group. Extrapolating
361 this result to the much larger adult CF population now eligible for modulator therapy (90%), we
362 can expect improved health outcomes and survival in CF and an increase in pregnant wwCF in
363 Obstetric departments. It is important obstetricians are aware of the current and expected future
364 trends of pregnancy and cystic fibrosis to help wwCF, their partners and clinical teams in the
365 decision process on whether to start a family.

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Box 1. Key developments in CF care relevant to pregnancy

The first successful delivery of a baby in a woman with CF was first reported in 1960 at a time when median survival for CF was less than 5 years. Although several pregnancies were reported in subsequent years, pregnancy for women with CF was generally discouraged until the 1980s, an era when the CF protein and the CF transmembrane receptor (CFTR) gene were discovered (Figure A). Mutations in the gene lead to abnormal ion transport and a resulting build-up of thick, dehydrated, pH imbalanced mucus which adversely impacts the function of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and reproductive tracts.

Pregnancy guidelines for women with CF were published in the UK in 2008 with recommendations for multidisciplinary care and a contraindication for women with lung function below percent predicted force expiratory volume of 50%, with pancreatic insufficiency and CF related diabetes as the main risk factors for pre-term delivery and caesarean section. Despite improvements in treatments such as DNase for thinning mucus secretions allowing ease of airway clearance and antimicrobials, the majority of people with CF will eventually develop respiratory failure and many are considered for lung transplantation.

However, a new class of treatments, CFTR modulator therapies which include Ivacaftor (UK, 2013), combination therapies of Symkevi (tezacaftor/ivacaftor, available in UK, 2018) and Orkambi (lumacaftor/ivacaftor available in UK, 2018) and triple therapy – Kaftrio (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor, available in UK, 2020) have ushered in a new era of care for people with CF with over 90% of the people with CF eligible for modulator therapies in the UK. These therapies target the CFTR mutations, increasing the flow of ions across the CFTR protein, which helps to alleviate the symptoms of CF, with notable improvements in mucus clearance, lung function and weight gain.

With the substantial gains in health experienced by people with CF over the last 20 years and anticipated future therapies, obstetricians are increasingly likely to become part of the multidisciplinary teams of women with CF who become pregnant.

Figure A. Timeline of key milestones in treatment and care of people with CF and life expectancy

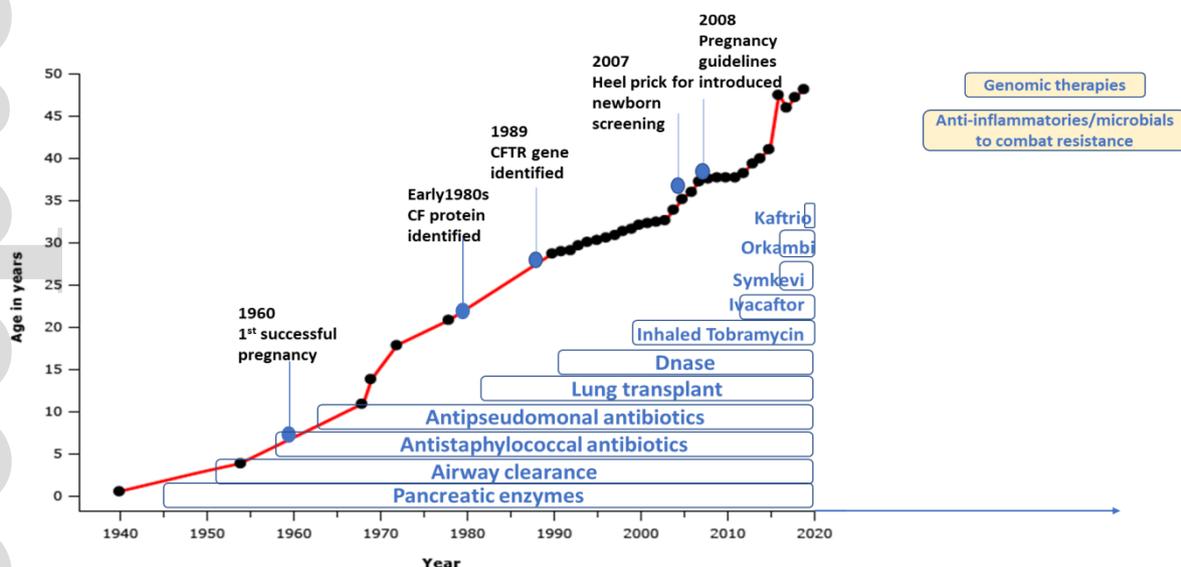


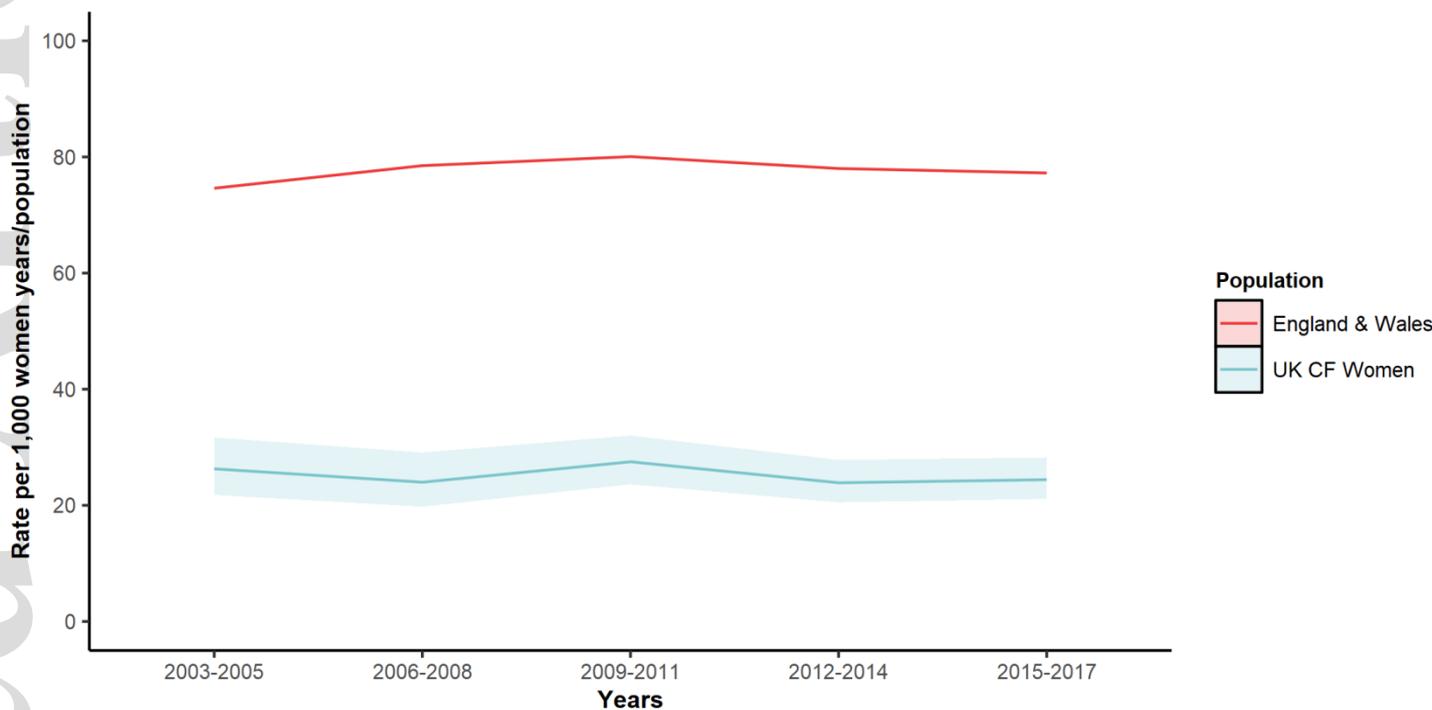
Figure A illustrates the improvements in care, availability of treatments and increasing life expectancy. Future therapies and changes are highlighted in yellow. (Data points from [Survival of CF patients - UpToDate](https://www.uptodate.com/contents/image?imageKey=PULM%2F61930&topicKey=PEDS%2F110933&source=outline_link) https://www.uptodate.com/contents/image?imageKey=PULM%2F61930&topicKey=PEDS%2F110933&source=outline_link and timelines adapted from the [UK Cystic Fibrosis Trust](https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/join-our-fundraising-campaigns/cf-week/research-what-the-cf) <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/join-our-fundraising-campaigns/cf-week/research-what-the-cf>)

500 **FIGURES**

501 **Figure 1 Pregnancy rates amongst women with CF (15-44years) in comparison with women**
502 **in England and Wales, 2003-2017**

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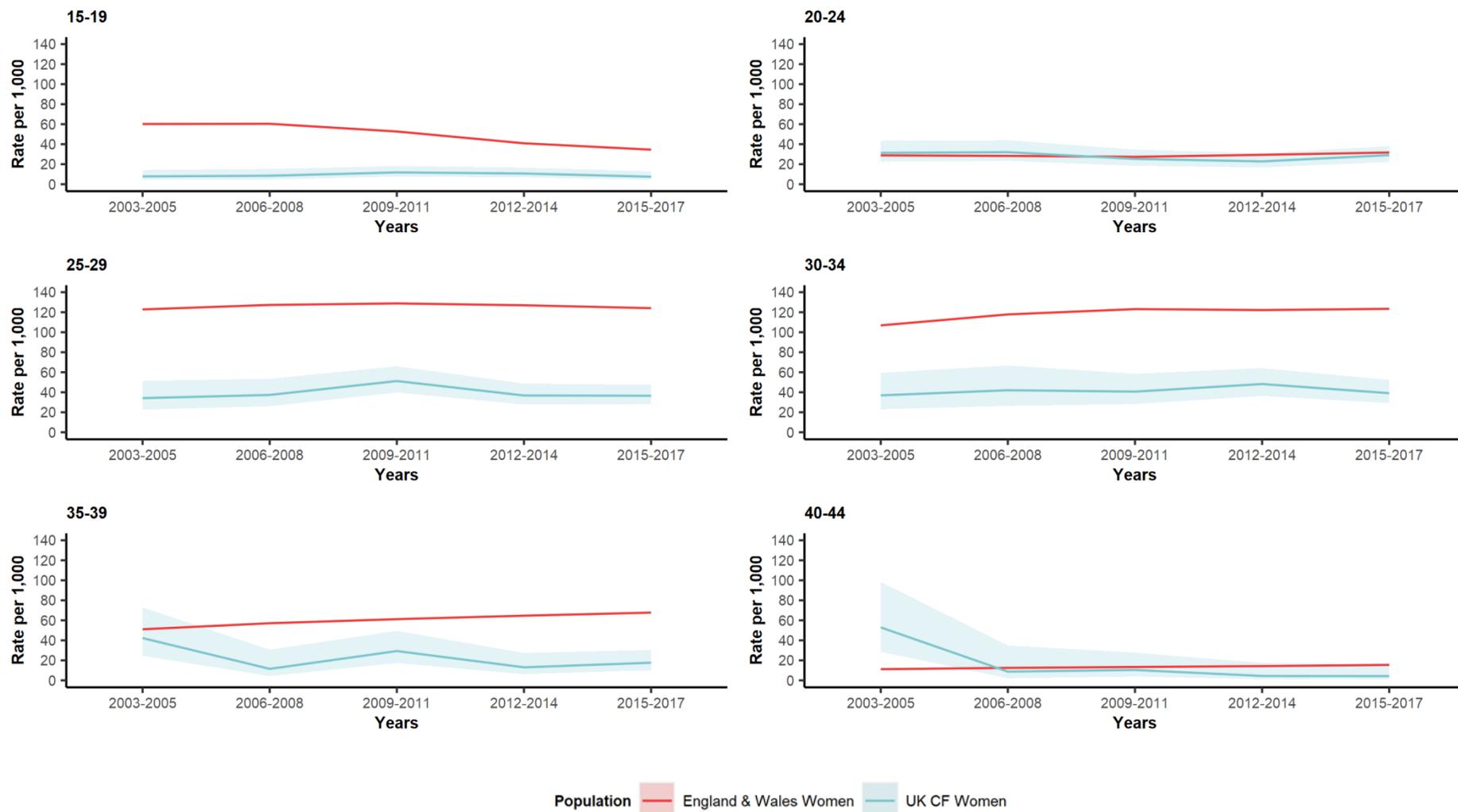
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Figure 2. Three yearly age specific pregnancy rate per 1,000 women years/population of women with CF and women in England and Wales, 2003-2017



TABLES

Table 1 Baseline clinical and demographic characteristics of the CF study population. These are women captured in the UK CF Registry aged 15-44 who have had a pregnancy between 2003 and 2017 (n =661)

<i>Baseline characteristics</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>Range</i>
<i>Age at diagnosis</i>	6.4	9.66	0-43.6
<i>Lung function</i>	69.5	20.1	15.6-130.2
<i>BMI (Kg/m2)</i>	22.2	3.5	14.1-39.4
<i>Baseline characteristics</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	
<i>Genotype</i>			
F508del_Homozygous	289	43.7	
F508del_Heterozygous*	240	36.3	
G551D†	51	7.7	
Other/Unknown	81	12.3	
<i>Ethnicity</i>			
White	643	1	
Non-White	18	0.03	
<i>Employment Status</i>			
Full-time	148	22.4	
Part-time	110	16.6	
Home maker	150	22.7	
Student	42	6.4	
Disabled	16	2.4	
Unemployed	123	18.6	
Not known	72	10.9	
<i>Pre-pregnancy comorbidities</i>			
CF related diabetes	138	21	
Pancreatic insufficiency	533	81	

*Excluding women with at least one G551D mutation. †Women with at least one G551D mutation

Table 2 Pregnancy related outcomes of all wwCF (15-44years) who become pregnant and those with at least one G551D mutation from the UK CF Registry, 2003-2017

Pregnancies in wwCF	wwCF, 2003-2017, N=818* (N, %)	G551D mutation, 2008-2012, N=19 (N, %)	G551D mutation, 2013-2017, N=35 (N, %)
<i>Total number of pregnancies</i>			
1	481 (58.8)	<5	23 (65.7)
2	271 (33.1)	11 (57.9)	8 (22.9)
3	52 (6.4)	<5	<5
4	<15	<5	<5
5	<5	<5	<5
Median maternal age (IQR)	26 (23 - 31)	27 (23- 29)	29 (23 - 34)
<i>Outcome</i>			
Livebirths	539 (69.7)	12 (63.2)	26 (74.3)
Still births	<5	0	0
Miscarriages	90 (11.6)	<10	<5
Abortion	74 (9.6)	<5	<5
Undelivered†	67 (8.2)	0	<5
Unknown	<40	0	0
<i>IVF</i>	34	<5	<5
Median maternal age (IQR)	31 (27 - 34)		
Pregnancies	25	-	-
Live birth	15 (60)	-	-
Miscarriages	<5	-	-
Still birth	<5	-	-
Undelivered	5 (20)	-	-

*661 women had 818 pregnancies; †Outcomes are not complete for 2017, of the 67 recorded as undelivered, 28 were recorded in 2017; numbers less than 5 are not displayed to reduce the risk of deductive disclosure; – Numbers not displayed not applicable

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