

Prospective Cohort Study of Thai Children

EFFECT OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT ON THE FIRST TOOTH ERUPTION

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ABBREVIATION



- BW Birth Weight
- DTE Delayed first Tooth Eruption
- GA Gestational Age
- PCTC Prospective Cohort study of Thai Children
- PS Passive Smoking

INTRODUCTION



- DTE: problems / dental development
 - hold space
 - align into correct position
 - chew and speak
- Influence factors

INTRODUCTION



- Passive smoking
- Negative effect
- Common in Thai males
- High prevalence (29.8%) of PS

OBJECTIVE



To examine the association between LOW BIRTH WEIGHT and

the <u>TIME OF FIRST TOOTH ERUPTION</u> in Thai infants

METHODS — Study Design



- Part of PCTC
- Large birth cohort study: > 4,000 infants, 5 sites in Thailand
- October 15, 2000 and September 14, 2002

METHODS — Data collection



- Family members
- In-person interview, diary records, medical records
- Secondary data community and demographic variables

METHODS — Independent variables and outcomes



Independent variables

Birth weight: Normal/Low

Outcomes

 Time to eruption of the first tooth

METHODS — Potential bias & confounders



- Mother's age, education level, income
- Alcohol consumption
- Child's gender
- PS
- Study site

METHODS — Statistical Analysis



- Description analysis
- Cox proportional regression
- Stata SE 12.0

p-value < .05

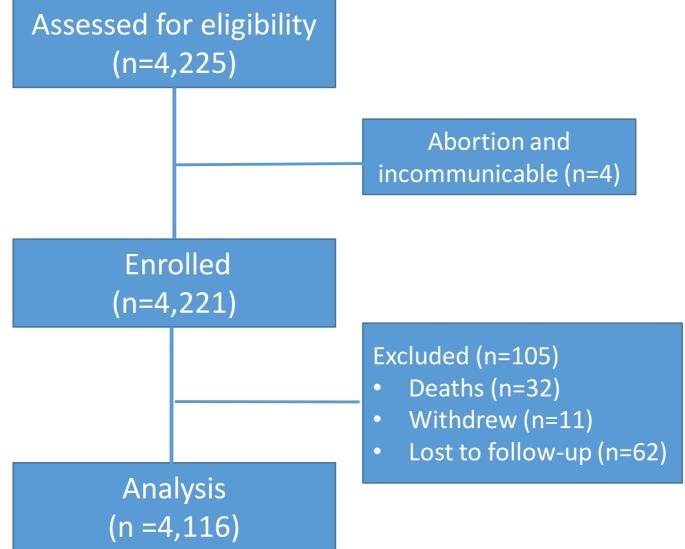
METHODS



- Informed consent
- The National Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand
- Khon Kaen University Ethics Committee for Human Research

RESULTS – Inclusion flow chart





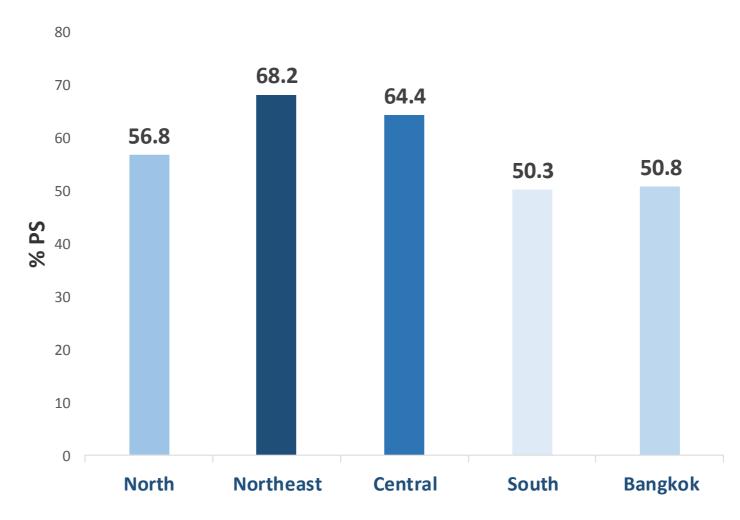
RESULTS — Demographic Characteristics



Characteristics	Total	Sites (%)				
	(n=4,116)	North	Northeast	Central	South	Bangkok
		(n=759)	(n=1,061)	(n=853)	(n=772)	(n=671)
Mother's age (mean ± SD)	27.0 ± 6.2	26.3 ± 6.1	27.5 ± 6.5	24.9 ± 5.5	27.4 ± 6.3	29.3 ± 5.9
Education (Primary School)	1,925	60.7	59.8	59.9	28.1	15.2
Alcohol drinking	152	3.0	1.1	3.5	2.3	10.4
Females (Infants)	2,040	52.3	47.5	51.1	49.4	49.6
Low BW	515	8.2	19.8	12.2	14.3	4.3
Preterm birth	558	10.0	17.5	20.8	9.6	6.7

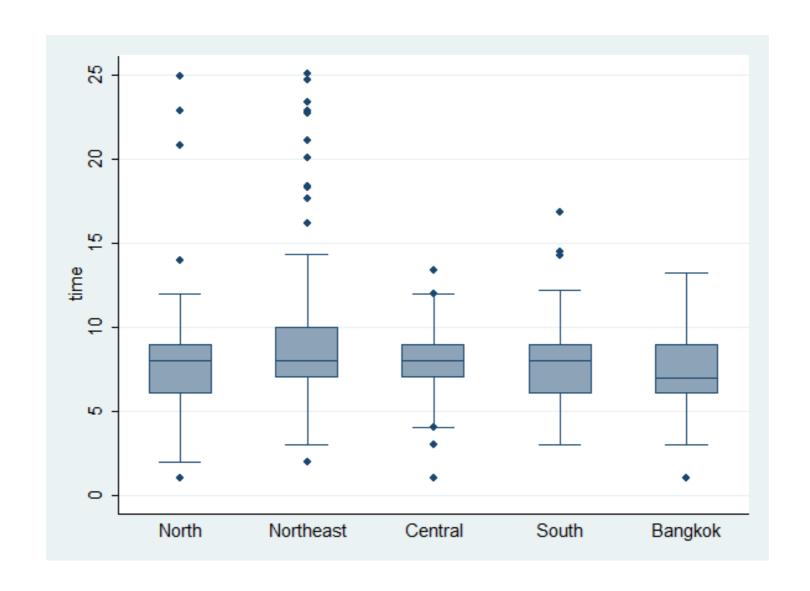
RESULTS — Percentage of PS in pregnant women





RESULTS — Median time of first tooth eruption





RESULTS — HR of having first tooth eruption

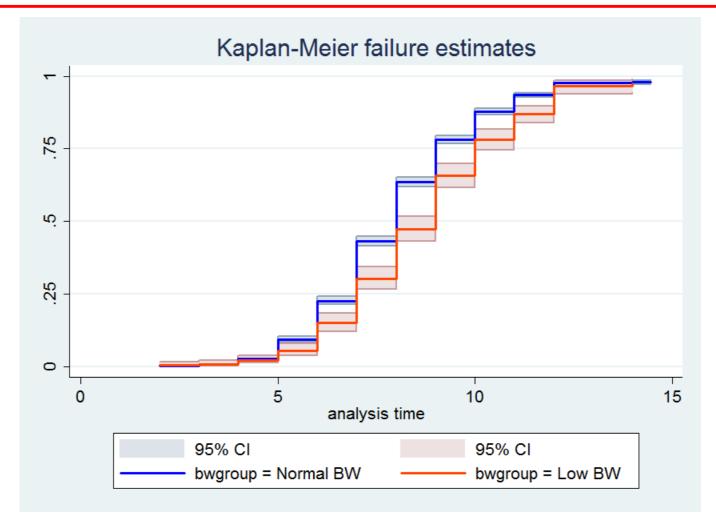


Factors	Crude HR (95% CI)	P-value	Adjusted HR* (95% CI)	P-value
Passive smoking		0.090		0.120
No	1.00		1.00	
Yes	0.93 (0.86 to 1.01)		0.94 (0.86 to 1.02)	
Child's gender		< 0.001		< 0.001
Female	1.00		1.00	
Male	1.14 (1.07 to 1.22)		1.16 (1.08 to 1.25)	
Birth weight		< 0.001		0.002
Normal BW	1.00		1.00	
Low BW	0.83 (0.75 to 0.92)		0.84 (0.75 to 0.94)	

^{*}HR adjusted for child's gender, maternal age, mothers' education level, income, BW, GA, and alcohol drinking during pregnancy, and stratifying by study site.

RESULTS — Hazard rate curve





Difference in the probability of having erupted tooth between PS group and non-PS group

DISCUSSION



- Earlier time of first tooth eruption in infants of non-PS mothers
- Consistent with some previous studies



DISCUSSION



Birth weight



lack of vitamin D absorption

Gender



- differences in sexual maturity
- embryologic timing

DISCUSSION — Strength



- Strongest observational design
- Multiple risk factors
- Large birth cohort study
- National representative
- Minimal loss to follow-up

DISCUSSION – Limitation



- Information bias trained and calibrated the interviewers
- Potential confounding factors adjusting
- Causal inferences suspect
- Missing values comparing missing group and completed group
- → "missing at random"

CONCLUSION



- At a given time, children born with low BW had 83% probability of having the first tooth erupted comparing to normal BW.
- Many problems in the dental and nutritional development of infants

Further studies

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