

Appendix 1.

Missing data pattern

The multiple imputation process assesses the pattern of missing data. Presence or absence of a monotone pattern indicates which approach to take. In this case the missing-value pattern was monotone therefore multiple imputation was performed using the monotone method.

Merged dataset - Missing data at 1st pregnancy

Proportions of missing data for each of the variables that were imputed

Variable	Missing data at 1 st pregnancy	
	Stillbirth N = 6288 (%)	Livebirth N = 1,058,276
BMI	5,258 (83.6)	843,337 (79.7)
Smoking status	2,821 (44.9)	354,226 (33.5)
Marital status	718 (11.4)	76,061 (7.2)
Socioeconomic status	167 (2.7)	22,322 (2.1)
Gestational age at birth	31 (0.5)	3,270 (0.3)

Missing data

BMI was the variable with most missing data.

Finnish data

In Finland collection of maternal BMI commenced in 2003.

Variable	Stillbirth (2 nd pregnancy)		Livebirth (2 nd pregnancy)	
	Missing (%)	Not missing (%)	Missing (%)	Not missing (%)
BMI				
1987-2002	71.3	28.7	61.8	38.2
2003-2015	8.7	91.3	3.2	96.8

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Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		BMI		BMI	
		Data missing (n = 1,042) 71.3%	Data not missing (n = 419) 28.7%	Data missing (n = 318,099) 61.8%	Data not missing (n = 196,400) 38.2%
Smoking status	n (%)	167 (16.0)	21 (5.0)	9,131 (2.9)	4,002 (2.0)
Marital status	n (%)	123 (11.8)	32 (7.6)	9,759 (3.1)	319 (0.2)
Social class	n (%)	-	-	-	-

Comparison between women in Finland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without smoking status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Smoking status		Smoking status	
		Data missing (n = 188) 12.9%	Data not missing (n = 1,273) 87.1%	Data missing (n = 13,133) 2.6%	Data not missing (n = 501,366) 97.4%
BMI	n (%)	167 (88.8)	875 (68.7)	9,131 (69.5)	308,968 (61.6)
Marital status	n (%)	73 (38.8)	82 (6.4)	1,388 (10.6)	8,690 (1.7)
Social class	n (%)	-	-	-	-

Comparison between women in Finland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without marital status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Marital status		Marital status	
		Data missing (n = 155) 10.6%	Data not missing (n = 1,306) 89.4%	Data missing (n = 10,078) 2.0%	Data not missing (n = 504,421) 98.0%
BMI	n (%)	123 (79.4)	919 (70.4)	9,759 (96.8)	308,340 (61.1)
Smoking status	n (%)	73 (47.1)	115 (8.8)	1,388 (13.8)	11,745 (2.3)
Social class	n (%)	-	-	-	-

There was no data missing on social class in the Finnish dataset as any missing are included in the ‘others’ group (20%).

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Maltese data

In the Maltese data information on maternal BMI was available from 1999 and less than 10% was missing.

Comparison between women in Malta with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without BMI recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		BMI		BMI	
		Data missing (n = 7) 9.0%	Data not missing (n = 71) 91.0%	Data missing (n = 1213) 6.9%	Data not missing (n = 16,333) 93.1%
Smoking status	n (%)	no data missing	no data missing	77 (6.3)	89 (0.5)
Marital status	n (%)	1 (14.3)	no data missing	3 (0.2)	27 (0.2)
Maternal education	n (%)	7 (100)	46 (64.8)	870 (71.7)	10,011 (61.3)

Comparison between women in Malta with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without smoking status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Smoking status		Smoking status	
		There were no data missing on smoking status in the stillbirth group		Data missing (n = 166) 0.9%	Data not missing (n = 17,380) 99.1%
BMI	n (%)			77 (46.4)	1,136 (6.5)
Marital status	n (%)			2 (1.2)	28 (0.2)
Maternal education	n (%)			134 (80.7)	10,747 (61.8)

Comparison between women in Malta with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without marital status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Marital status		Marital status	
		Data missing (n = 1) 1.3%	Data not missing (n = 77) 98.7%	Data missing (n = 30) 0.2%	Data not missing (n = 17,516) 99.8%
BMI	n (%)	1 (100)	6 (7.8)	3 (10.0)	1,210 (6.9)
Smoking status	n (%)	no data missing	no data missing	2 (6.7)	164 (0.9)
Maternal education	n (%)	1 (100)	52 (67.5)	17 (56.7)	10,864 (62.0)

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Comparison between women in Malta with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without level of education recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Maternal education		Maternal education	
		Data missing (n = 53) 67.9%	Data not missing (n = 25) 32.1%	Data missing (n = 10,881) 62.0%	Data not missing (n = 6,665) 38.0%
BMI	n (%)	7 (13.2)	no data missing	870 (8.0)	343 (5.1)
Smoking status	n (%)	no data missing	no data missing	134 (1.2)	32 (0.5)
Marital status	n (%)	1 (1.9)	no data missing	17 (0.2)	13 (0.2)

Scottish data

In Scotland collection of maternal height and weight became compulsory in 2011.

Variable	Stillbirth (2 nd pregnancy)		Livebirth (2 nd pregnancy)	
BMI	Missing (%)	Not missing (%)	Missing (%)	Not missing (%)
1981-2010	80	20	76	24
2011-2015	14.5	85.5	9.1	90.9

Comparison between women in Scotland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without BMI recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		BMI		BMI	
		Data missing (n = 1,592) 80.0%	Data not missing (n = 398) 20.0%	Data missing (n = 406,186) 76.0%	Data not missing (n = 128,488) 24.0%
Smoking status	n (%)	1,111 (69.8)	19 (4.8%)	272,169 (67.0)	2,966 (2.3)
Marital status	n (%)	100 (6.3%)	179 (45.0%)	19,561 (4.8)	60,008 (46.7)
Socioeconomic status	n (%)	36 (2.3)	no data missing	11,169 (2.7)	386 (0.3)

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Comparison between women in Scotland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without smoking status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Smoking status		Smoking status	
		Data missing (n = 1,130) 56.8%	Data not missing (n = 860) 43.2%	Data missing (n = 275,135) 51.5%	Data not missing (n = 259,539) 48.5%
BMI	n (%)	1,111 (98.3)	481 (55.9)	272,169 (98.9)	134,017 (51.6)
Marital status	n (%)	51 (4.5)	228 (26.5)	7,611 (2.8)	71,958 (27.7)
Socioeconomic status	n (%)	32 (2.8)	4 (0.5)	10,679 (3.9)	876 (0.3)

Comparison between women in Scotland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without marital status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Marital status		Marital status	
		Data missing (n = 279) 14.0%	Data not missing (n = 1,711) 86.0%	Data missing (n = 79,569) 14.9%	Data not missing (n = 455,105) 85.1%
BMI	n (%)	100 (35.8)	1,492 (87.2)	19,561 (24.6)	386,625 (85.0)
Smoking status	n (%)	51 (18.3)	1,079 (63.1)	7,611 (9.6)	267,524 (58.8)
Socioeconomic status	n (%)	2 (0.7)	34 (2.0)	314 (0.4)	11,241 (2.5)

Comparison between women in Scotland with a stillbirth and women with a livebirth with and without socioeconomic status recorded at the second pregnancy

Variable		Stillbirth 2 nd pregnancy		Livebirth 2 nd pregnancy	
		Deprivation category		Deprivation category	
		Data missing (n = 36) (1.8%)	Data not missing (n = 1,954) (98.2)	Data missing (n = 11,555) 2.2%	Data not missing (n = 523,119) 97.8%
BMI	n (%)	36 (100)	1,556 (79.6)	11,169 (96.7)	395,017 (75.5)
Smoking status	n (%)	32 (88.9)	1,098 (56.2)	10,679 (92.4)	264,456 (50.6)
Marital status	n (%)	2 (5.6)	277 (14.2)	314 (2.7)	79,255 (15.2)

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Appendix 2. Adjusted Hazard Ratios for Stillbirth in Any Subsequent Pregnancy by First Pregnancy Characteristics and Outcome in Women in Finland 1987-2015, Malta 1999-2015 and Scotland 1981-2015

Maternal and obstetric characteristics	non-MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>	MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>
1st pregnancy outcome						
Stillbirth	2.40	1.99 to 2.88	<.001	2.25	1.86 to 2.72	<.001
Livebirth	1.00					
Country						
Scotland	1.00					
Finland	1.08	0.99 to 1.17	0.079	1.08	1.01 to 1.15	0.026
Malta	1.41	1.09 to 1.82	0.009	1.41	1.14 to 1.74	0.001
Maternal age (years)						
<20	1.64	1.51 to 1.79	<.001	1.63	1.49 to 1.77	<.001
20-24	1.25	1.17 to 1.34	<.001	1.25	1.16 to 1.33	<.001
25-29	1.00					
30-34	1.05	0.96 to 1.14	0.292	1.06	0.97 to 1.15	0.193
35-39	1.07	0.92 to 1.25	0.393	1.08	0.93 to 1.27	0.317
≥40	1.65	1.08 to 2.55	0.022	1.68	1.09 to 2.58	0.019
BMI (kg/m³)						
<18.5	1.09	0.75 to 1.57	0.658	1.02	0.81 to 1.28	0.893
18.5-24.9	1.00					
25-29	1.20	1.01 to 1.43	0.043	1.03	0.94 to 1.13	0.504
≥30	1.17	0.94 to 1.47	0.166	1.03	0.93 to 1.14	0.565
Not known	1.20	1.07 to 1.33	0.001			
Marital status						
Married/cohabiting/registered partnership	1.00					
Other	1.18	1.10 to 1.26	<.001	1.20	1.11 to 1.29	<.001
Not known	0.97	0.87 to 1.09	0.636			

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Maternal and obstetric characteristics	non-MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>	MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>
Smoking status during pregnancy						
Did not smoke	1.00					
Smoked during pregnancy	1.18	1.09 to 1.29	<.001	1.12	1.03 to 1.21	0.006
Stopped/former smoker	0.89	0.75 to 1.06	0.182	0.98	0.83 to 1.14	0.754
Not known	1.05	0.99 to 1.12	0.136			
High and low socioeconomic status						
High	1.00					
Low	1.16	1.08 to 1.24	<.001	1.14	1.06 to 1.22	<.001
Not known	1.15	0.93 to 1.41	0.199			
Pre-existing diabetes						
No	1.00					
Yes	2.37	1.85 to 3.05	<.001	2.42	1.88 to 3.11	<.001
Pre-existing hypertension						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.09	0.87 to 1.37	0.464	1.04	0.83 to 1.31	0.746
Pre-eclampsia						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.27	1.12 to 1.45	<.001	1.27	1.12 to 1.44	<.001
Placental abruption						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.41	1.07 to 1.85	0.016	1.41	1.06 to 1.86	0.016
Placenta praevia						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.12	0.72 to 1.74	0.616	1.13	0.73 to 1.75	0.595
APH						
No	1.00					
Yes	0.98	0.81 to 1.18	0.811	0.98	0.81 to 1.18	0.811

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Maternal and obstetric characteristics	non-MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>	MI HR	95%CI	<i>p</i>
IUGR						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.59	1.40 to 1.82	<.001	1.58	1.39 to 1.81	<.001
Gestational age at birth						
20-28 weeks	2.95	2.41 to 3.61	<.001	2.91	2.37 to 3.58	<.001
29-32 weeks	2.63	2.22 to 3.12	<.001	2.63	2.22 to 3.12	<.001
33-36 weeks	1.49	1.34 to 1.66	<.001	1.48	1.33 to 1.65	<.001
37-42 weeks	1.00					
>43 weeks	0.91	0.57 to 1.45	0.690	0.89	0.56 to 1.42	0.630
Not known	1.47	0.99 to 2.19	0.058			

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