

Table 1: Inclusion and exclusion criteria for the 49 women with unexplained recurrent miscarriages and 49 age-matched controls enrolled in the case-control study.

Inclusion criteria

Cases

- Two or more consecutive pregnancy losses up to completed 20 weeks of pregnancy
 - Age at recruitment below 40 years
 - Controls
 - History of documented normal pregnancies
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Exclusion criteria

Cases

- Currently in pregnancy or puerperium (6 weeks postpartum)
- History of miscarriage due to infection (TORCH, syphilis, HBV, HCV, HIV)
- Diagnosis of thrombophilic disorder (hereditary or acquired):
 - Hyperhomocysteinemia
 - Deficiency of protein C, S, antithrombin III
 - Mutated factors V Leiden, prothrombin G20210A, Homologous state of MTHFR C677T
 - Anti-phospholipid syndrome or lupus syndrome
 - Activated Protein C Resistance (APC Resistance)
- History of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary
- Diagnosed anatomical abnormalities of the uterus or fallopian tubes (including submucosal fibroids, uterine septum, Asherman syndrome)
- History of cervical insufficiency
- History of surgical procedures in the pelvis (excluding Caesarean section)
- History of alcohol / drug abuse
- History of cancer
- Abnormal chromosomal karyotype (in the couple)
- Abnormal sperm

Controls

- History of pregnancy loss
 - Use of assisted reproduction technology
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TORCH: toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex, HBV: hepatitis B virus, HCV: hepatitis C virus, HIV: human immunodeficiency virus.