

# Recurrent the prevalence of rpl in pregnant women



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Recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) is one of the most important abnormalities during pregnancy which, in its definition should be considered two features:

- 1- Occurrence of at least two successive miscarriages in previous pregnancies
- 2- These miscarriages occurred before the 20th week of gestation.

The prevalence of RPL in pregnant women is about 1-5%. Several causes have been reported for this disorder, of which the most important are: Genetic abnormalities, immune and biochemical disorders, thrombophilia, infections, uterine anatomical disorders, and lifestyle. However, more than 50% of cases, the causes remain unknown, which is called unexplained recurrent pregnancy loss (uRPL).

Cell free DNA and RNA in maternal plasma can be important as non-invasive biomarkers in controlling pregnancy and diagnosing pregnancy-related disorders and one of these RNAs is non-coding RNAs. MicroRNAs (miRNAs), as a type of small non-coding RNAs, are involved in the process of inhibiting the expression of genes by two ways: blocking translation and breaking of mRNA. The miRNAs are derived from a miRNA precursor, which, after processing through molecule complexes of Drosha (in nucleus) and Dicer (in cytoplasm), situated in a RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC). The detection of target mRNAs is carried out by this complex. Many studies have shown the involvement of miRNAs in pregnancy and RPL. These can play different roles in this reproductive disorder, as mentioned below: by reducing the expression of genes, miRNAs can cause abortion, for example, by reducing the expression of genes, miRNAs can cause miscarriage. For example, miR-133a is upregulated in patients with recurrent miscarriage, and can lead to abortion through decreasing the HLA-G expression at the protein level.

Also, in specific populations, some polymorphisms of miRNAs have different expressions, so this can increase the risk of RPL in those populations. In 2012, a study showed that in patients with spontaneous abortion, microRNA polymorphisms (miR-146aC> G, miR-149T> C, miR-196a2T> C and miR-499A> G) are considered as a risk factor of RPL. On the other hand, circulating miRNAs can play a biomarker role in the disorder, as shown in the study by Qin et al., that five miRNAs can be as diagnostic biomarkers for RPL.