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Children prenatally exposed to alcohol - a case study

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Alcohol use during pregnancy is a significant public health problem. Purpose of this poster is to present the developmental characterization of a group of children prenatally exposed to alcohol, born at a Hospital Unity of North of Portugal between 2005 and the first 6 months of 2009, and discuss difficulties of detecting prenatal alcohol exposure. Analysis of paper medical records allowed identification of 13 children. Emotional and behavioral problems were studied by use of Achenbach's Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) and general development and language, motor and social development and cognition were assessed using the Griffiths Mental development Scales (0-2 and 3-8 years). Socio-demographics characteristics were assessed by caregiver interview. 61.5% mothers report not to currently consume alcohol. All children scored below the normative mean (problems in language, mobility and autonomy). CBCL results were related to nonclinical normative sample. Prenatal exposure were under-diagnosed but adequate diagnosis is critical to early intervention.