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Path morphological changes in placental tissue in placental tissue of women in labor with covid-19 during pregnancy.

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Abstract. The role of the COVID-19 virus in the genesis of placental insufficiency was investigated. The morphological changes in the placenta of women in labor with COVID-19 during pregnancy were studied in order to identify the histomorphological features of the placental tissue of pregnant women who underwent COVID-19 during pregnancy.

Keywords: coronavirus, COVID-19, pregnancy, placental tissue, placental insufficiency, SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Introduction. The study of the influence of coronavirus infection on the development of perinatal complications in recent years has increased significantly in connection with the coronavirus infection pandemic. Pregnant women do not appear to be at higher risk of contracting the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. However, studies show that if infected, pregnant women are at a higher risk of developing severe forms of COVID-19 compared to other women of a similar age. In addition, COVID-19 disease during pregnancy has also been associated with an increased risk of premature birth. Older pregnant women, pregnant women who are overweight or with underlying medical conditions and illnesses such as hypertension (high blood pressure) or diabetes are particularly at risk of serious complications from COVID-19 [1,2,3,7].

To date, there is no reliable data on an increase in the frequency of obstetric pathologies, as well as information on the possible perinatal transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. A probable relationship between COVID-19 in a pregnant woman / woman in labor and the development of fetal distress syndrome, thrombocytopenia and impaired liver function in a newborn has been shown [3,5,6]. According to a study by scientists, COVID-19 causes systemic inflammation of the blood vessels of the lungs (vasculitis) with damage to many organs and systems with no apparent connection with pneumonia. Inflammation affects the endothelium, the inner lining of blood vessels in various organs. Impaired placental development in early pregnancy, associated with systemic damage to the vascular endothelium in COVID-19, can lead to the formation of placental oxidative stress and a number of complications that cause fetoplacental tissue insufficiency.

The objective. The aim of the study was to identify the histomorphological features of the placental tissue of pregnant women who underwent COVID-19 during pregnancy.

Materials and research methods. The study group included pregnant women who underwent COVID-19 during this pregnancy. The average age of the patients was 27.4 ± 6.3 years. To solve the set tasks, placental tissue was taken from 53

women who had undergone COVID-19 of moderate form, who did not have clinical and laboratory signs of a viral infection during childbirth.

Macroscopic and microscopic examinations of 53 placenta samples from postpartum women who underwent moderate COVID-19 during this pregnancy were performed. The degree of damage to the membranes of the villous syncytiotrophoblast was assessed by morphometry. Evaluation was performed using the NIS-Element AR3 image analysis system based on a Nikon ECLIPSE 80i microscope.

Result. Placental tissue samples from 53 women in labor were sent for further morphohistological examination. During histological examination, patients with COVID-19 showed a smaller than expected number of inflammatory diseases of the placenta (umbilical cord, membranes and villous trees) (less than 10%). At the same time, focal forms of villitis, hypercapillarization of terminal villi, and pathological immaturity of the villous tree prevailed. The histological picture of the villous tree in patients with COVID-19 corresponded to moderate and severe branched angiogenesis, which indicates the involvement of compensatory mechanisms and is more often characteristic of intrauterine hypoxia. The number of heart attacks of the villous tree was 42.8%; in 72.1%, intervillous hemorrhages and blood clots, massive deposits of fetal fibrinoid were found. In 63.3% of women in labor, syncytiotrophoblastic villi were identified, half of them were dystrophically altered and also embedded in the fetal fibrinoid.

Conclusion. Thus, with a new coronavirus infection, there is a violation of blood flow in the umbilical cord and in the placenta. Blood clots and sludge are formed in the vessels of the chorion and umbilical cord. Pathomorphological features of the state of the placenta indicate that the fetus was in a hypoxic state during pregnancy. As a result of heart attacks, thrombosis of the chorionic tissue, the villous tree was rearranged and fetoplacental insufficiency developed.

Given the higher percentage of hypoxia in childbirth in children from mothers who have undergone, obstetric tactics should be chosen individually, taking into account risk factors and conducting continuous fetal cardiotocography during labor. It is advisable to carry out a pathomorphological examination of samples of placental tissue of women in labor with COVID-19 during pregnancy, in order to clarify the tactics of managing the newborn and predict possible perinatal losses.

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