



Small for gestational age babies from Malaysian tertiary hospitals: A 5 year cohort study from the National Obstetrics Registry, Malaysia.



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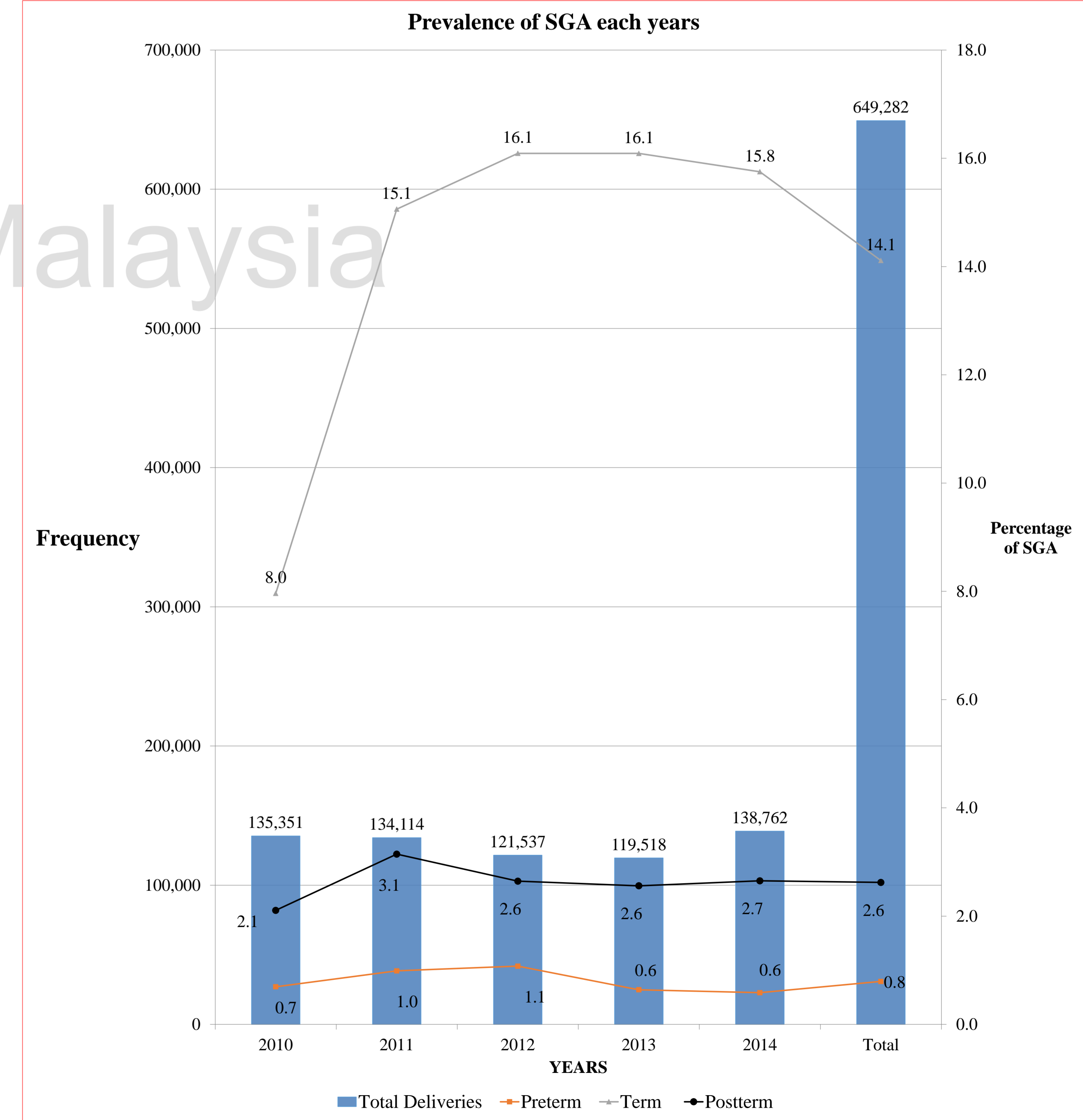
RESULTS

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	Yes		No		Odd ratio	95% CI
	n	%	n	%		
Eclampsia						
Preterm						
SGA	149	2.89	5001	97.11	2.49	(2.07, 3.00)
Non SGA	538	1.18	45028	98.82	1.00	
Term						
SGA	237	0.26	91383	99.74	2.75	(2.33, 3.25)
Non SGA	333	0.09	352883	99.91	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	14	0.08	17009	99.92	2.69	(1.24, 5.81)
Non SGA	12	0.03	39184	99.97	1.00	
Genital tract trauma (GTT)						
Preterm						
SGA	403	7.83	4747	92.17	0.46	(0.41, 0.51)
Non SGA	7111	15.61	38455	84.39	1.00	
Term						
SGA	19074	20.82	72546	79.18	0.76	(0.75, 0.78)
Non SGA	90460	25.61	262756	74.39	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	3370	19.80	13653	80.20	0.78	(0.74, 0.81)
Non SGA	9458	24.13	29738	75.87	1.00	
Induction						
Preterm						
SGA	755	14.7	4395	85.3	1.11	(1.02, 1.19)
Non SGA	6129	13.5	39437	86.5	1.00	
Term						
SGA	21237	23.2	70383	76.8	1.02	(1.00, 1.04)
Non SGA	80609	22.8	272607	77.2	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	4832	28.4	12191	71.6	0.88	(0.85, 0.92)
Non SGA	12136	31.0	27060	69.0	1.00	
Apgar Score 1 min						
Preterm						
SGA	937	18.2	3224	62.6	1.78	(1.65, 1.93)
Non SGA	5987	13.1	36722	80.6	1.00	
Term						
SGA	4896	5.3	85676	93.5	1.23	(1.19, 1.27)
Non SGA	15261	4.3	328464	93.0	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	1110	6.5	15677	92.1	1.17	(1.09, 1.27)
Non SGA	2150	5.5	35659	91.0	1.00	
Apgar Score 5 min						
Preterm						
SGA	334	6.5	3749	72.8	1.86	(1.65, 2.10)
Non SGA	1925	4.2	40221	88.3	1.00	
Term						
SGA	1073	1.2	89062	97.2	1.48	(1.37, 1.58)
Non SGA	2771	0.8	339439	96.1	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	259	1.5	16449	96.6	1.32	(1.13, 1.54)
Non SGA	443	1.1	37220	95.0	1.00	

Tables indicating SGA and outcomes

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Birth Injuries						
Preterm						
SGA	3	0.06	5147	99.94	1.9	(0.54, 6.60)
Non SGA	14	0.03	45552	99.97	1.00	
Term						
SGA	23	0.03	91597	99.97	0.84	(0.53, 1.31)
Non SGA	106	0.03	353110	99.97	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	3	0.02	17020	99.98	0.43	(0.13, 1.48)
Non SGA	16	0.04	39180	99.96	1.00	
Dead (FSB)						
Preterm						
SGA	159	11.7	4,991	0.8	2.60	(2.18, 3.11)
Non SGA	551	40.5	45,015	6.9	1.00	
Term						
SGA	128	9.4	91,492	14.1	3.07	(2.43, 3.87)
Non SGA	161	11.8	353,055	54.5	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	35	2.6	16,988	2.6	4.04	(2.33, 6.99)
Non SGA	20	1.5	39,176	6.0	1.00	
Dead (MSB)						
Preterm						
SGA	726	24.2	4,424	0.7	7.25	(6.56, 8.01)
Non SGA	1009	33.6	44,557	6.9	1.00	
Term						
SGA	322	10.7	91,298	14.1	3.35	(2.88, 3.88)
Non SGA	372	12.4	352,844	54.6	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	49	1.6	16,974	2.6	5.39	(3.23, 8.98)
Non SGA	21	0.7	39,175	6.1	1.00	
Congenital Anomaly						
Preterm						
SGA	77	1.5	5073	98.5	2.95	(2.28, 3.83)
Non SGA	233	0.5	45333	99.5	1.00	
Term						
SGA	179	0.2	91441	99.8	1.88	(1.57, 2.24)
Non SGA	368	0.1	352848	99.9	1.00	
Postterm						
SGA	30	0.2	16993	99.8	3.46	(1.96, 6.09)
Non SGA	20	0.1	39176	99.9	1.00	