

**Supplementary materials to**  
***Chlamydia trachomatis* during pregnancy and childhood asthma-related morbidity: a**  
**population-based prospective cohort**

Running title: Maternal Chlamydia and childhood asthma morbidity

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**Supplementary Table S1.** Differences between those included and not included in the study

	Included n = 2,475	Not included n = 1,580	P-value
<b>Maternal characteristics</b>			
Age, mean (SD), y	30.76 (4.82)	27.96 (5.49)	<0.001
Caesarian section, No. (%)	275 (12.3)	170 (13.1)	0.523
Low/middle education level, No. (%)	1,117 (47.7)	947 (72.2)	<0.001
Maternal psychiatric symptoms, median (IQR)	0.15 (0.06, 0.33)	0.25 (0.10, 0.52)	0.006
Smoking during pregnancy, No. (%)	520 (24.0)	24 (32.4)	0.098
Alcohol use during pregnancy, No. (%)	1,239 (58.2)	492 (39.0)	<0.001
<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection, No. (%)	78 (3.2)	79 (5.0)	0.003
<b>Child's characteristics</b>			
Female sex, No. (%)	1,230 (49.7)	713 (47.4)	0.155
Gestational age at birth, median (IQR), weeks	40.1 (39.3, 41.0)	39.9 (38.9, 40.9)	<0.001
Birth weight, mean (SD), grams	3,447 (543)	3,344 (612)	<0.001
European ethnicity, No. (%)	1,621 (66.5)	636 (45.3)	<0.001
Ever breastfeeding, No. (%)	1,977 (93.5)	41 (91.1)	0.527
Day care attendance 1 <sup>st</sup> year, No. (%)	1,021 (61.8)	11 (52.4)	0.377

Abbreviation: IQR, interquartile range. Differences between groups were evaluated using t-tests for continuous variables, chi-square tests for categorical variables or Mann-Whitney U tests for non-normal distributed variables. Values are based on observed data.

**Supplementary Table S2.** Associations of *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection during pregnancy with lower respiratory tract infections from age 1 to 6 years

	Lower respiratory tract infections Odds Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)					
	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	6 years	Overall
<b><i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection during pregnancy (yes versus no)</b>						
Crude model	1.24 (0.56, 2.75)	0.6 (0.31, 1.47)	1.15 (0.52, 2.52)	<b>2.25 (1.17, 4.34)</b>	1.51 (0.71, 3.18)	0.85 (0.54, 1.35)
<i>p</i> -value	0.589	0.320	0.737	0.016	0.283	0.500
Confounder model <sup>a</sup>	1.00 (0.33, 3.04)	0.49 (0.17, 1.38)	1.29 (0.46, 3.60)	1.50 (0.37, 6.14)	0.77 (0.19, 3.20)	0.95 (0.57, 1.59)
<i>p</i> -value	0.996	0.191	0.633	0.576	0.723	0.855
Full model <sup>b</sup>	0.95 (0.57, 1.59)	1.03 (0.18, 1.42)	1.32 (0.47, 3.69)	1.54 (0.38, 6.25)	0.79 (0.19, 3.27)	0.95 (0.57, 1.59)
<i>p</i> -value	0.961	0.197	0.601	0.550	0.749	0.735

Values are odds ratios with 95% confidence interval from generalized estimating equation models. <sup>a</sup>Adjusted for maternal age, educational level, psychiatric symptoms, and smoking and alcohol use during pregnancy, and child's ethnicity, breastfeeding and day care attendance in the first year of life. <sup>b</sup>Additionally adjusted for mode of delivery, gestational age at birth and birth weight.

**Supplementary Table S3.** Associations of *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection during pregnancy with wheezing from age 1 to 10 years

	Wheezing						
	Odds Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)						
	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	6 years	10 years	Overall
<b><i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i></b> <b>infection during pregnancy</b> <b>(yes versus no)</b>							
Crude model	1.24 (0.77, 1.99)	1.14 (0.67, 1.95)	<b>3.30 (2.05, 5.31)</b>	<b>2.36 (1.43, 3.89)</b>	1.13 (0.56, 2.29)	1.58 (0.90, 2.77)	<b>2.03 (1.50, 2.75)</b>
<i>p</i> -value	0.378	0.624	<0.001	0.001	0.734	0.112	<0.001
Confounder model <sup>a</sup>	1.31 (0.72, 2.38)	1.22 (0.66, 2.24)	<b>2.09 (1.10, 3.96)</b>	1.41 (0.64, 3.12)	1.23 (0.56, 2.69)	2.06 (0.88, 4.83)	<b>1.50 (1.10, 2.03)</b>
<i>p</i> -value	0.374	0.529	0.028	0.399	0.551	0.100	0.013
Full model <sup>b</sup>	1.31 (0.72, 2.38)	1.22 (0.66, 2.24)	<b>2.09 (1.10, 3.96)</b>	1.41 (0.64, 3.12)	1.27 (0.58, 2.79)	2.06 (0.88, 4.83)	<b>1.47 (1.09, 1.99)</b>
<i>p</i> -value	0.374	0.529	0.028	0.399	0.551	0.100	0.015

Values are odds ratios with 95% confidence interval from generalized estimating equation models. <sup>a</sup>Adjusted for maternal age, educational level, psychiatric symptoms, and smoking and alcohol use during pregnancy, and child's ethnicity, breastfeeding and day care attendance in the first year of life. <sup>b</sup>Additionally adjusted for mode of delivery, gestational age at birth and birth weight.

**Supplementary Figure S1.** Directed acyclic graph (DAG) of exposure, outcome and possible covariates

Minimal sufficient adjustment for estimating the total effect of *Chlamydia trachomatis* on respiratory health:  
maternal age, maternal education, maternal stress, smoking during pregnancy, alcohol during pregnancy, ethnicity of the child, breastfeeding, daycare attendance.

