

Prediction of antenatal complications in monochorionic diamniotic (MCDA) twin pregnancies at the 11 - 13+6 weeks' scan

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- Monochorionic diamniotic (MCDA) twin pregnancies can be associated with adverse perinatal outcomes ie, Twin to twin transfusion syndrome (TTTS), Selective fetal growth restriction (sFGR), Intrauterine fetal demise (IUFD).
- At 11 to 13+6 weeks scan following inter-twin discordances of CRL, NT and abdominal circumferences may have a role in early prediction of these outcomes.
- Accurate prediction and early detections of these complications may offer an opportunity for timely intervention thus improving the outcomes

Aim: To evaluate the relationship between d-CRL, d-NT, d-AC measurements at 11 to 13+6 weeks' scan and the development of antenatal complications namely, TTTS, sFGR and single/double IUFD

Materials and Methods

Study period: Nov 2006 - Feb 2017

No of MCDA pregnancies analyzed (No Structural defects): 121

Markers analyzed : d-NT ≥ 10%, d-CRL ≥ 10%, d-AC ≥ 10% Outcomes analyzed : TTTS, sFGR, Single/ Double IUFD







Markers present	Developed at least 1 complication	Complications detected before 20 weeks
At least 2 markers	17/24	13/17
24/121 (19.8%)	(70.8%)	(76.4%)
d-NT + d- <i>AC</i>	8/10	6/8
10/121 (8.2%)	(80%)	(75%)
Isolated marker	13/60	7/13
60/121 (49.5%)	(21.6%)	(53.5%)
No marker	6/37	2/6
37/121 (30.6%)	(16.2%)	(33.3%)

MCDA Twin pregnancies analyzed

N = 121

No complications

SFGR

TTTS

IUFD

Conclusions

- Presence of at least 2 markers at 11-13+6 weeks scan could predict antenatal complications in majority of such pregnancies
- Combination of d-NT and d-AC is the strongest predictor and it predicted complications in 80% of such pregnancies
- d-CRL, d-NT and d-AC in isolation are poor predictors of antenatal complications

Discussion: We recommend inclusion of AC measurement in the routine assessment of MCDA twins in the first trimester along with CRL and NT. In the presence of discordancy of more than 1 parameter, a strict and close surveillance is likely to result in early detection of antenatal complications

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