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# The Role of Mediterranean Diet during Pregnancy on Maternal and Offspring Health

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Pregnancy is a unique period of a woman's life with several important changes, not only for the woman herself, but also for her fetus and future child. During pregnancy, the fetus isexposed to environmental factors through the mother. In particular, nutrition and the health status of the mother play an important role in this process, which is called "fetal programming". Indeed, what happens during prenatal life can influence the health status of the individual during childhood and adulthood. The Mediterranean diet is a healthy dietary pattern that has been associated with several disease preventions. Its potential role during gestation for mothers and offspring outcome has increased in the last few years. Understanding the effectiveness of interventions during pregnancy based on this diet and its related mechanisms is essential for the health status of both the mother and offspring.

This Special Issue will focus on pertaining to the strategies and mechanisms of the Mediterranean diet that could be useful for preventing disorders in mothers and offspring and improving their health. We welcome systematic literature reviews and original research.













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