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Table 1 Maternal characteristics in urban and rural area (= 437)

Characteristics	Urban (= 199)	Rural (= 238)	-value
Age (years) ^a	29.54 (4.76)	29.19 (5.23)	0.44
Gestational age at study visit, (weeks) ^a	30.46 (5.52)	30.19 (5.82)	0.62
Second Trimester (≥20–26 weeks) (%)	49 (24.62)	75 (31.51)	0.11
Third Trimester (≥27 weeks) (%)	150 (75.38)	163 (68.49)	
Parity (%)	(1000)	(55)	
0	91 (45.7)	79 (33.2)	0.01*
1–2	57 (28.6)	70 (29.4)	
≥3	51 (25.6)	89 (37.4)	
Ethnicity (%)			
Malay	145 (72.9)	182 (76.5)	0.02*
Chinese	26 (13.1)	12 (5.0)	
Indian	28 (14.1)	44 (18.5)	
Marital Status (%)			
Married	195 (98)	237 (99.6)	0.06
Single/Widowed	4 (2)	1 (0.4)	
Education Level (%)			
Primary School	4 (2)	10 (4.2)	< 0.001*
Secondary School	70 (35.2)	133 (55.9)	
Tertiary School	125 (62.8)	95 (39.9)	
Monthly Household Income (%) ^b			
Low (< RM2500)	58 (29.1)	143 (60.1)	< 0.001*
Middle (RM2500-RM5599)	105 (52.8)	77 (32.4)	
High (≥ RM5600)	36 (18.1)	18 (7.6)	
Occupation (%)			
Managers & Professional	57 (28.6)	36 (15.1)	< 0.001*
Technician, Associate Professional, Clerical, Sales Workers	79 (39.7)	59 (24.8)	
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishery, Craft Workers, Plant and Machine Operators	6 (3)	10 (4.2)	
Unemployed	57 (28.6)	133 (55.9)	

^aReported in Mean (SD); *LMP* Last menstrual period, *RM* Ringgit Malaysia (1 USD = RM4.04); ^bBased on the cut-off of 11th Malaysia Plan 2016–2020; * Significance value at p < 0.05

Table 2 Maternal physical activity level in urban and rural pregnant women (= 437)

	Urban n = 199	Rural n = 238	
Intensity of Physical Activity (MET-hours/week)	Median (25th, 75th)	Median (25th, 75th)	-value
Total	186.1 (130.0, 248.5)	184.8 (127.6, 247.3)	0.748
Sedentary	74.2 (41.7, 104.4)	58.0 (30.7, 96.0)	0.003*
Moderate	15.8 (0.8, 44.8)	15.8 (4.8, 47.9)	0.383
Light	79.5 (52.2, 108.8)	88.2 (57.6, 115.7)	0.111
Vigorous	0 (0, 0)	0 (0, 0)	0.228
Type of Physical Activity			
Household	76 (45.2, 113.9)	82.8 (52.5, 124.6)	0.036*
Occupational	49 (0, 86.5)	0 (0, 71nstrua73.96360.111Si	gnif314.9(i0)-300.5(47.9(i410f98.i47.s
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Maternal and infant characteristics	B D
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Risk factors for low birth weight infant in urban and rural pregnant women $p < 0.05). \qquad \qquad$	

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