## **Supplement**

Supplemental Table 1: Summary of selected studies

Author	Design	Major Findings
Airas and Kaaja	Review	The researchers stated that the MS relapse
(2012) [1]		rate decreased during late pregnancy and
		increased after delivery. The possible
		reasons for the trend are the reduction in
		estrogen levels after delivery and loss of
		immunosuppressive capability during
		pregnancy.
McKay et al.	Systematic review	The study revealed that the MS relapse rate
(2017) [12]	Systematic review	dropped significantly during pregnancy.
(2017) [12]		However, there is no clinical or strong
		research evidence showing that pregnancy
		could affect long-term progression and the
		risk of MS.
Borisow et al.	Questionnaire study	The researchers reported that there was a
(2014) [16]		reduction in the risk of MS relapse during
		pregnancy.
Houtchens (2013)	Review	There is strong research evidence showing
[17]		that pregnancy reduces the risk of MS
		decline. Furthermore, the relapse rate
		increases in the first 3 to 6 months after
		delivery.

Cuello et al. (2017)	Prospective study	The researchers reported that there was no
[23]		significant difference in terms of obstetric
		outcomes in the MS cohort and the control
		group. The authors further stated that
		pregnancy does not have a long-term
		negative effect on MS progression.
Yalcin et al. (2017)	Case-control study	The rates of fetal growth restriction, preterm
[55]		delivery, stillbirths, cesarean delivery,
		gestational diabetes, fetal malformation, and
		preeclampsia were comparable in both the
		MS group and the controls (P>0.05)
Hellwig et al.	Observational study	The annualized relapse rate among the MS
(2012) [67]		mothers decreased during pregnancy and
		increased after delivery. Furthermore, the
		congenital anomaly rate among patients
		treated with interferon beta (IFNβ) and
		glatiramer acetate (GLAT) were within
		range.
Finkelsztejn et al.	Systematic review and	The authors found that there was a
(2011) [58]	meta-analysis	significant decrease in relapse rate during
		pregnancy and increase after delivery.
		Furthermore, the researchers stated that there
		was no significant difference in pregnancy
		outcomes among mothers with MS

		compared to their counterparts without the
		disorder.
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Jesus Ribeiro et al.	Cohort study	The authors determined that the annualized
(2017) [29]		MS relapse rate decreased during pregnancy
		$(0.6 \pm 0.8 \text{ vs.} 0.3 \pm 0.6, p = 0.006).$
van der Kop et al.	Retrospective cohort	Children born to MS mothers did not have a
(2011) [32]	study	different mean gestational age or birth
		weight compared to their counterparts born
		to those without the disease.
Amato and	Review	Immunomodulatory drugs used in the
Portaccio (2015)		management of MS during pregnancy do not
[52]		cause adverse fetal and maternal outcomes.
Amato et al. (2010)	Cohort study	The use of IFNβ in managing MS during
[53]		pregnancy did not lead to an increased risk
		of spontaneous abortion.