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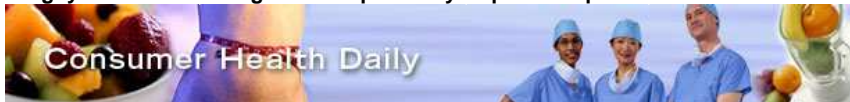


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AT LEAST 1 PESTICIDE FOUND IN PLACENTAS

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GRANADA, Spain, May 15 (UPI) -- A Spanish study of 308 pregnant women found 100 percent had at least one [pesticide](#) in their placentas, but the average rate was eight chemicals.

Maria Jose Lopez Espinosa, of the University of Granada, analyzed for her doctoral thesis organochlorine [pesticides](#) in the organisms of pregnant women.

The analysis was developed at San Cecilio University Hospital in Granada, with women who had given birth to healthy children between 2000 and 2002.

Lopez studied the presence of 17 endocrine disruptive organochlorine pesticides -- pesticides which interfere with the proper performance of the hormonal system. The results showed that the most frequent pesticides present in the placenta tissue were: DDE at 93 percent, lindane at 75 percent, endosulfan diol at 62 percent and endosulfan-I at 54 percent. Lopez said some patients' placentas contained 15 of the 17 pesticides analyzed.

"We do not really know the consequences of exposure to disruptive pesticides in children, but we can predict that they may have serious effects, since this placenta exposure occurs at key moments of the embryo's development," Lopez said in a statement.

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