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# Eating salmon benefits pregnant women and the babies

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University of Granada researchers have proven that eating two servings of salr reared at a fish farm (enriched with omega-3 fatty acids and only slightly cont; a week during pregnancy is beneficial both for the mother and child.

This research study -conducted within the framework of a Project funded by th Framework Program called The Salmon in Pregnancy Study (SiPS)- reveals that intake of salmon increases omega-3 fatty acid levels both in the mother and ch improves their antioxidant defenses; the cause is the selenium and retinol cont salmon. In addition, salmon does not alter oxidative stress levels, inflammatory and vascular homeostasis.

To carry out this study, a randomized sample of pregnant women with low fish was selected. The sample was divided into two groups: the control group -which continued with their regular diet- and the Salmon group -which incorporated tw servings of "treated" salmon from 20 weeks of gestation until term. The salmon this study had been reared in a fish farm under a controlled diet including speci ingredients (vegetable oils and food as algae and zooplankton); through this die salmon became rich in omega-3 fatty acids and presented high concentrations antioxidant vitamins -as Vitamins A and E- and selenium; in addition fish contai low contaminant levels.

## Blood and Urine Samples

Blood and urine samples were taken from the two groups, who were also asked complete a questionnaire of food habits at weeks 20 and 34 of gestation -whic provide information about food intake during the previous 12 weeks. Subsequer blood and urine samples were taken again at week 38 of gestation and at labor also cord blood samples were taken.

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