# FREIA

A unique work tool to optimize fetal drug safety during pregnancy



## INTRODUCTION

Advising pregnant women on the risks and benefits of medication is difficult due to insufficient fetal safety information.

Testing safety of new medication on pregnant women is often unethical, and thus 10 years after drugs are introduced to the market more than 97% still have uncertain fetal safety profiles.

This results in a huge knowledge gab.
The consequence is a choice between accepting a beneficial medication with an unknown risk to the unborn child or forgoing treatment to prioritize the child's safety.

#### **METHODS**

FREIA combines data on all singleton pregnancies in the Central Denmark Region (covering 1/5 of Denmark's population), identified from electronic charts and linked on an individual level.

Information on medication exposure and outcomes (pregnancy, birth, and neonatal) are provided by the electronic patient records of the women and children.

An interface provides access to this information with filters that allow for queries customized to specific clinical questions.



### **RESULTS**

FREIA holds information on 175.000 singleton pregnancies from 2013 onwards and is updated daily.

The interface provides access to over 400 different medications and the outcomes of 100 pregnancy-, birth-, and neonatal variables. The system has been integrated into the existing medication advisory service at the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and is used at highly specialized multidisciplinary conferences.

#### CONCLUSIONS

FREIA provides daily updated clinical information on drug safety in pregnancy. The underlying data can form the backbone of future automated surveillance systems.

Line Kolding <sup>1,2,3</sup> Jakob N. Henriksen <sup>2,3</sup> Eva A. Sædder <sup>2,4</sup> Lars Henning Pedersen <sup>1,3,4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark

<sup>2</sup> Department of Clinical Pharmacology,

Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark

<sup>3</sup> Department of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University, Denmark
<sup>4</sup> Department of Biomedicine, Aarhus University, Denmark





