

To date, many studies have demonstrated the effects of maternal periodontal status on PTLBW, but fewer studies are available exclusively on LBW. According to most of these studies, this association appears to be present in some, but not all mothers.¹

In view of this, the present study was undertaken to evaluate whether poor periodontal health in pregnant women is associated with LBW in a homogenous sample of mothers who delivered at the free labour ward, KLE Hospital, Belgaum between the period of September 2007 and December 2009.