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### Summary

#### Background

Exclusive breastfeeding, though better than other forms of infant feeding and associated with improved child survival, is uncommon. We assessed the HIV-1 transmission risks and survival associated with exclusive breastfeeding and other types of infant feeding.

Methods

## Methods

2722 HIV-infected and uninfected pregnant women attending antenatal clinics in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa (seven rural, one semiurban, and one urban), were enrolled into a non-randomised intervention cohort study. Infant feeding data were obtained every week from mothers, and blood samples from infants were taken monthly at clinics to establish HIV infection status. Kaplan-Meier analyses conditional on exclusive breastfeeding were used to estimate transmission risks at 6 weeks and 22 weeks of age, and Cox's proportional hazard was used to quantify associations with maternal and infant factors.

## Findings

1132 of 1372 (83%) infants born to HIV-infected mothers initiated exclusive breastfeeding from birth. Of 1276 infants with complete feeding data, median duration of cumulative exclusive breastfeeding was 159 days (first quartile [Q1] to third quartile [Q3], 122–174 days). 14.1% (95% CI 12.0–16.4) of exclusively breastfed infants were infected with HIV-1 by age 6 weeks and 19.5% (17.0–22.4) by 6 months; risk was significantly associated with maternal CD4-cell counts below 200 cells per  $\mu\text{L}$  (adjusted hazard ratio [HR] 3.79; 2.35–6.12) and birthweight less than 2500 g (1.81, 1.07–3.06). Kaplan-Meier estimated risk of acquisition of infection at 6 months of age was 4.04% (2.29–5.76). Breastfed infants who also received solids were significantly more likely to acquire infection than were exclusively breastfed children (HR 10.87, 1.51–78.00,  $p=0.018$ ), as were infants who at 12 weeks received both breastmilk and formula milk (1.82, 0.98–3.36,  $p=0.057$ ). Cumulative 3-month mortality in exclusively breastfed infants was 6.1% (4.74–7.92) versus 15.1% (7.63–28.73) in infants given replacement feeds (HR 2.06, 1.00–4.27,  $p=0.051$ ).

## Interpretation

The association between mixed breastfeeding and increased HIV transmission risk, together with evidence that exclusive breastfeeding can be successfully supported in HIV-infected women, warrant revision of the present UNICEF, WHO, and UNAIDS infant feeding guidelines.



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