

maternal blood ($p=0.001$ and $p<0.001$, respectively).
Conclusion: *C-reactive protein is an effective marker of preeclampsia occurrence and significantly correlates with the disease severity. The use of this test for the differential diagnosis of pregnant women in several hypertensive situations and its utilization as a marker of preeclampsia prognosis deserve further studies.*

KEY-WORDS: *Hypertension. C-reactive protein. Proteinuria.*

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TESTE EXATO DE FISHER $p < 0,05$ em vez de $p = 0,05$