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INTRODUCTION

Low birth weight (LBW), prematurity and intrauterine growth retardation (IUGR) remain to be the leading causes of perinatal morbidity, mortality, neurodevelopmental impairments and disabilities among newborn babies.1-3 The belief that a mother’s psychological status may affect her fetus has been common in every society since ancient times. Animal studies have demonstrated that exposing animals to stressors during pregnancy is associated with lower birth of fetal weights. Indonesia has a poor record when it comes to premature births.4,5 The 2010 World Fact Book released by WHO ranks Indonesia on the fourth place for the highest perinatal mortality rate, with 28.9 deaths per 1,000 births. Worldwide, of 15.5 million babies are born preterm every year, at least a million of whom die...