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## **β<sub>2</sub>-Glycoprotein I Dependent Anticardiolipin Antibodies in Women Experiencing Recurrent Pregnancy Loss**

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**ABSTRACT** Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for  $\beta_2$ -Glycoprotein I dependent anticardiolipin antibodies ( $\beta_2$ I aCL) was carried out in 82 women experiencing 3 or more recurrent pregnancy losses and 82 normal healthy controls. The mean aCL levels were 14.53 (m/ml)  $\pm$  16.22 in women with repeated abortions and 7.26 (m/ml)  $\pm$  3.65 in controls. The difference in the values between the two groups was found to be highly significant (P<0.001). We suggest the usefulness of screening  $\beta_2$ I aCL as a routine marker in predicting the risk for future pregnancies.

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