

## **Opportunity for Natural Selection in Manne Dora: A Tribal Population of Andhra Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** Pregnancy histories of 277 ever married women aged 40 years and above belonging to Manne Dora tribe of Andhra Pradesh were analysed to estimate Crow's as well as Johnston and Kensinger's index for natural selection and the value are 0.7175 and 0.8207, respectively. The relative contribution of mortality component to the total selection is higher than the fertility component.