Chikungunya: Mother–child transmission established

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Thanks to a wide study of pregnant women, clinicians on Île de La Réunion and researchers at the Institut Pasteur and Inserm have proved, for the first time, in vitro transmission of the Chikungunya from mothers to their babies. Their observations show that this occurs most often when the mothers contract the virus shortly before pregnancy and that newborns have a higher chance of developing dangerous forms of the illness.

For more information, please read the INSERM press release (in French).