20833 approached for participation

3583 ineligible* based on exclusion criteria in Methods

11910 eligible but did not participate
  • Refused: 5201
  • Undecided: 3636
  • Recruited but did not present for 24 week visit: 3073

5337 recruited and had 24 week study visit

175 lost to follow-up

5162 delivered

Preeclampsia cases 113

Controls 443

Gestational hypertension (ineligible to be case or control) 117

* data on reasons for ineligibility were available in 952. The most common reasons were lack of fluency in French or English (n = 321), plans to deliver in a non-study hospital (n = 272), severe chronic disease (n = 90) and gestational age at initial contact >24 weeks (n = 62).