

Supplementary Table 1. Perinatal data of enrolled VLBWI cohort and VLBWIs who were not included in the study

	Study cohort (n=15842)	Excluded (n=1413)	p value
Gestational age, weeks	28.7 (26.3–30.9)	29.0 (26.4–31.3)	0.01
Birth weight, g	1046 (762–1298)	1062 (764–1324)	0.23
Small for gestational age (<10 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	4624 (29.6)	345 (29.3)	0.84
Male	8073 (51.0)	732 (52.0)	0.47
Premature rupture of membranes	4864 (30.7)	238 (40.1)	<0.001
Clinical chorioamnionitis	3031 (20.1)	138 (26.1)	<0.001
Preeclampsia	4275 (27.2)	134 (25.0)	0.28
Maternal diabetes mellitus	713 (4.6)	23 (4.3)	0.92
Maternal age, years	33 (29–36)	32 (28–36)	0.05
Antenatal steroids	9198 (58.8)	334 (53.9)	0.02
Cesarean section	12,384 (78.2)	586 (72.6)	<0.001

Data are expressed as median (interquartile range) or number (%).

VLBWI, very-low-birth-weight infant