**Supplementary table 3. Demographic and perinatal characteristics between hospital groups**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Hospital group I  (23-24wks' survival ≥ 50%) (n = 107) | Hospital group II  (23-24wks' survival < 50%)  (n = 119) | Total  (n = 226) | *P*-value |
| Gestational age, weeks | 24.8 ± 1.0 | 24.2 ± 1.9 | 24.5 ± 2.0 | **0.02\*** |
| Birth weight, g | 436.6 ± 55.4 | 442.7 ± 53.6 | 439.8 ± 54.4 | 0.41 |
| Male | 43 (40.2) | 57 (47.9) | 100 (44.2) | 0.24 |
| Apgar score, 1 min | 2.7 ± 1.7 | 2.3 ± 1.5 | 2.5 ± 1.6 | 0.06 |
| Apgar score, 5 min | 5.0 ± 2.1 | 4.6 ± 2.1 | 4.8 ± 2.1 | 0.15 |
| Small for gestation age | 87/92 (94.6) | 75/77 (97.4) | 162/169 (95.9) | 0.46 |
| Early onset sepsis | 7/105 (6.7) | 7/114 (6.1) | 14/219 (6.4) | 0.87 |
| Cesarean section | 78 (72.9) | 85 (71.4) | 163 (72.1) | 0.81 |
| Multiple pregnancy | 37 (34.6) | 42 (35.3) | 79 (35.0) | 0.91 |
| Antenatal steroid | 86/106 (81.1) | 82 (68.9) | 168/225 (74.7) | **0.04** |
| Maternal diabetes mellitus | 6 (5.6) | 3 (2.5) | 9 (4.0) | 0.31 |
| Maternal hypertension | 29 (27.1) | 28 (23.5) | 57 (25.2) | 0.54 |
| Chorioamnionitis | 37/104 (35.6) | 32/95 (33.7) | 69/199 (34.7) | 0.78 |
| Premature rupture of membranes | 19/106 (17.9) | 31 (26.1) | 50/225 (21.5) | 0.14 |
| pH at admission | 7.21 ± 0.14 | 7.18 ± 0.15 | 7.20 ± 0.15 | 0.24 |
| Base excess at admission | -8.25 ± 5.62 | -8.85 ± 5.04 | -8.5 ± 5.4 | 0.24 |
| Body temperature at admission | 35.50 ± 0.99 | 35.33 ± 1.03 | 35.41 ± 1.01 | 0.49 |

Values are presented as means ± SD or n (%).