

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics

	n = 41
Male gender (%)	17 (42%)
Gestational age, wk (range)	27.6 (25-30)
Birth weight, g (range)	820 (430-990)
Caesarean section (%)	27 (66%)
- Infection/spontaneous contractions	5 (19%)
- Placental insufficiency	22 (81%)
NEC development (maximal Bell's stage)	6 (15%)
Mortality before discharge (%)	8 (20%)
Cause of death (%)	
	NEC 4 (50%)
	Respiratory failure 4 (50%)