Supplementary Table 1 The general features of the 72 infants

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| Variables | RSV-positive (n=50) | RSV-negative (n=22) | P-value |
| Gestational age (weeks) | 31.6±3.2 | 32.7±4.1 | 0.12a |
| Birth weight (kg) | 1.56 (0.76-3.25) | 1.90 (0.79-4.02) | 0.24b |
| Gender, n (%) |  |  |  |
|  Male | 36(72.0) | 11(50.0) | 0.07c |
|  Female | 14 (28.0) | 11(50.0) |  |

RSV: respiratory syncytial virus; a Independent-samples T test; b Mann-Whitney U test; c Pearson Chi square