

Table 1. Characteristics of included mothers

	Mothers of healthy newborns (n=12)	Mothers of ill newborns (n=12)
Age <i>median (IQR) (years)</i>	25.5 (23.5-28)	25 (20.5-28.5)
Parity		
1	1	2
>1	11	10
Ethnic group*		
Advantageous	1	3
Disadvantageous	11	9
Education		
No schooling but literate	0	1
Completed primary schooling	2	1
Completed secondary schooling	5	8
Higher secondary schooling	5	2

*Categorization of *advantageous* and *disadvantageous* groups is based on reported ethnicity and the caste system in Nepal, with patients with reported Brahmin and Chhetri ethnicity in the *advantageous ethnic group* and those with reported Janajati, Madhesi, Muslim, and Dalit ethnicity in the *disadvantageous ethnic group*.