

Table S1. Clinical characteristics of excluded patients.

	Excluded patients (n = 98)
Male, n (%)	55 (56)
GA, weeks	32.8 (± 0.6)
GA (weeks), range	23+4–36+6
Birth weight, g	1970 (± 132)
Birth weight (g), range	400–3490
Apgar score at 1 min.	7.1 (± 0.5)
APGAR score at 1 min, range	0.0–10.0
Apgar score at 5 min.	8.2 (± 0.4)
APGAR score at 5 min, range	1.0–10.0
Apgar score at 10 min.	8.8 (± 0.3)
APGAR score at 10 min, range	1.0–10.0
Early onset sepsis, n (%)	14 (14)
Late onset sepsis, n (%)	7 (7)
No intraventricular hemorrhage, n (%)	35 (36)
Intraventricular hemorrhage °I-II, n (%)	50 (51)
Intraventricular hemorrhage °III-IV, n (%)	14 (14)
Patent ductus arteriosus (total), n (%)	37 (37)
Surgery, n (%)	4 (4)
Antibiotic treatment, days	2.8 (± 1.7)

Notes. GA = gestational age. Data are presented as mean and standard deviation if not indicated otherwise.