

WEB TABLE I BASELINE VARIABLES

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Values*(n=997)</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Values*(n=997)</i>
<i>Religion</i>		C-section	447 (44.8)
Hindu	731 (73.4)	Forceps delivery	28 (2.8)
Sikh	224 (22.5)	Breech vaginal	8 (0.8)
Muslim	37 (3.7)	Vacuum	1 (0.1)
Christian	2 (0.2)	<i>Anesthesia during delivery</i>	
Not known	3 (0.3)	Spinal	440 (44.1)
<i>Mother's education</i>		None	364 (36.5)
Nil	112 (11.2)	Local	184 (18.4)
Below matriculation	237 (23.8)	General	6 (0.6)
Matriculation	272 (27.3)	Epidural	2 (0.2)
Graduate	241 (24.2)	Gestation (wks)	38 (37-39); 37.8±1.5
Postgraduate or above	135 (13.6)	Preterm neonates	212 (21.3)
Mother diabetic	5 (0.5)	Birthweight	2627±536
Mother with gestational hypertension	89 (8.9)	Low birthweight	344 (34.5)
Mother with antepartum hemorrhage	17 (1.7)	Male	512 (51.4)
Mother with preterm rupture of membranes	30 (3.0)	Meconium-stained amniotic fluid	65 (6.5)
Mother with hypothyroidism	15 (1.5)	Apgar at 1 minute	9 (9-9)
Mother with O blood group	268 (26.9)	Bruises	2 (0.2)
Mother with Rhesus negative blood group	48 (4.8)	Cephalhematoma	2 (0.2)
Parity	1 (1-2)	Age at first stool (h)	6 (4-10)
Primiparous mothers	570 (57.2)	Age at first feed (h)	2 (1-2)
Breastfed previous child (if parity>1)	354/425 (83.3)	First feed within first 1 hr of birth	440 (44.2)
Jaundice in previous sibling (if parity>1)	33/424 (7.8)	First feed within first 2 hr of birth	928 (93.2)
Oxytocin infusion during delivery	111 (11.2)	Supplemental feed during first 24 h of birth	158 (15.9)
<i>Mode of delivery</i>		Supplemental feed after first 24 h of birth	123 (12.4)
Unassisted vaginal delivery	512 (51.4)		

*values are expressed as number (percentage), mean ± standard deviation or median (interquartile range).