

**Supplementary Table 1.** The Baseline Information of Patients.

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	Hospital Stay (days)	Gestation Period (weeks)		Birth Weight (grams)		Age when NEC (weeks)	Weight when NEC (grams)
Groups and cases	Mean	Mean	Std Dev	Mean	Std Dev	Mean	Mean
Surgical (113)	39.7	31.02	4.58	1653.42	2110.22	33.53	1813.95
Non-Surgical (190)	26.97	34.08	3.7	819.05	825.01	35.62	2168.61