Table 1. Background characteristics of the overall groups of mothers and infants

	Behavioural group (n=205)	Control group (n=405)
Mothers		
Mean (SD) age in years	30.2 (5.1)	30.4 (4.8)
% Caucasian	94	94
% Primiparae	47	50
% Married	81	85
% Univ./college degree	34	43
Usual occupation		
% Professional	4	6
% Managerial/technical	38	50
% Skilled non-manual	32	26
% Skilled manual	7	3
% Partly skilled/unskilled	11	8
% Unemployed	9	7
% Other children < 5	42	40
Infants		
Mean (SD) weeks gestational age	39.5 (1.3)	39.7 (1.4)
Type of delivery		
% Unassisted vaginal	65	61
% Caesarean section	25	24
% Forceps or vacuum assisted	10	16
Mean (SD) birthweight	3439.2 (448.6)	3472.1 (460.1)
Infant feeding method		
(% feeding by breast only: bottle only : breast + bottle)		
Week 1	68 : 22 : 10	70 : 22 : 8
Week 12	30 : 25 : 45	34 : 21 : 45