

Appendix 2 Conversion of Prevalence of SGA from US 1991 to Intergrowth-21st standard [posted as supplied by author]

We calculated the numbers and prevalence of Term-SGA and Preterm-SGA infants in 14 datasets using both the U.S. 1991 reference and the Intergrowth-21st standard (shown in Appendix 1). For each major geographic region, we estimated a “conversion factor” for Term-SGA and Preterm-SGA categories converting from the U.S. 1991 reference to the Intergrowth-21st standard. To calculate the conversion factor, the prevalence of term- and preterm-SGA was calculated at the individual study level using the aforementioned reference and standard. Random effects meta-analysis of proportions was performed at the regional level to calculate a pooled term- and preterm-SGA prevalence using each reference. The conversion factor was the ratio of the meta-analyzed prevalences of the Intergrowth-21st standard: U.S. 1991 reference. To calculate the proportion of Term-SGA infants (defined by Intergrowth standard) who were LBW for each major region (Africa, Asia, LAC), in each individual dataset the proportion of Term-SGA infants who were LBW was calculated and random effects meta-analysis was used to pool the data at the regional level.

Conversion factors used to calculate Intergrowth SGA prevalence (applied at country level)

	Asia	Africa	LAC
Term-SGA	0.786343612	0.668141593	0.690789474
Preterm-SGA	0.529411765	0.526315789	0.571428571
Proportion of Term-SGA that is LBW	0.506	0.459	0.370

Abbreviations:

LAC= Latin American Countries

SGA= Small-for-gestational-age

LBW= low birth weight (<2500g)