

## Supplemental information

**Table 1 The Characteristics of BPD in EPIs born at  $\geq 27$  weeks of gestation after matching**

Characteristic	Male (No.=37)	Female (No.=42)	<i>P</i> value
<b>Neonatal characteristic</b>			
Gestational age, weeks	27.6(27.1, 27.7)	27.6 (27.1, 27.7)	0.889
Birth weight, g	992 $\pm$ 173	994 $\pm$ 127	0.973
WWLST, No. (%)	1 (2.7)	1 (2.4)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Apgar score, No. (%)			
1-min $\leq 3$	1 (2.7)	2 (4.8)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
1-min 4~7	9 (24.3)	10 (23.8)	0.957
5-min $\leq 7$	5 (13.5)	2 (4.8)	0.332 <sup>a</sup>
Mechanical ventilation, No. (%)	31 (83.8)	32 (76.2)	0.402
Duration of mechanical ventilation , days	7.3 (3.0, 14.7)	4.4 (0.2, 7.2)	0.050
<b>Maternal characteristic</b>			
Age $\geq 35$ years, No. (%)	10 (27.0)	11 (26.2)	0.933
Cesarean section, No. (%)	16 (43.2)	16 (38.1)	0.642
IVF, No. (%)	7 (18.9)	13 (31.0)	0.220
Twin/multiple pregnancy, No. (%)	8 (21.6)	9 (21.4)	0.983
Any antenatal steroids, No. (%)	31 (83.8)	32 (76.2)	0.402
Complete-course antenatal steroids, No. (%)	21 (56.8)	16 (38.1)	0.097
Placental abruption, No. (%)	3 (8.1)	4 (9.5)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Placenta previa, No. (%)	2 (5.4)	2 (4.8)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Premature rupture of membranes, No. (%)	16 (43.2)	23 (54.8)	0.307
Chorioamnionitis , No. (%)	2 (5.4)	5 (11.9)	0.537 <sup>a</sup>
Intrauterine distress, No. (%)	3 (8.1)	3 (7.1)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, No. (%)	6 (16.2)	5 (11.9)	0.581
Gestational diabetes mellitus, No. (%)	4 (10.8)	9 (21.4)	0.334 <sup>a</sup>
Cervical incompetence, No. (%)	7 (18.9)	5 (11.9)	0.386

Data are presented as median (IQR), mean  $\pm$  SD, or number (%); IVF, in vitro fertilization; <sup>a</sup> Continuity correction Chi-square tests; EPIs, extremely preterm infants; BPD, bronchopulmonary dysplasia; WWLST, withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment .

**Table 2 The Characteristics of RDS in EPIs born at 750~999g of birth weight after matching**

Characteristic	Male (No.=96)	Female (No.=91)	<i>P</i> value
<b>Neonatal characteristic</b>			
Gestational age, weeks	26.9(26.1, 27.3)	26.6 (26.1, 27.3)	0.714
Birth weight, g	915(856, 950)	875 (800, 930)	<0.01
WWLST, No. (%)	37 (38.5)	36 (39.6)	0.886
Apgar score, No. (%)			
1-min ≤3	6 (6.3)	5 (5.5)	0.826
1-min 4~7	29 (30.2)	29 (31.9)	0.806
5-min ≤7	13 (13.5)	12 (13.2)	0.943
Mechanical ventilation, No. (%)	75 (78.1)	65 (71.4)	0.291
Duration of mechanical ventilation , days	3.9 (0.2, 12.9)	2.9 (0.0, 9.1)	0.236
<b>Maternal characteristic</b>			
Age ≥35 years, No. (%)	24 (25.0)	23 (25.3)	0.965
Cesarean section, No. (%)	34 (35.4)	25 (27.5)	0.243
IVF, No. (%)	39 (40.6)	41 (45.1)	0.541
Twin/multiple pregnancy, No. (%)	31 (32.3)	36 (39.6)	0.300
Any antenatal steroids,No. (%)	68 (70.8)	58 (63.7)	0.301
Complete-course antenatal steroids,No. (%)	40 (41.7)	36 (39.6)	0.769
Placental abruption,No. (%)	6 (6.3)	6 (6.6)	0.924
Placenta previa, No. (%)	5 (5.2)	7 (7.7)	0.488
Premature rupture of membranes,No. (%)	36 (37.5)	29 (31.9)	0.419
Chorioamnionitis , No. (%)	8 (8.3)	8 (8.8)	0.911
Intrauterine distress, No. (%)	5 (5.2)	3 (3.3)	0.776 <sup>a</sup>
Hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, No. (%)	13 (13.5)	9 (9.9)	0.439
Gestational diabetes mellitus, No. (%)	16 (16.7)	20 (22.0)	0.357
Cervical incompetence, No. (%)	17 (17.7)	12 (13.2)	0.393

Data are presented as median (IQR), or number (%); IVF, in vitro fertilization; <sup>a</sup> Continuity correction Chi-square tests; EPIs, extremely preterm infants; RDS, respiratory distress syndrome; WWLST, withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining treatment .

**Table 3 The Characteristics of BPD in EPIs born at 750~999g of birth weight after matching**

Characteristic	Male (No.=50)	Female (No.=42)	P value
<b>Neonatal characteristic</b>			
Gestational age, weeks	26.9(26.1, 27.4)	26.9 (26.1, 27.6)	0.534
Birth weight, g	920(854, 950)	908 (800, 951)	0.379
WWLST, No. (%)	1 (2.0)	1 (2.4)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Apgar score, No. (%)			
1-min ≤3	1 (2.0)	2 (4.8)	0.878 <sup>a</sup>
1-min 4~7	14 (28.0)	14 (33.3)	0.580
5-min ≤7	3 (6.0)	3 (7.1)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Mechanical ventilation, No. (%)	46 (92.0)	35 (83.3)	0.202
Duration of mechanical ventilation , days	7.7 (3.1, 19.0)	5.8 (2.9, 20.0)	0.507
<b>Maternal characteristic</b>			
Age ≥35 years, No. (%)	13 (26.0)	15 (35.7)	0.313
Cesarean section, No. (%)	20 (40.0)	14 (33.3)	0.509
IVF, No. (%)	26 (52.0)	19 (45.2)	0.518
Twin/multiple pregnancy, No. (%)	15 (30.0)	13 (31.0)	0.921
Any antenatal steroids, No. (%)	38 (76.0)	33 (78.6)	0.770
Complete-course antenatal steroids, No. (%)	26 (52.0)	18 (42.9)	0.382
Placental abruption, No. (%)	2 (4.0)	5 (11.9)	0.303 <sup>a</sup>
Placenta previa, No. (%)	3 (6.0)	3 (7.1)	1.000 <sup>a</sup>
Premature rupture of membranes, No. (%)	16 (32.0)	15 (35.7)	0.707
Chorioamnionitis, No. (%)	4 (8.0)	7 (16.7)	0.340 <sup>a</sup>
Intrauterine distress, No. (%)	4 (8.0)	2 (4.8)	0.839 <sup>a</sup>
Hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, No. (%)	6 (12.0)	5 (11.9)	0.989
Gestational diabetes mellitus, No. (%)	6 (12.0)	12 (28.6)	0.046
Cervical incompetence, No. (%)	12 (24.0)	9 (21.4)	0.770

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**Table 4 The effects of gestational age on the incidence of respiratory complications in male and female**

<b>EPIs after matching(%[diagnosed No./assessed No.]</b>			
<b>Gestational age at delivery(weeks)</b>	<b>Male(No.=148)</b>	<b>Female(No.=148)</b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>RDS</b>			
<27	97.6(83/85)	91.6(76/83)	0.159 <sup>a</sup>
≥27	96.8(61/63)	90.8(59/65)	0.294 <sup>a</sup>
<b>BPD</b>			
<27	100.0(41/41)	93.1(27/29)	0.168 <sup>b</sup>
≥27	94.6(35/37)	76.2(32/42)	<0.05 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Moderate to severe BPD</b>			
<27	56.1(23/41)	41.4(12/29)	0.225
≥27	40.5(15/37)	14.3(6/42)	<0.01

<sup>a</sup> Continuity correction Chi-square tests; <sup>b</sup>Fisher's exact tests; EPIs, extremely preterm infants; RDS, respiratory distress syndrome; BPD, bronchopulmonary dysplasia.

**Table 5 The effects of birth weight on the incidence of respiratory complications in male and female EPIs after matching(%[diagnosed No./assessed No.]**

<b>after matching(%[diagnosed No./assessed No.]</b>			
<b>Birth weight at delivery(g)</b>	<b>Male(No.=148)</b>	<b>Female(No.=148)</b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>RDS</b>			
<900	98.4(62/63)	94.7(72/76)	0.483 <sup>a</sup>
≥900	96.5(82/85)	87.5(63/72)	0.071 <sup>a</sup>
<b>BPD</b>			
<900	96.4(27/28)	88.5(23/26)	0.551 <sup>a</sup>
≥900	98.0(49/50)	80.0(36/45)	0.012 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Moderate to severe BPD</b>			
<900	57.1(16/28)	38.5(10/26)	0.170
≥900	44.0(22/50)	17.8(8/45)	<0.01

<sup>a</sup> Continuity correction Chi-square tests; EPIs, extremely preterm infants; RDS, respiratory distress syndrome; BPD, bronchopulmonary dysplasia.