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### Supplementary appendix

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Most common pathogens in placental samples and cord blood		Most common pathogens in fetus*	
<b>PCR Results Available, n/N</b>	603/611 (98.7)	<b>PCR Results Available, n/N</b>	441/611 (72.2)
Ureaplasma urealyticum and/or parvum	233 (38.6)	Ureaplasma urealyticum and/or parvum	27 (6.1)
Escherichia coli and/or Shigella species	79 (13.1)	Escherichia coli and/or Shigella species	21 (4.8)
Staphylococcus aureus	47 (7.8)	Staphylococcus aureus	8 (1.8)
Candida albicans	38 (6.3)	Acinetobacter baumannii	7 (1.6)
Streptococcus agalactiae (Group B Streptococcus)	36 (6.0)	Parvovirus B19 (human parvovirus)	7 (1.6)
Enterococcus facium	35 (5.8)	Streptococcus agalactiae (Group B Streptococcus)	6 (1.4)
Klebsiella pneumoniae	27 (4.5)	Human cytomegalovirus	5 (1.1)
Human cytomegalovirus	20 (3.3)	One or more species within the Rickettsia genus	5 (1.1)
Acinetobacter baumannii	19 (3.2)	One or more enterovirus serotypes with the Enterovirus genus	4 (0.9)
Parvovirus B19 (human parvovirus)	10 (1.7)	Klebsiella pneumoniae	4 (0.9)

\*Samples include liver, lung (right & left), brain/central nervous system, cerebral spinal fluid, and whole blood.

**Supplemental Table S1. Pathogens identified by TAC PCR**

	Macerated	Non-macerated
<b>Stillbirths with cause of death determination, n/N</b>	357/611	254/611
<b>Maternal primary cause</b>	357	254
Eclampsia/preeclampsia or other hypertensive disorder, n (%)	118 (33.1)	103 (40.6)
Maternal anemia, n (%)	39 (10.9)	27 (10.6)
Maternal infectious and parasitic disease, n (%)	22 (6.2)	8 (3.1)
Diabetes, n (%)	15 (4.2)	7 (2.8)
Preterm labor, n (%)	2 (0.6)	0 (0.0)
Complications of caesarean section, n (%)	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)
Other maternal complications of pregnancy, n (%)	22 (6.2)	16 (6.3)
Other complications of labor and delivery, n (%)	6 (1.7)	25 (9.8)
No maternal cause identified, n (%)	132 (37.0)	68 (26.8)
<b>Placental primary cause</b>	357	254
Placenta malperfusion, n (%)	185 (51.8)	104 (40.9)
Chorioamnionitis and/or funisitis, n (%)	61 (17.1)	27 (10.6)
Placenta previa or abruption, n (%)	29 (8.1)	65 (25.6)
Cord complication, n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
Other complications of placenta, cord and membranes <sup>2</sup> , n (%)	34 (9.5)	22 (8.7)
No placental cause identified, n (%)	48 (13.4)	35 (13.8)
<b>Fetal primary cause</b>	357	254
Intrauterine hypoxia, n (%)	245 (68.6)	192 (75.6)
Congenital infections, n (%)	57 (16.0)	21 (8.3)
Congenital malformations, deformations or chromosomal abnormalities, n (%)	8 (2.2)	15 (5.9)
Growth disorders, n (%)	10 (2.8)	11 (4.3)
Fetal hemorrhage, n (%)	2 (0.6)	1 (0.4)
Intraventricular hemorrhage of the fetus, n (%)	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)
Hemolytic disease of the fetus, n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
Other, n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
No fetal cause identified, n (%)	34 (9.5)	12 (4.7)

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**Supplemental Table S2. Primary causes of death by maceration status**

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