

Supplementary 3**Table 1: Comparison of baseline characteristics of newborns in Observation phase and Implementation /Sustainability phase**

Baseline characteristics	Observation phase (290) N (%)	Implementation phase (PDSA) + sustainability phase (n=2002) N (%)	P value
Male	203 (68.9%)	1461 (73.1%)	0.65
Females	87 (31.1%)	540 (26.9%)	
Gestational age (weeks)(Mean ± S.D)	33.1 ± 6.2	34 ± 4.45	0.33
<28 weeks	3.6%	4.8%	
28-31 6/7 weeks	19.4.7%	7.7%	
32-36 6/7 weeks	31.5%	34.0%	
>37 weeks	36.8%	53.3%	
Birth weight (grams) (Mean ± S.D)	1989 ± 662	2017 ± 947	0.37
<1000 grams	4.2%	4.6%	
1000-1499 grams	13.6%	12.2%	
1500-2499 grams	32.6%	33.1%	
>2500 grams	49.4%	50.1%	
Risk factors for sepsis*	54%	48.4%	0.54
MOD: NVD	41%)	39.7%	0.42
LSCS	58.9%	60.2%	

Data expressed as %, Mean (±SD) wherever applicable. P <0.05 Significant

* Risk factors: Chorioamnionitis, Leaking PV >18 hours, Maternal fever.

* MOD: Mode of delivery, NVD: Normal vaginal delivery, LSCS: Lower segment Cesarean section

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