

Table 1

Descriptive Characteristics of the Sample by VP/VLBW Group Status (N=438)

	VP/VLBW <i>n</i> =218	Term-born <i>n</i> =220	<i>t</i> / χ^2
Gestational age, weeks <i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	30.6 (2.2)	39.6 (1.1)	<i>t</i> (317)=53.1***
Birth weight, grams <i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	1,342 (315)	3,358 (448)	<i>t</i> (393)=54.5***
Male <i>n</i> (%)	117 (53.7)	102 (46.4)	χ^2 (1, <i>N</i> =438)= 2.3
Socioeconomic status <i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	3.5 (1.4)	3.2 (1.5)	<i>t</i> (435)= -2.2*
Neonatal medical risk score <i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	-9.1 (2.7)	-0.4 (0.7)	<i>t</i> (241)=46.0***
Good early parent-infant relationship <i>n</i> (%) ^a	114 (54.8)	158 (71.8)	χ^2 (1, <i>N</i> =428)=13.4***
Good inhibitory control at 20 months <i>n</i> (%)	40 (18.3)	111 (50.5)	χ^2 (1, <i>N</i> =438)=50.0***
Cognitive abilities at 20 months <i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	96.2 (16.3)	106.9 (6.3)	<i>t</i> (265)=8.9***

Note: **p* < .05, ***p* < .01, ****p* < .001. Data are presented as *mean (standard deviation)* for continuous / interval scaled and *number of individuals (percentages)* for categorical variables.

^aData on parent-infant relationships were missing for 10 VP/VLBW participants.