

<b>Table 1.</b>				
		Preterm VLBW/ELBW	Control	<i>P</i> for preterm vs. control
Characteristic:		No. (%) / Mean (Standard Deviation)	No. (%) / Mean (Standard Deviation)	
Participants	<b>All</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>1512</b>	
	HeSVA	108 (50.7)	105 (49.3)	
	Cleveland	241 (51.0)	232 (49.0)	
	McMaster	142 (51.6)	133 (48.4)	
	Trondheim	42 (25.1)	125 (74.9)	
	ESTER	46 (6.1)	703 (93.9)	
	BLS	168 (44.0)	214 (56.0)	
Age at assessment, (years)	<b>All</b>	<b>22.9 (2.7)</b>	<b>23.1 (2.3)</b>	<b>.14</b>
	HeSVA	24.6 (2.1)	24.6 (2.2)	.89
	Cleveland	20.2 (0.5) <sup>a</sup>	20.1 (0.5) <sup>a</sup>	.05
	McMaster	23.3 (1.2)	23.7 (1.0) <sup>b</sup>	.004
	Trondheim	19.6 (0.8)	19.7 (0.7)	.64
	ESTER	23.0 (1.4)	23.4 (1.2)	.07
	BLS	26.3 (0.6)	26.3 (0.6)	.74
Men	<b>All</b>	<b>335 (44.8)</b>	<b>710 (47.0)</b>	<b>.34</b>
	HeSVA	48 (44.4)	45 (42.9)	.82
	Cleveland	116 (48.1)	108 (46.6)	.73
	McMaster	62 (43.7)	60 (45.1)	.81
	Trondheim	19 (45.2)	54 (43.2)	.82
	ESTER	13 (28.3)	342 (48.6)	.007
	BLS	77 (45.8)	101 (47.2)	.79
Gestational length, (weeks)	<b>All</b>	<b>29.7 (2.6)</b>	<b>39.8 (1.3)<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	29.3 (2.4)	40.1 (1.1)	<.001
	Cleveland	30.1 (2.3)	NA; All ≥ 37	NA
	McMaster	27.5 (2.3)	NA	NA
	Trondheim	29.0 (2.3)	39.7 (1.2)	<.001
	ESTER	30.5 (2.3)	39.8 (1.3) <sup>c</sup>	<.001
	BLS	31.0 (2.4)	40.1 (1.2)	<.001
Birth weight (grams)	<b>All</b>	<b>1120 (243)</b>	<b>3501 (517)</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	1137 (218)	3609 (489)	<.001
	Cleveland	1180 (219)	NA	NA
	McMaster	840 (125)	3388 (481)	<.001
	Trondheim	1238 (191)	3361 (547)	<.001
	ESTER	1258 (198)	3573 (526)	<.001
	BLS	1193 (216)	3360 (446)	<.001
Extremely Low Birth Weight (≤1000g)	<b>All</b>	<b>289 (38.7)</b>	-	
	HeSVA	30 (27.8)	-	
	Cleveland	63 (26.1)	-	
	McMaster	142 (100.0)	-	
	Trondheim	6 (14.3)	-	
	ESTER	8 (17.4)	-	
	BLS	40 (23.8)	-	

Small for Gestational Age (birth weight for sex and gestational length <sup>d</sup> ≤ -2SD)	<b>All</b>	<b>97 (13.0)</b>	<b>9 (0.8)<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	9 (8.3)	0 (0.0)	.003
	Cleveland	28 (11.6)	NA	NA
	McMaster	15 (10.6)	NA	NA
	Trondheim	2 (4.8)	1 (0.8) <sup>f</sup>	.10
	ESTER	3 (6.5)	4 (0.6) <sup>g</sup>	<.001
	BLS	40 (23.8)	4 (1.9)	<.001
Multiple birth	<b>All</b>	<b>147 (19.7)<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>14 (0.9)</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	17 (15.7)	0 (0.0)	<.001
	Cleveland	43 (17.8)	NA	NA
	McMaster	14 (9.9) <sup>h</sup>	NA	NA
	Trondheim	9 (21.4)	0 (0.0)	<.001
	ESTER	13 (28.3)	7 (1.0)	<.001
	BLS	51 (30.4)	7 (3.3)	<.001
Neurosensory impairments	<b>All</b>	<b>119 (15.9)</b>	<b>21 (1.4)</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	9 (8.3)	1 (1.0)	.01
	Cleveland	20 (4.2)	0 (0.0)	<.001
	McMaster	47 (33.1)	10 (7.5)	<.001
	Trondheim	2 (4.8)	1 (0.8)	.09
	ESTER	6 (13.0)	8 (1.1)	<.001
	BLS	35 (20.8)	1 (0.5)	<.001
Highest parental education				
Lower secondary or less	<b>All</b>	<b>152 (20.3)</b>	<b>181 (12.0)</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	11 (10.2)	6 (5.7)	.23
	Cleveland	50 (20.7)	34 (14.7)	.08
	McMaster	22 (15.5)	19 (14.3)	.78
	Trondheim	19 (45.2)	31 (24.8)	.01
	ESTER	4 (8.7)	55 (7.8)	.83
	BLS	46 (27.4)	36 (16.8)	.01
Higher secondary	<b>All</b>	<b>260 (34.8)</b>	<b>668 (44.2)</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
	HeSVA	21 (19.4)	18 (17.1)	.66
	Cleveland	97 (40.2)	81 (34.9)	.23
	McMaster	38 (26.8)	31 (23.3)	.51
	Trondheim	2 (4.8)	18 (14.4)	.10
	ESTER	26 (56.5)	411 (58.5)	.80
	BLS	76 (45.2)	109 (50.9)	.27
Lower tertiary	<b>All</b>	<b>174 (23.3)</b>	<b>305 (20.2)</b>	<b>.09</b>
	HeSVA	40 (37.0)	35 (33.3)	.57
	Cleveland	74 (30.7)	90 (38.8)	.07
	McMaster	36 (25.4)	42 (31.6)	.25
	Trondheim	7 (16.7)	29 (23.2)	.37
	ESTER	5 (10.9)	91 (12.9)	.68
	BLS	12 (7.1)	18 (8.4)	.65
Higher tertiary	<b>All</b>	<b>124 (16.6)</b>	<b>311 (20.6)</b>	<b>.02</b>
	HeSVA	34 (31.5)	46 (43.8)	.06
	Cleveland	3 (1.2)	10 (4.3)	.04
	McMaster	35 (24.6)	37 (27.8)	.55

	Trondheim	10 (23.8)	27 (21.6)	.77
	ESTER	11 (23.9)	140 (19.9)	.51
	BLS	31 (18.5)	51 (23.8)	.20
Not known/ missing	<b>All</b>	<b>37 (5.0)</b>	<b>47 (3.1)</b>	<b>.03</b>
	HeSVA	2 (1.9)	0 (0.0)	.16
	Cleveland	17 (7.1)	17 (7.3)	.91
	McMaster	11 (7.7)	4 (3.0)	.08
	Trondheim	4 (9.5)	20 (16.0)	.30
	ESTER	0 (0.0)	6 (0.9)	.53
	BLS	3 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	.05

<sup>a</sup> 15 missing (data imputed with cohort-specific mean value in analyses)

<sup>b</sup> 2 missing (data imputed with cohort-specific mean value in analyses)

<sup>c</sup> 7 missing

<sup>d</sup> According to Olsen et al. growth standards<sup>25</sup>

<sup>e</sup> 10 missing

<sup>f</sup> 1 missing

<sup>g</sup> 9 missing

<sup>h</sup> 3 missing