

Table 1 Pretreatment characteristics of neonates with patent ductus arteriosus in the indomethacin and ibuprofen treatment groups

Neonate characteristic	Indomethacin (n = 10)	Ibuprofen (n = 10)
Mean (SD) birth weight (g)	1720 (630)	1860 (402)
Mean (SD) gestational age (weeks)	33.2 (3.1)	31.3 (4.4)
Sex (No. of males)	6	7
Maternal premature rupture of membranes (%)	70	50
Maternal pre-eclampsia (%)	33	35
Maternal betamethasone treatment (%)	80	75
Mean (SD) airway pressure at 24 hr (cm H ₂ O)	8.1 (2.1)	7.5 (2.1)
Mean (SD) fraction of inspired oxygen at 24 hr (%)	55 (23)	59 (35)
Surfactant therapy (No.)	7	8
Mean (range) age at onset of therapy (days)	6.4 (5–8)	5.5 (4–7)
Respiratory distress syndrome (No.)	9	10
Hyperbilirubinaemia (No)	7	7

n = number of neonates; *SD* = standard deviation.

No significant differences between groups (*P* > 0.5).