

Table 1 Types and incidences of congenital anomalies recorded for births at University of Port Harcourt teaching hospital from 1990 to 2003

System affected/type of anomaly	No. of recorded anomalies	% of recorded anomalies (n = 78)	Incidence per 1000 births (n = 19 572)
<i>Central nervous system</i>	36	46.2	1.84
Spina bifida	7	9.0	0.36
Meningocele	2	2.6	0.10
Hydrocephalus	7	9.0	0.36
Anencephaly	19	24.4	0.97
Collapsed skull	1	1.3	0.05
<i>Skeletal system</i>	34	43.6	1.74
Talipes	8	10.3	0.41
Extra digit	12	15.4	0.61
Impacted shoulder	2	2.6	0.10
Absence of digit	1	1.3	0.05
Achondroplasia	3	3.8	0.15
Amelia	1	1.3	0.05
Shoulder dystocia	4	5.1	0.20
Hyper-extended legs	1	1.3	0.05
<i>Urogenital system</i>	4	5.1	0.20
Ambiguous external genitalia	1	1.3	0.05
Undescended testis	2	2.6	0.10
Small penis	1	1.3	0.05
<i>Respiratory system</i>	2	2.6	0.10
Apnoea	1	1.3	0.05
Blocked airway	1	1.3	0.05
<i>Gastrointestinal tract</i>	2	2.6	0.10
Imperforate anus	1	1.3	0.05
Congenital hernia	1	1.3	0.05