

Table 2 Frequency of skin disorders in normal birth weight and low birth weight neonates

Skin lesion	Neonatal birth weight			
	Normal		Low	
	No.	%	No.	%
<i>Pigmented birthmarks</i>				
Mongolian spots	69	98.6	1	1.4
Congenital melanocytic naevi	7	43.8	9	56.2
<i>Vascular birthmarks</i>				
Naevous simplex (salmon patches)	3	37.5	5	62.5
Naevous flammeus (portwine patches)	5	83.3	1	16.7
<i>Infections</i>				
Bacterial	3	37.5	5	62.5
Fungal	47	58.8	33	41.2
<i>Eczema</i>				
Infantile seborrhoeic dermatitis (cradle cap)	17	70.8	7	29.2
Contact allergic dermatitis	5	20.8	19	79.2
<i>Transient non-infective skin diseases</i>				
Miliaria rubra	9	90.0	1	10.0
Erythema toxicum neonatorum	5	62.5	3	37.5
<i>Physiological changes</i>				
Desquamation	53	66.2	27	33.8
Congenital hypertrichosis lanuginosa (lanugo hair)	41	55.4	33	44.6
Cutis marmorata	4	12.5	28	87.5
Milia	13	72.2	5	27.8
<i>Other</i>				
Bronze discolouration	16	100.0	0	0.0
Epidermolysis bullosa	4	33.3	8	66.7