

Table 1 Demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of mothers with neonatal deaths (cases) and mothers with live neonates (controls)

Variable	Cases (n = 146)		Controls (n = 549)		P-value
<i>Mother's age [mean (SD)]</i>	27.6 (6.2)		27.5 (5.6)		0.850
<i>Mother's education level [no. (%)]</i>					
None	20	13.7	44	8.0	0.004
Low	60	41.1	176	32.1	
High	66	45.2	329	59.9	
<i>Residence [no. (%)]</i>					
Urban	82	59.0	391	74.1	0.001
Rural	57	41.0	137	25.9	
<i>Mother's employment [no. (%)]</i>					
Employed (at home)	4	2.7	14	2.6	0.731
Employed (outside)	11	7.5	53	9.7	
Housekeeper	131	89.7	482	87.8	
<i>Neonate's sex [no. (%)]</i>					
Male	82	56.6	288	52.5	0.426
Female	63	43.4	248	45.2	
Both (twins)	0		13	2.3	
<i>Parity [no. (%)]</i>					
1	42	28.8	210	38.3	0.008
2	51	34.9	194	35.3	
3	22	15.1	84	15.3	
≥ 4	31	21.2	61	11.1	
<i>Caesarean section delivery [no. (%)]</i>	94	64.4	263	47.9	< 0.001
<i>Caesarean section type [no. (%)]</i>					
Elective	6	6.5	60	23.2	0.002
Repeat	40	43.5	86	33.2	
Emergency	46	50.0	113	43.6	