

Table 3 Distribution of autistic disorder cases and non-autistic controls by social class, pregnancy, type of delivery and pre/postnatal complications

Variable	Cases (n = 100) %	Controls (n = 100) %	OR	95% CI	P-value
Duration of pregnancy					
Preterm	9	8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Term	91	92			
Type of delivery					
Normal	76	89	2.51	1.12–5.63	0.025
Caesarean section or assisted birth	24	11			
Prenatal complications					
Present	15	4	4.19	1.34–13.1	0.014
Absent	85	96			
Postnatal complications					
Present	6	7	0.84	0.27–2.59	0.760
Absent	94	93			
Social class					
Class 3	15	12	n/a	n/a	n/a
Class 4	14	21			
Class 5	71	67			

n/a = not assessed; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.