

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of mothers of low-birth-weight (LBW) and normal-birth-weight (NBW) infants

Maternal characteristic	Infant birth weight group				χ^2 -test	P-value
	LBW (n = 134)		NBW (n = 134)			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Age (years) ^a					0.262	0.877
< 20	21	15.8	21	15.9		
21–35	104	78.2	101	76.5		
> 35	8	6.0	10	7.6		
Education ^b					7.01	0.220
Non-formal education	11	8.3	9	6.7		
Primary school or literate	50	37.6	49	36.6		
Middle school certification	20	15.0	36	26.9		
High school certification	12	9.0	11	8.2		
Intermediate or post high school diploma	32	24.1	25	18.7		
Graduate or postgraduate	8	6.0	4	3.0		
Occupation					2.06	0.357
Housewife	127	94.8	131	98.0		
Clerical	7	5.2	3	2.2		
Family income ($\times 10^3$ rials/month) ^c					6.95	0.326
≤ 1000	9	6.7	6	4.5		
1000–< 3000	42	31.3	37	28.0		
3000–< 5000	56	41.8	71	53.8		
5000–< 7000	18	13.4	15	11.4		
≥ 7000	8	3.8	3	2.3		

^aMissing = 3 cases; ^bMissing = 1 case; ^c10 000 rials = approx. US\$ 1.