

**Table 3: Comparing early neonatal outcomes in both groups; planned NVD versus planned C-Section**

Neonatal outcomes	Planned NVD N = 1367	Planned C-section N = 1071	P-value
<b>Icterus</b>			
Developing icterus	469 (34.3)	381 (43.9)	0.52§
Start day	3.8 (± 2.3)	3.6 (± 2.5)	0.6*
Duration of icterus	1.6 (± 0.6)	1.7 (± 0.5)	0.07*
Blood exchange	3.0 (0.6)	0	
Phototherapy	323 (69.3)	270 (70.9)	
Medication	14 (3.0)	9 (2.4)	0.58§
Home remedy &/ breastfeeding	221 (16.2)	144 (13.4)	
Photo and breast feeding cessation and medication	124 (26.4)	100 (26.2)	
<b>Infection</b>			
Developing infection	75 (5.5)	70 (6.5)	0.3§
Start day	5.1 (± 4.7)	6.8 (± 8.1)	0.09*
Hospitalization due to infection <sup>6</sup>	16 (21.3)	7 (10.0)	0.2§
Duration of admission	2.1 (± 1.4)	2 (± 1.4)	0.8*
<b>Convulsion</b>			
Developing convulsion	13 (1.0)	12 (1.1)	0.8§§
Start day	7.8 (± 2.6)	9.9 (± 2.5)	0.7*
Hospitalization due to convulsion <sup>66</sup>	4 (30.8)	3 (25.0)	0.1§

\*Independent T test

§Chi-square test

§§Fisher's exact test

<sup>6</sup>The proportion of neonates admitted due to infection

<sup>66</sup>The proportion of neonates admitted due to convulsion

P values less than 0.05 is considered significant.

Data are reported as mean (± standard deviation), or frequency (%); NVD = normal vaginal delivery