

Supplemental Material S2. Baseline characteristics of the group of participating VPT children and the group of nonparticipating VPT children in follow up assessment at age 4 years.

Characteristic	Participating group (<i>n</i> = 63)	Nonparticipating group (<i>n</i> = 21)	<i>p</i> value
GA in weeks, mean (<i>SD</i>)	28.8 (2.0)	29.3 (2.1)	.332
BW in grams, mean (<i>SD</i>)	1135 (381)	1287 (412)	.126
Small for gestational age (< 10th percentile), <i>n</i> (%)	7 (11)	1 (5)	.673*
Male sex, <i>n</i> (%)	41 (65)	10 (48)	.156
Abnormal neonatal hearing screening, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (6)	0 (0)	.568*
Neighborhood socioeconomic status, mean (<i>SD</i>)	0.028 (1.298)	-0.047 (0.870)	.807

Note. *p* values were calculated with independent samples Student's *t*-test, Pearson's chi-square test (or Fisher's exact test*; in case of expected cell frequencies < 5).