

**Supplemental Material S1.** Baseline characteristics of the group of participating VPT children and the group of nonparticipating VPT children in baseline assessment at age 2 years CA.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Participating group (<i>n</i> = 84)</b>	<b>Nonparticipating group (<i>n</i> = 41)</b>	<b><i>p</i> value</b>
Birth weight, g, mean ( <i>SD</i> )	1173 (392)	1186 (370)	.862
Gestational age, wk, mean ( <i>SD</i> )	29.0 (2.0)	29.2 (2.0)	.521
Small for gestational age (< 10th percentile), <i>n</i> (%)	8 (10)	5 (12)	.646
Male sex, <i>n</i> (%)	51 (61)	22 (54)	.452
Abnormal neonatal hearing screening, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (5)	0 (0)	.302
Neighbourhood socioeconomic status, mean ( <i>SD</i> )	0.01 (1.20)	0.04 (0.99)	.870