

Table S2. Clinical characteristics of the study cohort of preterm infants (related to Figures 1 and 7)

	All	No LOS	LOS ^b
Number of infants	49	27	22
Gestational age [weeks] ^a	27.7 (2.7)	28.4 (2.6)	26.8 (2.6)
Birth weight [g] ^a	994 (410)	1120 (428)	839 (334)
Gender, female [%]	37	41	32
Cesarean section [%]	94	96	91
Apgar score, 5 min ^a	7.2 (1.2)	7.6 (0.9)	6.8 (1.3)
Apgar score, 10 min ^a	8.3 (0.8)	8.5 (0.8)	8.0 (0.8)
Breast milk only [%]	16.7	10.4	6.3
Breast milk & formula [%]	54.2	27.1	27.1
Formula only [%]	29.2	16.7	12.5
Probiotics	27	14	13
EOS / AIS	16	8	8

LOS, late-onset sepsis; EOS, early-onset sepsis; AIS, amnion infection syndrome

^a Mean (\pm SD), ^b Mean age at diagnosis 14.8 days \pm 4.9; blood culture proven in $n = 11$ cases (*S. haemolyticus* 5, *S. epidermidis* 4, *E. coli* 1, *Enterococcus faecalis* 1)