

Table II. Comparison of possible adverse effects of intravenous corticosteroids between treatment and control groups

	Steroids N=28	Controls N=28	P-value
Weight at beginning of treatment [g]	972 ± 333	980 ± 333	0.93
Weight gain during treatment [g/day]	8.8 ± 13.9	18.7 ± 10.9	0.005
At 35 weeks postmenstrual age [g]			
- Weight	1901 ± 245	1890 ± 410	0.90
- Length	41.7 ± 0.5	42.0 ± 0.5	0.59
- Head circumference	30.8 ± 0.4	30.5 ± 0.4	0.63
Infections			
- Suspected infection	12 (42.9%)	11 (39.3%)	0.79
- Infection confirmed with cultures	4 (14.3%)	6 (21.4%)	0.51
Intracerebral hemorrhage	5 (17.9%)	4 (14.3%)	0.72
Cerebral palsy	1 (3.6%)	3 (10.7%)	0.31