

Supplementary Table 1.

Classification system^a for primary cause of death - 302 singleton late stillbirths^b and 255 singleton neonatal deaths^b in 100,413 pregnancies included in The Danish National Birth Cohort.

Categories	Criteria	Stillbirth/neonatal death	Number of deaths
Congenital malformations	Chromosome abnormalities Neural tube defects Inborn errors of metabolism Heart defects Renal abnormalities Other abnormalities	Stillbirth and neonatal death	134
Unexplained intrauterine death	Unexplained death among fetuses that were normal weight for gestational age.	Only stillbirth	84
Placental dysfunction ^c	Intrauterine growth retardation (IUGR) Infarction of placenta without IUGR Placental abruption Placenta previa	Stillbirth and neonatal death	106
Umbilical cord complications ^d	Fetal entanglement Cord knot Perforation of the umbilical cord Vasa previa Thrombosis	Stillbirth and neonatal death	43
Antepartum bleeding ^e	Excess bleeding of unknown origin	Stillbirth and neonatal death	< 3
Maternal conditions	Preeclampsia Hypertension Diabetes mellitus Rhesus isoimmunization Other maternal conditions	Stillbirth and neonatal death	22
Intrapartum events	Birth trauma Irregular fetal presentation Rupture of the uterus Aspiration of meconium Intrapartum asphyxia, unknown cause	Stillbirth and neonatal death	55
Preterm birth	Immature respiratory system Hyaline membrane disease (HMD) HMD with intraventricular bleeding HMD with infection Intracranial bleeding including Intraventricular bleeding	Only neonatal death	43
Infections	Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) Ante-, intra- and postpartum infection	Stillbirth and neonatal death	35
Other specific conditions	Specific conditions including sudden infant death.	Stillbirth and neonatal death	23
Unclassifiable	death from any cause not classifiable to any of the other categories or lack of information	Stillbirth and neonatal death	11

^a A modified version of the classification suggested by Andersen KV et al in [Classification of perinatal and neonatal deaths. Fetal, obstetrical and neonatal causes]. Ugeskr Laeger 1991. 153;1494-1497. ^b Late stillbirth defined as stillbirths after 28 completed weeks of gestation, neonatal death as deaths within the first 28 days of life. ^c This category has been modified from the original system to include only placental dysfunction and both stillbirth and neonatal death. ^d This category was added to the original classification system. It was originally a subcategory in a category named 'fetal-placental dysfunction'. ^e This category has been modified from the original system: The subcategories 'Placental abruption' and 'Placenta previa' has been moved to the category 'Placental dysfunction'.