Table 1. General characteristics of the neonates included in the study.

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| **Characteristics**  |  | **Frequency****n=126 (%)** |
| Sex | Male | 83 (65.9) |
| Address | Kathmandu Valley | 25 (19.8) |
| Small for gestational age | Yes | 23 (18.3) |
| Blood group | O+ve | 39 (31.0) |
| A+ve | 45 (35.7) |
| B+ve | 27 (21.4) |
| B-ve | 1 (0.8) |
| AB+ve | 13 (10.3) |
| AB-ve | 1 (0.8) |
| Type of delivery | Normal delivery at home | 30 (23.8) |
| Normal delivery at hospital | 71 (56.3) |
| Instrumental assisted delivery | 7 (5.6) |
| Elective cesarean section | 8 (6.3) |
| Emergency cesarean section | 10 (7.9) |
| Gestational age | <37 week | 31 (24.6) |
|  | 37–42 week | 94 (74.6) |
|  | >42 week | 1 (0.8) |
| Birth weight | <1000 g | 7 (5.6) |
|  | 1001–1500 g | 10 (7.9) |
|  | 1501–2500 g | 48 (38.1) |
|  | 2501–4000 g | 59 (46.8) |
|  | >4000 g | 2 (1.6) |
| Admission day of life | 1–10 day | 90 (71.4) |
|  | 11–20 day | 24 (19.1) |
|  | 21–30 day | 12 (9.5) |
| pH on admission | <7.15 | 10 (7.9) |
|  | 7.15–7.25 | 21 (16.7) |
|  | 7.25–7.35 | 21 (16.7) |
|  | 7.35–7.45 | 49 (38.9) |
|  | >7.45 | 25 (19.8) |