

Table A1

Comparison of the balance sample at age 10 (n=6915) with the remaining ALSPAC cohort (n=6532)<sup>a</sup>

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Completed age 10 balance tests N (%)</b>	<b>Untested remainder of cohort N (%)</b>	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	3416 (49.4)	3494 (53.5)	
Female	3499 (50.6)	3036 (46.5)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =22.7, p<0.0001
<b>Breast-feeding</b>			
Any	5620 (84.1)	3586 (68.7)	
None	1062 (15.9)	1631 (31.3)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =395.2, p<0.0001
<b>Admitted to SCBU</b>			
Yes	386 (5.8)	355 (6.9)	
No	6237 (94.2)	4816 (93.1)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =5.3, p=0.021
<b>Crowding Index<sup>b</sup></b>			
≤ 0.5	3207 (48.3)	1939 (34.1)	
0.5 – 0.75	2107 (31.7)	1754 (30.8)	
>0.75	1326 (20.0)	1997 (35.1)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =409.4, p<0.0001
<b>Home ownership</b>			
Mortgaged/owned	6136 (91.3)	4855 (83.4)	
Rented/other	582 (8.7)	969 (16.6)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =183.1, p<0.0001
<b>Parity</b>			
No previous children	3074 (45.9)	2466 (42.8)	
1 or 2 children	3288 (49.1)	2845 (49.3)	
≥ 3 children	329 (4.9)	454 (7.9)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =50.1, p<0.0001
<b>Maternal education</b>			
CSE/vocational	1475 (22.1)	2110 (39.8)	
O levels	2358 (35.4)	1780 (33.6)	
A levels	1774 (26.6)	925 (17.5)	
Degree	1056 (15.9)	481 (9.1)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =526.0, p<0.0001
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
White	6524 (98.1)	5036 (96.4)	
Non-white	125 (1.9)	187 (3.6)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =33.0, p<0.0001
<b>Maternal age</b>			
≤20	231 (3.3)	750 (11.5)	
21-30	4194 (60.7)	4266 (65.3)	
31-35	1917 (27.7)	1157 (17.7)	
>35	572 (8.3)	357 (5.5)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =502.3, p<0.0001
<b>Maternal social class</b>			
I	401 (7.0)	172 (4.4)	
II	2006 (34.9)	1046 (26.5)	
IIIN	2421 (42.1)	1734 (43.9)	
IIIM	384 (6.7)	374 (9.5)	
IV + V	539 (9.4)	624 (15.8)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =185.5, p<0.0001

**Mother's partner at home**

Yes	6338 (95.8)	5113 (91.3)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =102.2, p<0.0001
No	280 (4.2)	486 (8.7)	

**Maternal alcohol use (at 18wks gestation)**

None	4743 (70.6)	4257 (73.7)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =53.4, p<0.0001
Low	957 (14.2)	596 (10.3)	
Medium	718 (10.7)	590 (10.2)	
High	302 (4.5)	334 (5.8)	

**Maternal binge-drinking<sup>c</sup>**

None	5709 (84.8)	4626 (80.5)	Chi <sup>2</sup> =40.6, p<0.0001
1-4 days	777 (11.5)	834 (14.5)	
5-10 days	116 (1.7)	136 (2.4)	
>10 days	129 (1.9)	148 (2.6)	

N.B. Total percentages do not always add up to 100 due to rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Totals will not always equal these values due to missing data

<sup>b</sup> Crowding Index = number of people in home divided by the number of rooms

<sup>c</sup> Maternal binge-drinking was recorded at 18 weeks gestation; defined as the number of occasions in the past month when at least 4 glasses of alcohol were consumed.