Supplement Table 1: Comparison of characteristics at enrolment for women with and without a placental biopsy at delivery

Characteristics		No biopsy N (%)	Had biopsy N (%)	p-value
Number of women		3786	3082	
Age group	<20 years	179 (4.7)	167 (5.4)	0.04
	20 to 24	1475 (39.2)	1248 (40.5)	
	25 to 29	1292 (34.3)	1099 (35.7)	
	30+ years	821 (21.8)	568 (18.4)	
Gravidity	Primi-	1300 (34.5)	1246 (40.3)	<0.001
	Secondi-	1080 (28.7)	841 (27.3)	
	Multi-	1388 (36.8)	995 (32.3)	
Education	None	1174 (31.2)	774 (25.1)	0.001
	Primary	1248 (33.1)	1124 (36.5)	
	Secondary	799 (21.2)	674 (21.9)	
	Higher	545 (14.5)	510 (16.6)	
Slept under net previous night	Yes	2764 (73.5)	2448 (79.5)	0.001
Slept under an ITN previous night	Yes	418 (14.8)	319 (12.6)	0.37
Socio economic quintile	Poorest	806 (21.4)	563 (18.3)	0.02
	2	774 (20.6)	635 (20.7)	
	3	728 (19.4)	596 (19.4)	
	4	783 (20.8)	582 (19.0)	
	Least poor	671 (17.8)	693 (22.6)	
Haemoglobin (g/dL)	<7	30 (0.8)	31 (1.0)	0.04
	7 to <11	3175 (84.0)	2537 (82.4)	
	>=11	576 (15.2)	511 (16.6)	
Had fever <48hrs or temperature >37.5	Yes	234 (6.2)	225 (7.3)	0.16
RDT result at enrolment	Positive	56 (3.1)	55 (3.8)	0.36
PCR result at enrolment	Positive	145 (5.2)	124 (5.0)	0.7