

**Online Table I.** Clinical details of sepsis in the LOS group. Categorical variables in *n* (%), continuous variables are expressed as median [inter quartile range, IQR]. LOS refers to late-onset sepsis.

Clinical characteristics of the LOS group (n=32)	N (%) or median [IQR]
LOS symptoms according to Vermont Oxford definition <sup>[reference]</sup>	
• Respiratory distress	23 (49%)
• Apnea	8 (17%)
• Hemodynamic instability	8 (17%)
• Feeding intolerance	8 (17%)
One or more LOS-associated symptoms	
• 1 symptom	2 (6%)
• 2 symptoms	20 (63%)
• ≥ 3 symptoms	10 (31%)
Maximum C-reactive protein during LOS (mg/l)	59 [33 - 76]
Co-diagnosis of necrotizing enterocolitis	4 (13%)
Isolated pathogens (n=33)	
• Coagulase negative staphylococcus	23 (70%)
• <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	5 (15%)
• <i>Escherichia coli</i>	3 (9%)
• <i>Serratia marcescens</i>	1 (3%)
• <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	1 (3%)