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ABSTRACT

Objective: to compare hospital and health service usage costs of feeding low-birthweight (LBW) infants predominantly with their mother's milk, supplemented with donor milk, with donor milk and preterm formula.

Design: prospective matching study.

Setting: tertiary public perinatal centre, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and donor human milk bank.

Participants: 100 LBW infants (Group I) fed predominantly with their mother's milk from the first hour of life, supplemented (mainly for the first week of life) with donor milk, were

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