Appendix

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Exclusions:

- Stillbirths
  \( (N = 1,950 \text{ births}) \)
- Births in hospitals without continuous maternity services during the study period or with midwifery-only services
  \( (N = 1,907 \text{ births in 7 hospitals}) \)
- Births in hospitals with <50 births p.a.
  \( (N = 391 \text{ births in 28 hospitals}) \)
- Preterm births in hospitals which lack the service capability to manage preterm infants
  \( (N = 308 \text{ deliveries in 30 hospitals}) \)

Excluded births with missing data on one of the pregnancy/maternal characteristics
\( (N = 721 \text{ births}) \)