

Acronyms and abbreviations

BSID	Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development (edition indicated as BSID-II or BSID-III)	MD	mean difference
CERQual	Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative Research	MDI	Mental Development Index (BSID-II)
CI	confidence interval	MSD	Department of Mental Health and Substance Use (at WHO)
CPAP	continuous positive airway pressure	M-NICU	maternal–neonatal intensive care unit
DECIDE	Developing and Evaluating Communication strategies to support Informed Decisions and practice based on Evidence	NFS	Department of Nutrition and Food Safety (at WHO)
DOI	declaration of interests	NICU	neonatal intensive care unit
EBF	exclusive breastfeeding	OR	odds ratio
ERG	External Review Group	PDI	Psychomotor Development Index (BSID-II)
EST	Evidence Synthesis Team	PICO	population, intervention, comparator, outcome
EtD	Evidence-to-Decision	PMA	postmenstrual age
GDG	Guideline Development Group	PNC	postnatal care
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation	RCT	randomized controlled trial
HAZ	height-for-age z score	RR	relative risk
IFD	Infant Flow Driver	SD	standard deviation
IQR	interquartile range	SGA	small for gestational age
IPA	International Pediatric Association	SMD	standardized mean difference
IU	international unit	SRH	Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (at WHO)
KMC	kangaroo mother care	spp.	several species
LAZ	length-for-age z score	UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
LMIC	low- or middle-income country	US\$	United States dollar
LMP	last menstrual period	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
MCA	Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing (at WHO)	WAZ	weight-for-age z score
		WHO	World Health Organization
		WHZ	weight-for-height z score