

Table 1 Comparison of key variables of mother and baby for deliveries at Al-Jamhouria hospital in the period before the armed conflict (1 October to 31 December 2010) and during the peak of the conflict within Benghazi (1 February to 31 May 2011)

Variable	Pre-conflict (n = 5935 births)		During conflict (n = 7096 births)		P-value
Age of mother [mean (SD) years]	30.4 (5.8)		30.1 (5.7)		< 0.001
Weight of baby [mean (SD) kg]	3.31 (0.60)		3.26 (0.62)		< 0.001
	No.	%	No	%	
Nationality of mother					< 0.001
Libyan	5730	96.5	6976	98.3	
Foreign national	205	3.5	120	1.7	
Maturity of baby at birth					< 0.001
Full term (\geq 37 weeks)	5785	97.5	6838	96.4	
Preterm (< 37 weeks)	150	2.5	258	3.6	
Mode of delivery					0.002
Caesarean section	1501	25.3	1912	26.9	
Vaginal	4434	74.7	5184	73.1	
Perineum					0.006 ^a
Episiotomy	2355	39.7	2949	41.6	
Intact	1910	32.2	2205	31.1	
Other	1670	28.1	1942	27.4	
Birth weight					< 0.01
Normal (> 2.5 kg)	5431	91.5	6379	89.9	
Low (\leq 2.5.kg)	504	8.5	717	10.1	

^aEpisiotomy versus intact + other.