

**On line supplement: Determinants of early life lung function in African infants**

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**Table S1 Methodological detail of study measurements**

<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Birth-weight for gestational age z-score	Z-score calculated using the Fenton New-born growth charts	At birth
Weight and height for age z-scores	Z-scores calculated using the WHO Child Growth Standards. Age corrected for prematurity (<37 weeks)	On day of lung function test (6 week study visit)
Gestational age	Assessed by antenatal ultrasound or combination of last menstrual period, antenatal examination of pubic symphysis fundal height and birth weight, when ultrasound was not available	Antenatal 2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester ultrasound/examination
Maternal smoking	Urine cotinine: the highest value from two visits used to classify as active smoker (cotinine >500 ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> ), passive smoker (10-500 ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> ) or non-smoker (<10 ng.ml <sup>-1</sup> ). <sup>1</sup>	Antenatal study visit (28-32 weeks gestation) and at birth; using the IMMULITE <sup>®</sup> 1000 Nicotine Metabolite Kit <sup>1</sup>
Household benzene	Categorized as above threshold if benzene >5mcg/m <sup>3</sup> ; based on the 2015 South African National Ambient Air Quality Standards (SANAAQ).	Antenatal home visit using a Markes <sup>®</sup> thermal desorption tube left in the home for two weeks
Socioeconomic status	Composite variable, placing participants into relative quartiles. Score is derived from employment status and standardized scores of: educational attainment, household income, assets and market access. <sup>2</sup>	Based on questionnaire information collected at antenatal study visit (28-32 weeks).
Maternal distress	Defined as high risk if WHO endorsed Self Reporting Questionnaire (SRQ) score ≥8.	Antenatal study visit (28-32 wk), SRQ-20 questionnaire. <sup>3,4</sup>
Maternal alcohol dependence/high risk	Daily and/or weekly use of alcohol in the preceding 3 months.	Antenatal visit (28-32 wk) Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Test questionnaire. <sup>3,4</sup>
Maternal respiratory health	Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms: chronic cough or recurrent wheeze in previous 12 months, doctor diagnosed asthma, bronchiectasis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ever. Low FEV <sub>1</sub> : < -2 SD predicted using the Global Lung Initiative multi-ethnic equations <sup>5</sup>	Antenatal study visit (28-32 weeks) and 6 week visit questionnaire
Infant feeding	Exclusive breastfeeding: breast-milk only; Mixed feeding: mixture of breast-milk and infant formulas; No breastfeeding: infant formula only.	6 week study visit questionnaire, questions related to the previous 6-10 weeks feeding practices
HIV status	Mothers: point of care rapid HIV antibody test, positive test confirmed with laboratory based combined antibody and antigen test. Infants of HIV positive mothers: HIV PCR test	Mothers: pregnancy booking and labour Exposed infants: birth and 4 weeks

**Table S2: Lung function outcomes**

Lung function variable	Median	IQR	CV <sup>#</sup> mean (SD)
<b>Tidal breathing n=649</b>			
Respiratory rate n.min <sup>-1</sup>	47	41; 55	8.8 (2.9)
Tidal volume mL	34.2	30.0; 38.6	8.8 (3.4)
t <sub>PTEF</sub> /t <sub>E</sub> * %	38.6	30.2; 46.2	23.0 (9.3)
t <sub>I</sub> /t <sub>TOT</sub> * %	45.2	42.0; 48.8	6.6 (2.4)
t <sub>E</sub> /t <sub>TOT</sub> *%	54.8	51.2; 58.0	5.5 (2.1)
<b>Multiple breath washout n=614</b>			
Functional residual capacity (FRC) mL	74.5	65.5; 86.3	5.8 (3.5)
Lung clearance index n turnovers	7.1	6.9; 7.4	4.3 (2.5)
<b>Forced oscillation technique n=508</b>			
Resistance (R <sub>rs</sub> ) cmH <sub>2</sub> O.s.L <sup>-1</sup>	45.0	37.5; 55.8	6.4 (4.2)
Compliance (C <sub>RS</sub> ) mL.cmH <sub>2</sub> O <sup>-1</sup>	0.88	0.67; 1.14	13.1 (12.4)

<sup>#</sup>Intra-subject coefficient of variation \*t<sub>PTEF</sub>/t<sub>E</sub>: time to peak tidal expiratory flow over total expiratory time; t<sub>I</sub>/t<sub>TOT</sub>: inspiratory time over total breath time; t<sub>E</sub>/t<sub>TOT</sub>: expiratory time over total breath time

**Table S3: Univariate and multivariate analysis of respiratory rate**

	Univariate (n=654)				Multivariate model (n=459)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev	
Respiratory rate (n.min <sup>-1</sup> )							7%	10.94	
<b>Infant growth and lung maturation</b>									
Weight-for-age z score	-1.621	-2.420	-0.822	<0.001	0.347	-0.962	1.656	0.603	
Gestation	-0.653	-1.091	-0.215	0.004	-0.949	-1.596	-0.302	0.004	
Birth weight z score	-1.937	-2.775	-1.099	<0.001	-2.717	-4.120	-1.314	<0.001	
<b>Gender and ethnicity</b>									
Male gender	0.381	-1.424	2.186	0.679	-1.109	-3.190	0.972	0.295	
Ethnicity Black African	2.764	0.974	4.555	0.003	3.580	1.047	6.113	0.006	
<b>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</b>									
Smoking: Non smoker									
Passive	-1.910	-4.288	0.468	0.115	-0.622	-3.294	2.050	0.647	
Active	-0.418	-2.936	2.099	0.744	1.869	-1.307	5.045	0.248	
Benzene	-1.025	-3.072	1.021	0.325	-1.779	-3.832	0.275	0.089	
Social Economic Status: Highest quartile									
Lowest quartile	0.375	-2.121	2.872	0.768					
Low-moderate quartile	1.380	-1.198	3.958	0.294					
Moderate-high quartile	0.058	-2.571	2.687	0.965					
<b>Maternal factors</b>									
Maternal stress	-1.050	-3.302	1.202	0.360					
Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding									
Mixed feeding	-0.116	-2.035	1.803	0.906					
No breastfeeding	0.390	-2.581	3.361	0.797					
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	-0.674	-3.381	2.033	0.625					
Maternal HIV infection	0.699	-1.621	3.020	0.554	-0.214	-3.165	2.737	0.887	
Maternal alcohol	-2.692	-7.102	1.718	0.231	-7.199	-12.627	-1.771	0.009	
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	2.698	-1.301	6.697	0.186	2.797	-1.762	7.356	0.229	

**Table S4: Univariate and multivariate analysis of tidal volume**

Univariate (n=654)				Multivariate model (n=459)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev
Tidal volume (mL)							33%	5.14
<u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u>								
Weight-for-age z score	2.863	2.487	3.239	<0.001	2.492	1.876	3.109	<0.001
Gestation	0.670	0.438	0.902	<0.001	0.454	0.149	0.759	0.004
Birth weight z score	1.803	1.368	2.239	<0.001	0.492	-0.171	1.155	0.146
<u>Gender and ethnicity</u>								
Male gender	1.323	0.356	2.289	0.007	2.416	1.438	3.395	<0.001
Ethnicity	1.076	0.109	2.043	0.029	-0.804	-2.011	0.403	0.191
<u>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</u>								
Smoking: Non smoker								
Passive	-0.170	-1.446	1.107	0.794	-0.553	-1.811	0.705	0.388
Active	-2.491	-3.842	-1.139	<0.001	-1.549	-3.045	-0.053	0.042
Benzene	0.467	-0.648	1.583	0.411	0.803	-0.168	1.775	0.105
Social Economic Status: highest quartile								
Lowest quartile	-1.059	-2.401	0.283	0.122				
Low-moderate quartile	-0.070	-1.456	1.316	0.921				
Moderate-high quartile	0.171	-1.242	1.584	0.812				
<u>Maternal factors</u>								
Maternal stress	-0.599	-1.800	0.603	0.328				
Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding								
Mixed feeding	0.577	-0.452	1.606	0.271	0.747	-0.279	1.773	0.153
No breastfeeding	1.746	0.153	3.339	0.032	1.499	-0.351	3.349	0.112
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	0.256	-1.201	1.713	0.731				
Maternal HIV infection	1.686	0.442	2.929	0.008	1.679	0.059	3.300	0.042
Maternal alcohol	-1.118	-3.472	1.237	0.352	2.955	0.403	5.506	0.023
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	-2.033	-4.182	0.117	0.064	-1.025	-3.170	1.120	0.348

**Table S5: Univariate and multivariate analysis of the ratio of time to peak tidal expiratory flow over total expiratory time (tPTEF/tE)**

	Univariate (n=654)				Multivariate model (n=459)				Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev		
tPTEF/tE (%)							10%	11.87		
<b><u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u></b>										
Weight-for-age z score	0.023	-0.833	0.880	0.957	-0.913	-2.327	0.500	0.205		
Gestation	0.379	-0.087	0.845	0.111	0.287	-0.412	0.987	0.420		
Birth weight z score	-0.021	-0.922	0.880	0.964	0.602	-0.920	2.123	0.437		
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>										
Male gender	-2.750	-4.650	-0.850	<b>0.005</b>	-3.196	-5.440	-0.952	<b>0.005</b>		
Ethnicity	3.971	2.087	5.854	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	4.414	1.648	7.179	<b>0.002</b>		
<b><u>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</u></b>										
<b>Smoking: Non smoker</b>										
Passive	-2.014	-4.543	0.514	0.118	-0.127	-3.012	2.758	0.931		
Active	-3.139	-5.815	-0.462	<b>0.022</b>	-0.036	-3.465	3.393	0.984		
Benzene	-1.706	-3.893	0.482	0.126	-2.931	-5.158	-0.704	<b>0.010</b>		
<b>Social Economic Status: highest quartile</b>										
Lowest quartile	0.764	-1.881	3.410	0.571						
Low-moderate quartile	-0.364	-3.095	2.367	0.794						
Moderate-high quartile	0.399	-2.387	3.184	0.779						
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>										
Maternal stress	0.774	-1.629	3.177	0.527						
<b>Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding</b>										
Mixed feeding	-2.322	-4.333	-0.311	<b>0.024</b>	-2.192	-4.544	0.160	0.068		
No breastfeeding	3.018	-0.096	6.132	0.057	1.086	-3.158	5.330	0.615		
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	-2.419	-5.278	0.441	0.097	-2.422	-5.816	0.973	0.162		
Maternal HIV infection	3.218	0.773	5.664	<b>0.010</b>	-1.503	-5.232	2.225	0.429		
Maternal alcohol	-6.201	-10.879	-1.523	<b>0.009</b>	-8.485	-14.359	-2.612	<b>0.005</b>		
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	-3.984	-8.211	0.243	0.065	-1.647	-6.569	3.275	0.511		

**Table S6: Univariate and multivariate analysis of the ratio of inspiratory time over total breath time (t<sub>i</sub>/t<sub>TOT</sub>)**

	Univariate (n=654)				Multivariate model (n=457)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev	
t <sub>i</sub> /t <sub>TOT</sub> (%)							3%	4.60	
<b>Infant growth and lung maturation</b>									
Weight-for-age z score									
	-0.245	-0.575	0.085	0.145	-0.016	-0.564	0.531	0.954	
Gestation									
	-0.150	-0.329	0.029	0.100	-0.086	-0.357	0.184	0.532	
Birth weight z score									
	-0.293	-0.636	0.051	0.095	-0.351	-0.938	0.237	0.241	
<b>Gender and ethnicity</b>									
Male gender									
	-0.436	-1.167	0.295	0.242	-0.542	-1.412	0.329	0.222	
Ethnicity									
	1.697	0.977	2.416	<0.001	1.275	0.203	2.348	<b>0.020</b>	
<b>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</b>									
Smoking: Non smoker									
Passive									
	-0.437	-1.392	0.517	0.369	-0.106	-1.224	1.012	0.852	
Active									
	-0.852	-1.863	0.159	0.098	-0.260	-1.589	1.069	0.701	
Benzene									
	0.049	-0.778	0.875	0.908	-0.213	-1.072	0.647	0.627	
Social Economic Status: highest quartile									
Lowest quartile									
	0.356	-0.651	1.364	0.488					
Low-moderate quartile									
	0.045	-1.001	1.091	0.933					
Moderate-high quartile									
	0.587	-0.478	1.653	0.279					
<b>Maternal factors</b>									
Maternal stress									
	-0.634	-1.561	0.294	0.180					
Feeding choice: Exclusive									
Mixed feeding									
	-0.089	-0.866	0.687	0.822					
None									
	0.090	-1.126	1.306	0.885					
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>									
	-0.540	-1.640	0.560	0.336					
Maternal HIV infection									
	0.434	-0.507	1.374	0.366	-0.389	-1.623	0.846	0.537	
Maternal alcohol									
	-0.565	-2.348	1.218	0.534	-1.499	-3.770	0.773	0.195	
Previous lower respiratory tract infection									
	0.167	-1.462	1.796	0.841	0.964	-0.943	2.872	0.321	

**Table S7: Univariate (n=654) and multivariate (n=459) analysis of the ratio of expiratory time over total breath time (t<sub>E</sub>/t<sub>TOT</sub>)**

	Univariate (n=654)				Multivariate (n=459) model				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev	
<b>t<sub>E</sub>/t<sub>TOT</sub> (%)</b>							3%	4.620	
<b><u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u></b>									
Weight-for-age z score	0.245	-0.085 0.575	0.145	0.016	-0.531 0.564	0.954			
Gestation	0.150	-0.029 0.329	0.100	0.086	-0.184 0.357	0.532			
Birth weight z score	0.293	-0.051 0.636	0.095	0.351	-0.237 0.938	0.241			
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>									
Male gender	0.436	-0.295 1.167	0.242	0.542	-0.329 1.412	0.222			
Ethnicity	-1.697	-2.416 -0.977	<0.001	-1.275	-2.348 -0.203	<b>0.020</b>			
<b><u>Environment and socioeconomic factors</u></b>									
Smoking: Non smoker									
Passive	0.437	-0.517 1.392	0.369	0.106	-1.012 1.224	0.852			
Active	0.852	-0.159 1.863	0.098	0.260	-1.069 1.589	0.701			
Benzene	-0.049	-0.875 0.778	0.908	0.213	-0.647 1.072	0.627			
Social Economic Status: highest quartile 4									
Lowest quartile	-0.356	-1.364 0.651	0.488						
Low-moderate quartile	-0.045	-1.091 1.001	0.933						
Moderate-high quartile	-0.587	-1.653 0.478	0.279						
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>									
Maternal stress	0.634	-0.294 1.561	0.180						
Feeding choice: Exclusive									
Mixed feeding	0.089	-0.687 0.866	0.822						
None	-0.090	-1.306 1.126	0.885						
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	0.540	-0.560 1.640	0.336						
Maternal HIV infection	-0.434	-1.374 0.507	0.366	0.389	-0.846 1.623	0.537			
Maternal alcohol	0.565	-1.218 2.348	0.534	1.499	-0.773 3.770	0.195			
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	-0.167	-1.796 1.462	0.841	-0.964	-2.872 0.943	0.321			

**Table S8: Univariate and multivariate (n=435) analysis of the functional residual capacity (FRC)**

Univariate (n=563)				Multivariate model (n=435)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev
<b>FRC (mL)</b>							10%	15.90
<b><u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u></b>								
Weight-for-age z score	3.645	2.526	4.765	<0.001	0.228	-1.731	2.187	0.819
Gestation	1.205	0.593	1.817	<0.001	1.308	0.350	2.266	<b>0.008</b>
Birth weight z score	2.981	1.802	4.160	<0.001	3.965	1.839	6.091	<0.001
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>								
Male gender	-2.338	-4.880	0.205	0.071	-0.194	-3.323	2.936	0.903
Ethnicity	2.710	0.173	5.248	<b>0.036</b>	2.764	-1.214	6.742	0.173
<b><u>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</u></b>								
<b>Smoking: Non smoker</b>								
Passive	-1.987	-5.355	1.381	0.247	-1.995	-6.037	2.046	0.332
Active	-4.676	-8.228	-1.124	<b>0.010</b>	-2.684	-7.521	2.154	0.276
Benzene	-0.517	-3.516	2.482	0.735	-0.436	-3.517	2.645	0.781
<b>Social Economic Status: highest quartile</b>								
Lowest quartile	-3.658	-7.177	-0.138	<b>0.042</b>	-2.540	-7.138	2.057	0.278
Low-moderate quartile	-2.770	-6.401	0.861	0.135	-0.696	-5.169	3.777	0.760
Moderate-high quartile	-3.726	-7.420	-0.031	<b>0.048</b>	-2.925	-7.403	1.553	0.200
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>								
Maternal stress	-1.365	-4.571	1.841	0.403				
<b>Feeding choice: Exclusive</b>								
Mixed feeding	-0.027	-2.736	2.681	0.984				
None	2.736	-1.435	6.907	0.198				
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	0.670	-3.144	4.484	0.730				
Maternal HIV infection	2.415	-0.833	5.663	0.145	0.556	-3.850	4.962	0.804
Maternal alcohol	1.012	-5.345	7.369	0.755	5.298	-2.869	13.466	0.203
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	-3.207	-8.867	2.453	0.266	0.269	-6.674	7.212	0.939

**Table S9: Univariate and multivariate analysis of the lung clearance index (LCI)**

Univariate (n=563)				Multivariate model (n=435)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev
<b>LCI (n FRC turnovers)</b>							4%	0.44
<b><u>Infant growth and lung function</u></b>								
Weight-for-age z score	-0.012	-0.044	0.020	0.456	-0.015	-0.069	0.039	0.585
Gestation	-0.007	-0.024	0.010	0.404	0.006	-0.021	0.032	0.667
Birth weight z score	0.006	-0.027	0.039	0.739	0.013	-0.045	0.071	0.664
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>								
Male gender	0.035	-0.035	0.105	0.324	0.069	-0.016	0.154	0.111
Ethnicity	0.007	-0.062	0.077	0.837	0.085	-0.020	0.189	0.114
<b><u>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</u></b>								
<b>Smoking: Non smoker</b>								
<b>Passive</b>	0.060	-0.031	0.151	0.196	0.057	-0.052	0.166	0.304
<b>Active</b>	0.113	0.017	0.209	<b>0.021</b>	0.139	0.011	0.268	<b>0.034</b>
Benzene	0.071	-0.011	0.152	0.088	0.054	-0.031	0.138	0.213
<b>Social Economic Status: Highest quartile</b>								
<b>Lowest quartile</b>	0.000	-0.097	0.096	0.996				
<b>Low-moderate quartile</b>	0.035	-0.065	0.135	0.491				
<b>Moderate-high quartile</b>	0.029	-0.073	0.130	0.579				
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>								
Maternal stress	0.057	-0.030	0.145	0.198				
<b>Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding</b>								
<b>Mixed feeding</b>	-0.023	-0.097	0.051	0.540				
<b>No breastfeeding</b>	-0.012	-0.126	0.103	0.840				
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	0.011	-0.093	0.116	0.832				
Maternal HIV infection	-0.005	-0.094	0.084	0.908	-0.031	-0.151	0.090	0.614
Maternal alcohol	-0.093	-0.266	0.080	0.290	-0.222	-0.446	0.002	0.052
<b>Previous lower respiratory tract infection</b>	0.105	-0.050	0.260	0.182	0.120	-0.070	0.310	0.214

**Table S10: Univariate and multivariate analysis of resistance (R<sub>RS</sub>)**

Univariate (n=568)				Multivariate model (n=393)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev
<b>R<sub>RS</sub> cmH<sub>2</sub>O.L.s<sup>-1</sup></b>							4%	15.33
<b><u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u></b>								
Weight-for-age z score	0.077	-1.059	1.212	0.895	0.858	-1.115	2.832	0.393
Gestation	-0.391	-1.021	0.239	0.224	-0.778	-1.787	0.231	0.130
Birth weight z score	-0.778	-1.964	0.407	0.198	-1.537	-3.644	0.571	0.152
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>								
Male gender	3.491	0.963	6.020	<b>0.007</b>	4.137	1.005	7.270	<b>0.010</b>
Ethnicity	-0.820	-3.368	1.728	0.528	-0.952	-4.821	2.918	0.629
<b><u>Environmental and socioeconomic factors</u></b>								
<b>Smoking: Non smoker</b>								
<b>Passive</b>	0.583	-2.847	4.012	0.739	-1.549	-5.626	2.528	0.456
<b>Active</b>	-0.372	-3.971	3.227	0.839	-4.716	-9.533	0.100	0.055
Benzene	-0.019	-3.013	2.976	0.990	0.412	-2.676	3.500	0.793
<b>Social Economic Status: highest quartile</b>								
<b>Lowest quartile</b>	0.175	-3.342	3.692	0.922				
<b>Low-moderate quartile</b>	-1.444	-5.063	2.175	0.434				
<b>Moderate-high quartile</b>	-0.033	-3.757	3.690	0.986				
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>								
Maternal stress	-0.592	-3.748	2.564	0.713				
<b>Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding</b>								
<b>Mixed feeding</b>	-2.151	-4.833	0.532	0.116				
<b>No breastfeeding</b>	-2.731	-7.111	1.649	0.221				
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	3.117	-0.652	6.886	0.105				
Maternal HIV infection	-1.853	-5.125	1.420	0.267	-1.356	-5.833	3.121	0.552
Maternal alcohol	0.300	-5.825	6.424	0.923	2.098	-5.710	9.905	0.598
<b>Previous lower respiratory tract infection</b>	1.211	-4.873	7.295	0.696	-3.459	-10.992	4.075	0.367

**Table S11: Univariate and multivariate analysis of tidal compliance (C<sub>rs</sub>)**

	Univariate (n=568)				Multivariate model (n=393)				
	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Coefficient	95% CI	p-value	Adj R <sup>2</sup>	Residual Std Dev	
C <sub>rs</sub> (mL.cmH <sub>2</sub> O <sup>-1</sup> )							4%	0.42	
<b><u>Infant growth and lung maturation</u></b>									
Weight-for-age z score	0.037	0.008	0.066	<b>0.014</b>	-0.0254	-0.0791	0.0282	0.352	
Gestation	0.029	0.013	0.046	<0.001	0.0332	0.0058	0.0605	<b>0.017</b>	
Birth weight z score	0.033	0.002	0.064	<b>0.037</b>	0.0620	0.0047	0.1194	<b>0.034</b>	
<b><u>Gender and ethnicity</u></b>									
Male gender	-0.101	-0.166	-0.036	<b>0.003</b>	-0.1162	-0.2018	-0.0305	<b>0.008</b>	
Ethnicity	0.046	-0.020	0.112	0.169	-0.0258	-0.1361	0.0844	0.645	
<b><u>Environmental and socioeconomic factor</u></b>									
<b>Smoking: Non smoker</b>									
Passive	-0.030	-0.119	0.059	0.504	0.0108	-0.1024	0.1240	0.852	
Active	-0.117	-0.210	-0.024	<b>0.014</b>	-0.0692	-0.2037	0.0653	0.312	
Benzene	0.076	-0.004	0.156	0.063	0.0679	-0.0163	0.1522	0.114	
<b>Social Economic Status: Highest quartile</b>									
Lowest quartile	-0.092	-0.182	-0.001	<b>0.048</b>	-0.0727	-0.2002	0.0547	0.263	
Low-moderate quartile	-0.049	-0.143	0.044	0.298	-0.0344	-0.1545	0.0857	0.574	
Moderate-high quartile	-0.005	-0.101	0.091	0.918	0.0310	-0.0924	0.1543	0.622	
<b><u>Maternal factors</u></b>									
Maternal stress	-0.026	-0.108	0.056	0.534					
<b>Feeding choice: Exclusive breastfeeding</b>									
Mixed feeding	-0.002	-0.072	0.067	0.948					
No breastfeeding	0.074	-0.040	0.187	0.204					
Maternal recurrent respiratory symptoms, low FEV <sub>1</sub>	-0.022	-0.120	0.075	0.651					
Maternal HIV infection	0.054	-0.031	0.138	0.213	0.0570	-0.0650	0.1790	0.359	
Maternal alcohol	-0.096	-0.255	0.063	0.235	-0.0834	-0.2955	0.1286	0.440	
Previous lower respiratory tract infection	-0.212	-0.369	-0.056	<b>0.008</b>	-0.0951	-0.3001	0.1099	0.362	

**LEGEND FIGURE S1: Directed acyclic graph constructed to select minimum set of adjustment variables**

**LEGEND FIGURE S2: Household benzene exposure and ratio of time to peak tidal expiratory flow over total expiratory time,  $t_{PTEF}/t_E$ ,**

**LEGEND FIGURE S3: Alcohol exposure and tidal volume (top left), respiratory rate (top right) and ratio of time to peak tidal expiratory flow over total expiratory time,  $t_{PTEF}/t_E$ , (bottom)**

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