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Duration of Breastfeeding, but Not Timing of Solid Food, Reduces the Risk of Overweight and Obesity in Children Aged 24 to 36 Months: Findings from an Australian Cohort Study

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Supplementary Materials

Table S1. Characteristics of participant and non-participant mothers and infants.

| Characteristics | Participants (n = 953) | | Non-participants (n = 1159) | | p-value |
|---|---------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|---------------------|
| | n | % | n | % | |
| Maternal characteristics | | | | | |
| Maternal age at birth (years) | | | | | <0.001 ^a |
| <25 | 96 | 10.1 | 240 | 20.9 | |
| 25-34 | 652 | 68.6 | 701 | 61.0 | |
| ≥35 | 203 | 21.3 | 209 | 18.2 | |
| Maternal level of education | | | | | <0.001 ^b |
| School/vocational | 414 | 43.6 | 722 | 62.5 | |
| Some university and above | 535 | 56.4 | 433 | 37.5 | |
| Maternal country of birth | | | | | 0.016 ^a |
| Australia and New Zealand | 684 | 72.3 | 769 | 66.8 | |
| United Kingdom/Ireland | 33 | 3.5 | 44 | 3.8 | |
| India | 67 | 7.1 | 119 | 10.3 | |
| China | 35 | 3.7 | 30 | 2.6 | |
| Asia-other | 68 | 7.2 | 107 | 9.3 | |
| Other | 59 | 6.2 | 82 | 7.1 | |
| IRSAD ^c | | | | | <0.001 ^a |
| Deciles 1-2 | 149 | 15.7 | 313 | 27.7 | |
| Deciles 3-4 | 204 | 21.5 | 239 | 21.2 | |
| Deciles 5-6 | 198 | 20.9 | 192 | 17.0 | |
| Deciles 7-8 | 180 | 19.0 | 204 | 18.1 | |
| Deciles 9-10 | 217 | 22.9 | 181 | 16.0 | |
| Number of children | | | | | 0.229 ^a |
| 1 | 442 | 47.6 | 419 | 44.9 | |
| 2 | 334 | 36.0 | 334 | 35.8 | |
| ≥3 | 153 | 16.5 | 181 | 19.4 | |
| Maternal pre-pregnancy BMI (kg/m ²) | | | | | 0.117 ^a |
| <18.5 | 36 | 4.0 | 61 | 5.9 | |
| 18.5 – 24.99 | 479 | 53.4 | 508 | 49.1 | |
| 25 – 29.99 | 208 | 23.2 | 247 | 23.9 | |
| ≥30 | 174 | 19.4 | 218 | 21.1 | |
| Infant characteristics | | | | | |
| Gender | | | | | 0.357 ^b |
| Male | 512 | 53.8 | 596 | 51.7 | |
| Female | 596 | 51.7 | 556 | 48.3 | |
| Birthweight (grams) | | | | | 0.390 ^a |



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|-----------|-----|------|------|------|
| < 2500 | 59 | 6.3 | 83 | 7.3 |
| 2500-4499 | 873 | 92.6 | 1034 | 91.0 |
| ≥ 4500 | 11 | 1.2 | 19 | 1.7 |

^a Chi Square *p* value; ^b Fishers Exact test; ^c IRSAD: Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage with decile 1= most disadvantaged and 10= most advantaged; BMI: Body Mass Index

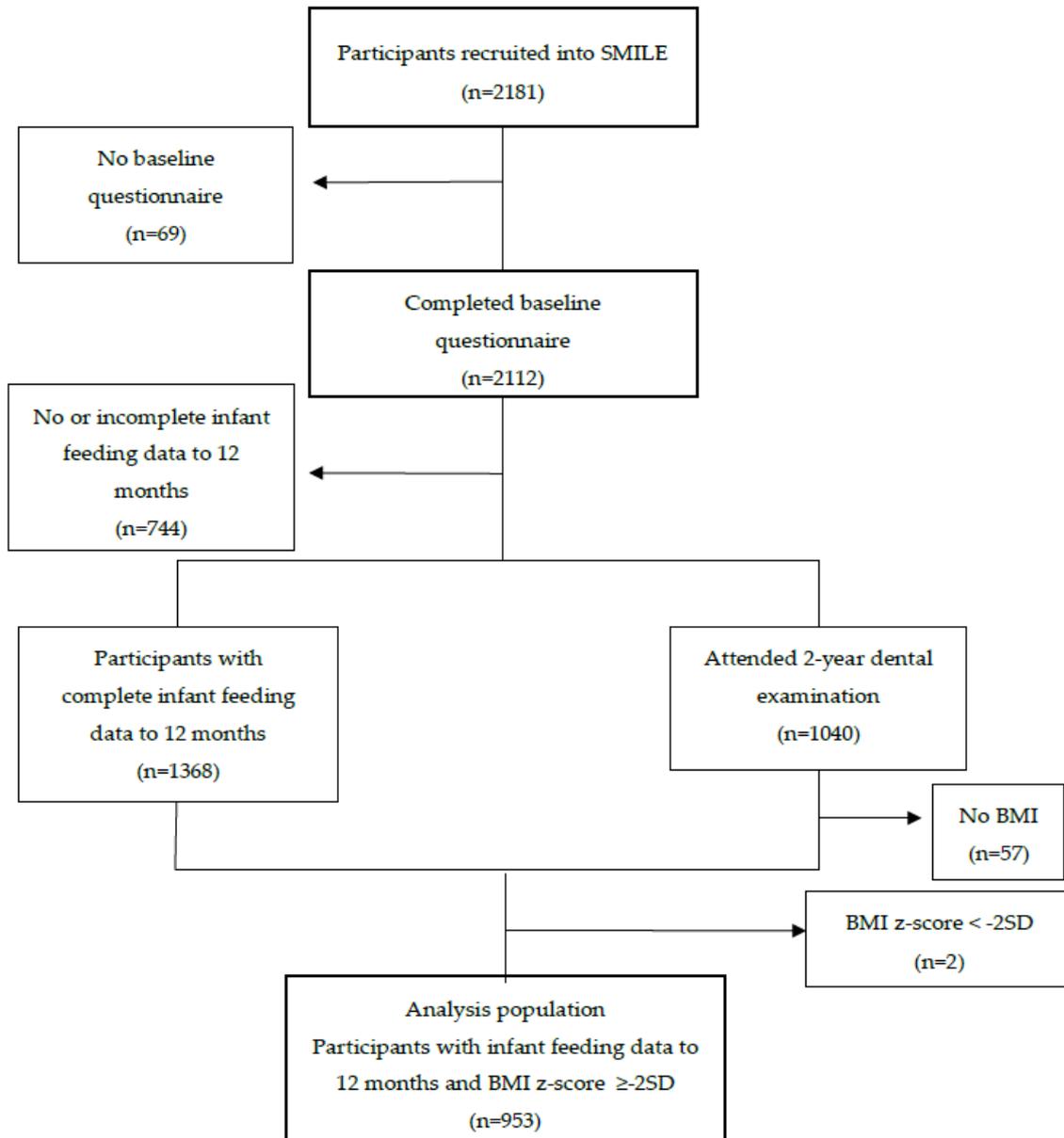


Figure S1. Participant Flow Chart.