

**Supplementary Table S1:** Breastfeeding type postpartum to 2,4 and 6 months postpartum.

Total type of breast- feeding postpartum	Type of breastfeeding at 2 months postpartum								Type of breastfeeding at 4 months postpartum								Type of breastfeeding at 6 months postpartum															
	Exclusive breastfeedin g		Breastfeedin g with occasional help		Breastfeedi ng mixed		Artificial breastfeedi ng		$\chi^2$	p- Val ue	V	Exclusive breastfeed ing		Breastfeed ing with occasional help		Breastfeed ing mixed		$\chi^2$	p- Val ue	V	Exclusive breastfeeding		Breastfeedin g with occasional help		Breastfeed ing		$\chi^2$	p- Val ue	V			
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group						
	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG	IG	CG				
	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)	n	n (%)				
Exclusive breastfeedin g (n=298)	135(86.5	75(72.8)	11(7.8)	9(8.7)	8(5.1)	13(12.1)	2(1.6)	6(5.8)	10.11(3)	<0.01	0.20	113(78.5)	50(5.7.5)	16(11.5)	10(5.6)	8(6.1)	14(1.4.9)	7(4.9)	13(1.4.9)	16.08(3)	<0.01	0.26	87(65.9)	43(53.1)	14(10.6)	8(9.9)	26(19.7)	22(27.2)	5(3)3)	8(9.)2)	5.68(0.12)	0.10.1
z-value	2.8	-2.8	-0.5	0.5	-2.2	2.2	-2.1	2.1				3.4	-3.4	-0.1	0.1	-2.6	2.6	-2.6	2.6			1.9	-1.9	0.2	-0.2	-1.3	1.3	-1.8	1.8			
Breastfeedin g with occasional help(n=51)	5(18.5)	7(38.9)	5(18.5)	5(27.8)	10(37)	2(11.1)	7(25)	4(22.2)	4.88(3.2)	0.18	0.32	9(39.1)	4(26.7)	2(16.7)	4(6.4)	6(26.4)	8(4.7)	4(26.7)	2.41(3)	0.55	0.25	8(57.1)	1(8.3)	2(14.3)	3(25)	3(21.4)	8(66.7)	1(7)	--	0.00.5		
z-value	-1.5	1.5	-0.7	0.7	1.9	-1.9	0.3	-0.3				0.8	-0.8	0.2	-0.2	-1.5	1.5	0.5	-0.5			2.6	-2.6	-0.7	0.7	-2.3	2.3	0.9	-0.9		8.81(0.33)	
Breastfeedin g mixed (n=33)	4(25)	3(30)	2(12.5)	--	6(37)	3(30)	4(25)	4(40)	1.85(3)	0.6	0.26	3(23.1)	2(28.6)	3(23.6)	1(114.1)	2(15.3)	0(38.4)	5(38.4)	1.66(57.5)	0.64(3)	0.28	3(37.5)	2(66.7)	--	--	4(50)	--	1(12.5)	1(33.3)	2.42(0.32)	0.0	
z-value	-0.3	0.3	1.2	-1.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.8	0.8				-0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.5	1.1	-1.1	-0.8	0.8			-0.9	0.9	--	--	1.5	-1.5	-0.8	0.8			

Note:  $\chi^2$ , chi-square test; df, degrees of freedom; V, Cramer's V; significant p-Values < 0.05; IG, intervention group; CG, control group.