

**Supplementary Table 3.** Summary of evidence for timing of feeding

Study	Publication year	Country	Study period	Study design	Definition		No. of participants		Follow-up (day)	Adverse events (%)	Mortality within 72 h (%)	Significant increase of residual volume (%)
					Early feeding (h)	Late feeding (h)	Early feeding	Late feeding				
Brown et al. <sup>51</sup>	1995	USA	N/A	RCT	<3	Next day	27	30	>14	5 (8.8)	0	N/A
Choudhry et al. <sup>52</sup>	1996	USA	1993.11–1995.4	RCT	<3	After 24	21	20	3	3 (7.3)	1 (2.4)	3 (7.3)
Unni et al. <sup>53</sup>	1996	USA	N/A	RCT	<3	After 24	10	10	1	0	N/A	0
McCarter et al. <sup>54</sup>	1998	USA	N/A	RCT	<4	After 24	57	55	30	12 (10.7)	1 (0.9)	19 (17.0)
Stein et al. <sup>55</sup>	2002	Germany	1997.1–1997.12	RCT	<1	After 24	40	40	3	12 (15.0)	5 (6.3)	24 (30.0)

Values are presented as number (%), unless otherwise indicated.

N/A, not applicable; RCT, randomized controlled trial.