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There are important haematologic differences between the newborn infant and the older child and adult, these are related to the embryologic development of the fetus, the interaction between the fetus and mother and the changes necessary to adapt to extrauterine life. Even among newborns there are differences between those infants born after a term gestation and those born prematurely (Segel and Oski, 1991).

Haematological values are important for making clinical decisions in the neonatal unit (Thurlbeck and McIntoch, 1987).

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The aim of this study is to throw a light on the blood counts and indices in the preterm low birth weight babies as compared with the fullterm.