

**Table 1.** Characteristics and grouping of fetuses used in the study (some of the pathological fetuses suffered from more than one pathology). Gestational age was estimated by the mother's last menstrual period (LMP)

Group	Number of fetuses						Pathology
	Total	Gestational stages			Sex		
		n	Pseudoglandular	Canalicular	Saccular/Alveolar	Male	
A	17	5	10	2	17	0	No pathology
B	5	1	4	0	3	2	Chromosomal abnormalities
C	24	2	19	3	15	9	Congenital disorders
A+B+C	46	8	33	5	35	11	No pathology, chromosomal abnormalities, congenital disorders

n: number of fetuses.

Group A: 'normal' fetuses, with no pathological findings. Group B: pathological fetuses with chromosomal abnormalities, Down syndrome (n=4), Edward's syndrome (n=1), acute non-specific chorioamnionitis (n=1), hydropic degeneration of chorionic villi (n=1). Group C: pathological fetuses with congenital disorders of visceral cranium/face (n=6), skeleton (n=3), kidneys (n=1), heart/central vessels (n=3), lungs (n=2)\*, CNS (n=7), with gastroschisis (n=1), hydropic degeneration of chorionic villi (n=2), acute non-specific chorioamnionitis (n=9), acute placentitis (n=2), recessive fetal development (n=2), oligohydramnios (n=1).

\*Lung pathologies: lung hypoplasia, atelectasis bilaterally.