CLINICAL SIGN (score most severe sign)	SCORE	SEVERITY
MENTAL STATUS		- 1
0 Normal	0	None
O Sleepy but arousable	1	Mild
0 Decreased feeding	1	Mild
0 Lethargy	2	Moderate
O Poor suck and/or		
O Irritable/jittery with short-term strong suck		
0 Semi-coma		
0 Apnea	3	Severe
0 Seizures		
0 Coma		
MUSCLE TONE		•
0 Normal	0	None
O Persistent mild hypotonia	1	Mild
0 Moderate hypotonia	2	Moderate
0 Moderate hypertonia		
O Increasing arching of neck and trunk on stimulation		
without spasms of arms and legs and without trismus		
0 Persistent retrocolis	3	Severe
0 Opisthotonos		
O Crossing or scissoring of arms or legs but without		
spasms of arms and legs and without trismus		
CRY PATTERN		1
0 Normal	0	None
0 High-pitched	1	Mild
0 Shrill	2	Moderate
0 Inconsolable crying or	3	Severe
O Cry weak or absent in child with previous history of		
high pitched or shrill cry		
OCCULOMOTOR / EYE MOVEMENTS / FACIES		1 22 2544
0 Normal	0	None, Mild
0 Sun-setting		
O Paralysis of upward gaze	3	Severe
O Disconjugate eye movements		
0 Blank stare		
0 Aimless eye movements		
TOTAL BIND II (ABE SCORE)		

**Notes:** Scores of 1-4 are consistent with mild ABE but cannot be differentiated from sepsis or other neonatal illnesses without ancillary testing, such as ABR and/or MRI.

Scores 5 to 8 are consistent with moderate ABE

Scores  $\ge$  9 are consistent with severe ABE

The BIND score may include different stages for different categories, for example scores of 4 or 5 might represent the sum of one for cry and two for muscle tone and/or arousal state.

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