



**Supplementary Fig. 7.** Simpson index alpha diversity at V1–V3 by study group. The Simpson index was low at birth (V1) but increased after 35 weeks' postmenstrual age (V2) in both groups. At 4 months of age (V3), the Simpson index was decreased more in the probiotics versus control group, but the difference was insignificant. The dashed line represents the mean value.