

**Additional file 4. Comparison of morphometric studies of EE and / or HIV enteropathy in Zambian adults. (PDF file)**

| Patient group | Parameter          | Kelly[6]           | Kelly[6]           | Current study  |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|               | <b>CD4 &gt;200</b> | <b>CD4 &lt;200</b> | <b>CD4 159-656</b> |                |
| <b>EE+HIV</b> | VH                 | 255 (47)           | 247 (39)           | 269 (40)       |
|               | CD                 | 173 (26)*          | 174 (33)*          | 157 (15)       |
|               | MT                 | [428]              | [421]              | 425 (45)       |
|               | VW                 | 209 (56)           | 217 (47)           | 163 (152-192)  |
|               | VP                 | 425 (101)          | 415 (74)           | 391 (353-414)* |
| <b>EE</b>     | VA                 | 16733 (4074)       | 18195 (7055)       | 31246 (5734)*  |
|               | VH                 | 265 (49)           | 265 (49)           | 237 (40)       |
|               | CD                 | 149 (29)*          | 149 (29)*          | 152 (22)       |
|               | MT                 | [414]              | [414]              | 388 (48)       |
|               | VW                 | 193 (39)           | 193 (39)           | 130 (118-171)  |
|               | VP                 | 458 (112)          | 458 (112)          | 274 (244-320)* |
|               | VA                 | 16659 (4082)       | 16659 (4082)       | 21651 (5722)*  |

\* Significant difference ( $P < 0.05$ ) between patient groups. Mucosal thickness in the Kelly study was not stated and has been calculated by adding mean VH and CD. VH, CD, VW and MT expressed in  $\mu\text{m}$  (SD; IQR for VW in current study); VA and VP expressed in  $\mu\text{m}/100\mu\text{m}$  mucosal length (SD; IQR for VA in current study). CD, crypt depth; EE, environmental enteropathy; IQR, interquartile range; MM, multiple micronutrient supplementation; MT, mucosal thickness; VA, villous area; VH, villous height; VP, villous perimeter; VW, villous width.