

**Supplement 1: Description of studies included in epidemiological analysis**

Year	Location	Number of subjects	Study setting	Frequency of colonisation	Authors
<b>Neonates &lt; 1/12</b>					
2012	France	76	Inpatients on NICU	42%	Ferraris et al <sup>73</sup>
2011	France	62	Healthy outpatients/ hospitalised infants	26%	Rousseau et al <sup>74</sup>
2005	Netherlands	100	Healthy outpatients	22%	Penders et al <sup>34</sup>
2005	Japan	22	Healthy outpatients	18%	Tonooka et al <sup>75</sup>
2005	Japan	40	Post natal wards	2.5%	Matsuki et al <sup>76</sup>
1995	Poland	183	Post natal wards	17%	Martirosian et al <sup>77</sup>
1994	Japan	67	Inpatients on NICU	61%	Kato et al <sup>27</sup>
1989	Sweden	340	Post natal wards	22-28%	Tullus et al <sup>9</sup>
1986	Sweden	164	Inpatients on NICU	4%	Bennet et al <sup>38</sup>
1986	Belgium	63	Hospitalised infants	8%	Merida et al <sup>28</sup>
1985	Nigeria	22	Inpatients on NICU	23%	Rotimi et al <sup>78</sup>
1984	UK	150	Post natal wards/ healthy outpatients	31%	Bolton et al <sup>79</sup>
1984	UK	50	Post natal wards	62%	Tabaqchali et al <sup>36</sup>
1984	UK	92	Inpatients on NICU	71%	Al-Jumaili et al <sup>80</sup>
1983	Canada	30	Inpatients on NICU	47%	Han et al <sup>33</sup>
1983	UK	11	Inpatients on NICU	54.5%	Malamou-Ladas et al <sup>81</sup>
1983	UK	40	Post natal wards	20%	Malamou-Ladas et al <sup>81</sup>
1983	UK	59	Post natal wards	30%	Richardson et al <sup>82</sup>
1983	USA	36	Healthy outpatients	33%	Cooperstock et al <sup>88</sup>
1982	UK	451	Post natal wards	2-52%	Larson et al <sup>25</sup>
1982	USA	51	Inpatients on NICU	55%	Donta <sup>29</sup>
1982	USA	105	Post natal wards	10.5%	Donta <sup>29</sup>
1982	Australia	28	Inpatients on NICU	25%	Blakey et al <sup>30</sup>
1981	USA	45	Healthy outpatients	29%	Viscidi et al <sup>83</sup>
1981	Sweden	49	Diarrhoeal inpatients/ outpatients/ Nursery attendees	4%	Holst et al <sup>84</sup>
<b>Infants 1/12 – 1yr</b>					
2011	France	189	Healthy outpatients/ hospitalised infants	38%	Rousseau et al <sup>74</sup>
2009	Iraq	46	Nosocomial diarrhoea	17%	Alrifai et al <sup>85</sup>
2006	Netherlands	1032	Healthy outpatients	25%	Penders et al <sup>37</sup>
2005	Japan	12	Nursery attendees	100%	Matsuki et al <sup>76</sup>
2005	USA	104	Diarrhoeal outpatients	16%	Denno et al <sup>86</sup>
2005	Canada	841	Diarrhoeal inpatients	10%	Tang et al <sup>87</sup>
1997	Sweden/Estonia	56	Healthy outpatients	20%	Naaber et al <sup>88</sup>
1997	Sweden/Estonia	34	Hospitalised infants	21%	Naaber et al <sup>88</sup>
1989	Sweden	307-331	Healthy outpatients	10-28%	Tullus et al <sup>9</sup>
1989	Korea	104	Healthy outpatients	7%	Kim et al <sup>89</sup>
1989	Korea	231	Diarrhoeal	16%	Kim et al <sup>89</sup>

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1989	USA	30 <sup>oo</sup>	Nosocomial diarrhoea	13%	Brady et al <sup>90</sup>
1986	Belgium	91	Hospitalised infants	46%	Merida et al <sup>28</sup>
1984	Mexico	100	Hospitalised infants	19%	Torres et al <sup>91</sup>
1984	Mexico	22	Nursery attendees	27%	Torres et al <sup>91</sup>
1984	UK	390*	Diarrhoeal inpatients	49%	Ellis et al <sup>92</sup>
1984	UK	118*	Non-diarrhoeal inpatients	33%	Ellis et al <sup>92</sup>
1983	USA	71	Healthy outpatients	44%	Cooperstock et al <sup>8</sup>
1982	Australia	13	Healthy outpatients	54%	Stark et al <sup>93</sup>
1982	UK	116 <sup>s</sup>	Diarrhoeal inpatients/ outpatients	36%	Nash et al <sup>94</sup>
1982	Sweden	100 <sup>^</sup>	Healthy outpatients	17%	Svedhem et al <sup>95</sup>
1981	Sweden	81	Diarrhoeal inpatients/ outpatients/ Nursery attendees	48%	Holst et al <sup>84</sup>
<b>Children &gt; 1yr</b>					
2013	USA	51	Patients with non-inflammatory bowel conditions	12%	Lamouse-Smith et al <sup>96</sup>
2013	USA	145	Patients with IBD	15%	Lamouse-Smith et al <sup>96</sup>
2011	France	43	Healthy outpatients/ hospitalised infants	28%	Rousseau et al <sup>74</sup>
2010	Poland	58	Patients with IBD	69%	Banaszkiewicz et al <sup>97</sup>
2009	Iraq	35	Nosocomial diarrhoea	26%	Alrifai et al <sup>85</sup>
2009	Italy	141	Oncology inpatients	6%	Castagnola et al <sup>98</sup>
2008	Germany	411	Oncology inpatients	6%	Simon et al <sup>99</sup>
2006	USA	688	Diarrhoeal outpatients	7%	Klein et al <sup>54</sup>
2006	USA	604	Healthy outpatients	3.5%	Vernacchio et al <sup>100</sup>
2005	India	250	Nosocomial diarrhoea	19%	Gogate et al <sup>101</sup>
2005	Japan	86	Nursery attendees	41%	Matsuki et al <sup>76</sup>
2005	USA	104	Diarrhoeal outpatients	5%	Denno et al <sup>86</sup>
2004	Egypt	104	Oncology inpatients	14%	El-Mahallawy et al <sup>51</sup>
2003	Brazil	91	Healthy outpatients	0%	Ferreira et al <sup>102</sup>
2003	Brazil	90	Diarrhoeal outpatients	6%	Ferreira et al <sup>102</sup>
2003	Brazil	63	Healthy outpatients	3%	Pinto et al <sup>103</sup>
2003	Brazil	51	Diarrhoeal outpatients	12%	Pinto et al <sup>103</sup>
2003	Brazil	30	Diarrhoeal inpatients	7%	Pinto et al <sup>103</sup>
2003	Brazil	66	Inpatients on antibiotics/ neutropaenic	6%	Pinto et al <sup>103</sup>
2002	Canada	217	Nosocomial diarrhoea	18%	Langley et al <sup>104</sup>
2001	Turkey	100	Nosocomial diarrhoea	16%	Oguz et al <sup>105</sup>
1998	USA	267	Diarrhoeal inpatients	13%	Shastri et al <sup>106</sup>
1997	Italy	193	Diarrhoeal inpatients (with IBD)	15.5%	Pascarella et al <sup>52</sup>
1997	Australia	60	Diarrhoeal oncology inpatients	9%	Burgner et al <sup>107</sup>

1997	Australia	44	Non-diarrhoeal oncology inpatients	19%	Burgner et al <sup>107</sup>
1995	UK	214	Diarrhoeal oncology inpatients	13%	Schuller et al <sup>108</sup>
1989	USA	24	Nosocomial diarrhoea	21%	Brady et al <sup>90</sup>
1989	Sweden	304	Healthy outpatients	3%	Tullus et al <sup>9</sup>
1986	Belgium	25	Hospitalised children	4%	Merida et al <sup>28</sup>
1986	Sweden	200	Healthy outpatients	15%	Uhnoo et al <sup>109</sup>
1986	Sweden	416	Diarrhoeal inpatients/outpatients	14%	Uhnoo et al <sup>109</sup>
1982	Australia	47	Healthy outpatients	8.5%	Stark et al <sup>93</sup>
1981	Sweden	88	Diarrhoeal inpatients/outpatients/Nursery attendees	2%	Holst et al <sup>84</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Some participants 1 week-1 month but number not specified

\*Some participants > 1 year but number not specified

<sup>∞</sup>Some participants 1-2 years but number not specified

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