

S4 Table. Control subjects' characteristics.

Cohort	Gender	Number of subjects	Age (years)		% EBV VCA-IgG seropositive
			Mean \pm SD	Median [Range]	
Tonsillectomy	F:M ratio 1.07	31	3.92 \pm 2.96	3.12 [0.94 – 12.85]	51.6%
	F	16	3.19 \pm 0.68	3.19 [2.07 – 4.51]	50%
	M	15	4.71 \pm 4.13	3.04 [0.94 – 12.85]	53.3%
Febrile non-EBV	F:M ratio 1.33	21	3.15 \pm 2.51	2.64 [0.33 – 12.67]	52.4%*
	F	12	2.44 \pm 0.86	2.38 [1 – 3.75]	50%
	M	9	4.11 \pm 3.59	3.00 [0.33 – 12.67]	55.6%
Total	F:M ratio 1.17	52	3.61 \pm 2.79	2.99 [0.33 – 12.85]	51.9%

* all subjects were tested negative for EBV VCA-IgM