

**S1 Table.** Pool testing on random groups: Monte Carlo means (90% variability intervals) of the number of false negatives, by prevalence (p) and group size (k). Population size = 10000; Specificity of pool testing = 0.997; Sensitivity of pool testing = 0.995.

k	MC mean of the number of false negatives					
	p=0.003	p=0.005	p=0.01	p=0.03	p=0.05	p=0.1
2	0.2 (0.0; 1.0)	0.3 (0.0; 1.0)	0.6 (0.0; 2.0)	1.6 (0.0; 4.0)	2.4 (0.0; 5.0)	4.9 (2.0; 0.9)
3	0.2 (0.0; 1.0)	0.3 (0.0; 1.0)	0.6 (0.0; 2.0)	1.5 (0.0; 4.0)	2.4 (0.0; 5.0)	4.9 (1.0; 0.9)
4	0.2 (0.0; 1.0)	0.3 (0.0; 1.0)	0.6 (0.0; 2.0)	1.6 (0.0; 4.0)	2.5 (0.0; 5.0)	4.9 (2.0; 0.9)
5	0.2 (0.0; 1.0)	0.3 (0.0; 1.0)	0.6 (0.0; 2.0)	1.6 (0.0; 4.0)	2.5 (0.0; 5.0)	5.0 (2.0; 0.9)
10	0.2 (0.0; 1.0)	0.3 (0.0; 1.0)	0.6 (0.0; 2.0)	1.5 (0.0; 4.0)	2.5 (0.0; 6.0)	5.0 (1.0; 10.0)