Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of Cohort 2 symptom characteristics at time of illness presentation for children with group A Streptococcus acute infection and children with previous emm-type colonization and estimation of odds ratio using two-sided Fisher's exact test.

Symptom Characteristics	Acute Infection	GAS <sup>2</sup> Carriers	OR <sup>3</sup> (95% CI <sup>4</sup> )
	n/N <sup>1</sup>	with Established	
		emm-type n/N	
Sore Throat <sup>5</sup> Mild	16/73 (22)	5/10 (50)	ref
Moderate/Severe	57/73 (78)	5/10 (50)	0.3 (0.1–1.1)
Abnormal Pharyngeal Exam <sup>6</sup>	59/73 (81)	8/10 (80)	1.0 (0.2-5.0)
Fever <sup>5</sup>	27/69 (39)	1/10 (10)	0.2 (0.0-1.4)
Headache <sup>5</sup>	21/68 (31)	0/10 (0)	No estimate
Abdominal Pain <sup>5</sup>	18/68 (27)	1/10 (10)	0.3 (0.0-2.6)
Vomiting <sup>5</sup>	5/64 (8)	0/10 (0)	No estimate
Activity <sup>5</sup> Normal	29/60 (48)	9/10 (90)	ref
Decreased	31/60 (52)	1/10 (10)	0.1 (0.0-0.9)
Cough <sup>5</sup>	20/63 (32)	7/9 (78)	7.5 (1.4-39.5)
Nasal Congestion <sup>5</sup>	39/65 (60)	8/10 (80)	2.7 (0.5-13.6)
One URI <sup>7</sup> Symptom <sup>8</sup>	42/65 (65)	9/10 (90)	4.9 (0.6-41.4)
Two URI Symptoms <sup>8</sup>	17/63 (26)	6/9 (67)	5.4 (1.2-24.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Denominator variability reflects missing symptom data for children with acute infection; <sup>2</sup>GAS: group A Streptococcus; <sup>3</sup>OR: odds ratio; <sup>4</sup>CI: confidence interval; <sup>5</sup>Patient/parent reported; <sup>6</sup>Presence of either pharyngeal erythema or exudates as noted by trained research staff. <sup>7</sup>URI: upper respiratory symptom.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Symptoms include cough or nasal congestion.

Supplementary Table 2. Comparison of Cohort 2 symptom characteristics at time of illness presentation for children with group A Streptococcus colonization with a new emm-type and children with acute infection and estimation of odds ratio using two-sided Fisher's exact test.

Symptom Cha	racteristics	GAS <sup>1</sup> Carrier	Acute	OR <sup>3</sup> (95% CI <sup>4</sup> )
		with new	Infection	
		emm-type	n/N <sup>2</sup>	
		n/N		
Sore Throat <sup>5</sup>	Mild	0/11 (0)	16/73 (22)	ref
Moderate/Severe		11/11 (100)	57/73 (78)	No estimate
Abnormal Pharyngeal Exam <sup>6</sup>		8/11 (73)	59/73 (81)	0.6 (0.2-2.7)
Fever <sup>5</sup>		2/11 (18)	27/69 (39)	0.4 (0.1-1.7)
Headache <sup>5</sup>		3/11 (27)	21/68 (31)	0.8 (0.2-3.5)
Abdominal Pain <sup>5</sup>		2/11 (18)	18/68 (26)	0.6 (0.1-3.1)
Vomiting <sup>5</sup>		2/11 (18)	5/64 (8)	2.6 (0.4-15.6)
Activity <sup>5</sup>	Normal	7/11 (64)	29/60 (48)	ref
	Decreased	4/11 (36)	31/60 (52)	0.5 (0.1-2.0)
Cough <sup>5</sup>		3/11 (27)	20/63 (32)	0.8 (0.2-3.4)
Nasal Congestion <sup>5</sup>		4/11 (36)	39/65 (60)	0.4 (0.1-1.4)
One URI <sup>7</sup> Symptom <sup>8</sup>		5/11 (45)	42/65 (65)	0.5 (0.1-1.7)
Two URI Symptoms <sup>8</sup>		2/11 (18)	17/65 (26)	0.6 (0.1-3.1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>GAS: group A Streptococcus; <sup>2</sup>Denominator variability reflects missing symptom data for children with acute infection; <sup>3</sup>OR: odds ratio; <sup>4</sup>CI: confidence interval; <sup>5</sup>Patient/parent reported; <sup>6</sup>Presence of either pharyngeal erythema or exudates as noted by trained research staff. <sup>7</sup>URI: upper respiratory symptom. 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Symptoms include cough or nasal congestion.