

Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of patients' and controls' characteristics (age, gender)

Characteristics	Frequencies		p-value
	NPC patients (%)	Controls (%)	
Age			0.91
≤ 30 years	25.8	21.9	
> 30 years	74.1	78.0	
Gender			1.25
Female	41.0	51.1	
Male	58.9	48.7%	

NPC – nasopharyngeal carcinoma