

**Supplementary Table 1: Cases and controls as per each country**

	Cases (IBD)	Controls
Hong Kong	107	227
Macau	15	35
China (mainland)	133	279
Indonesia	5	10
Singapore	20	43
Malaysia	9	22
Thailand	30	60
Sri Lanka	55	113
Australia	68	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>940</b>