

Table 3 – Patient demographics and characteristics for case and control groups

| | Control group (N=30) | Case group (N=15) | <i>p-value</i> * |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Age –years | 11.00 (6) | 13.13 ± 3.29 | 0.092 |
| Gender – no. (%) | | | |
| Male | 20 (66.7) | 11 (73,3) | 0.743 |
| Female | 10 (33.3) | 4 (27.7) | |
| CARAT kids questionnaire' score - upper respiratory tract | 3 (1) | 3 (2) | 0.412 |
| CARAT kids questionnaire' score - low respiratory tract | 1 (3) | 1 (2) | 0.241 |
| Total CARAT kids questionnaire' score | 5.00 (11) | 4.00 (10) | 0.323 |

*This *p-value* reflects the comparison between control and case groups