

TABLE I. Demographics and baseline characteristics of the study population a 6 months control

Characteristics	Active	Placebo	Control	<i>P</i> value
No. of patients	21	23	47	
Sex				0.70
Male	11	13	29	
Female	10	10	17	
Age at CVC removal				0.35
0-3 yr	3	4	16	
4-11 yr	13	13	17	
12-17 yr	5	6	6	
Diagnosis				0.78
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	7	11	10	
Acute Myeloid leukemia	3		2	
Brain tumor	1	1	4	
Hepatoblastoma			1	
Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis	1			
Hodgkin lymphoma	1	2	3	
Langerhans cell histiocytosis		1	3	
Malignant schwannoma			1	
Neuroblastoma		1	1	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	1		4	
Retinoblastoma	1			
Sarcoma	4	6	7	
Wilms tumor	2	1	3	
CVC				0.27
Port-a-cath	16	20	36	
Tunnelled central venous catheter	5	3	3	

CVC, Central Vein Catheter