

Table 2 Frequency of enteropathogens in stool specimens of children hospitalized with acute and persistent diarrhoea

| Enteropathogen | Acute diarrhoea (n = 341) | | Persistent diarrhoea (n = 83) | | P-value |
|--|---------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|---------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| <i>Giardia lamblia</i> trophozoite | 1 | 0.3 | 1 | 1.2 | 0.35 |
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp. | 6 | 1.8 | 1 | 1.2 | 1.00 |
| <i>Blastocystis hominis</i> | 13 | 3.8 | 1 | 1.2 | 0.32 |
| <i>Salmonella</i> spp. | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 2.4 | 0.04 |
| <i>Shigella</i> spp. | 7 | 2.1 | 2 | 2.4 | 0.69 |
| Enteroaggregative <i>Escherichia coli</i> (EAEC) | 60 | 17.6 | 15 | 18.1 | 0.92 |
| Enteropathogenic <i>E. coli</i> (EPEC) | 18 | 5.3 | 5 | 6.0 | 0.79 |
| Shiga-toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> (STEC) | 25 | 7.3 | 6 | 7.2 | 0.97 |
| Enterotoxigenic <i>E. coli</i> (ETEC) | 21 | 6.2 | 5 | 6.0 | 0.96 |
| Enteroinvasive <i>E. coli</i> (EIEC) | 31 | 9.1 | 5 | 6.0 | 0.37 |