

Table 1 General characteristics of the children investigated (*n* = 504)

Variable	No.	%
<i>Economic status</i>		
Good	98	19
Moderate	159	32
Poor	244	49
<i>Mother's education</i>		
High (university)	76	15
Moderate (secondary, high school)	223	44
Low (primary)	204	41
<i>Father's education</i>		
High (university)	77	15
Moderate (secondary, high school)	217	43
Low (primary)	209	42
<i>Oral hygiene</i>		
Good	288	57
Fair	177	35
Poor	39	8
<i>Tooth brushing (times/day)</i>		
0	133	26
1	245	49
>1	124	25