

Table 2 Number and percentage of study children affected with dental caries (% deft) by clinical status and significance of difference with healthy children

| Variable                      | No. of children<br>with deft | % deft | P-value <sup>a</sup> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Clinical group                |                              |        |                      |
| All                           | 341                          | 88.3   |                      |
| Healthy                       | 147                          | 84.0   |                      |
| Medically compromised         | 194                          | 91.9   | 0.024                |
| Clinical subgroup             |                              |        |                      |
| Haematology/oncology          | 40                           | 97.6   | 0.041                |
| Cardiac                       | 38                           | 97.4   | 0.05                 |
| Cleft lip/palate/craniofacial | 29                           | 90.6   | 0.48                 |
| Metabolic/neurodegenerative   | 20                           | 95.2   | 0.296                |

<sup>a</sup>Chi-squared test.