

Table 3 Mean number of decayed, extracted and filled teeth (mean deft score) by clinical status, and significance of difference with mean deft score of healthy children

Variable	Mean deft score	SD	P-value ^a
Clinical group			
All	8.25	5.52	–
Healthy	6.25	4.71	–
Medically compromised	9.91	5.61	< 0.001
Clinical subgroup			
Haematology/oncology	9.66	5.71	< 0.001
Cardiac	11.95	4.51	< 0.001
Cleft lip/palate/craniofacial	10.06	5.86	0.001
Metabolic/neurodegenerative	9.95	5.42	0.001

^aIndependent samples t-test.

SD = standard deviation.