

**Table 1 Ear examination data**

Group	Ear category	Males No.	Females No.	<i>P</i> -value	Total No.	% of total
1	Normal ears	331	327		658	72.6
2	Secretory otitis media	50	44	0.435	94	10.4
3	Eustachian tube disease	33	30	0.664	63	7.0
4	Earwax	39	47	0.354	86	9.5
5	Perforated tympanic membrane	3	2	0.684	5	0.6
2+3+4+5	Ears with disorders	125	123	0.824	248	27.4
Total		456	450		906	100.0