

Table 1 Frequency of pertussis antibody seropositivity in children and geometric mean titres, by sex and age group

Variable	Pertussis antibody levels					
	Total No.	> 24 U/mL Positive No.	%	< 16 U/mL Negative No.	%	Geometric mean titre (U/mL)
<i>Total</i>	640	301	47.0	339	53.0	25.0
<i>Sex</i>						
Boys	382	173	45.3	209	54.7	26.0
Girls	258	128	49.6	130	50.4	23.6
<i>Age group (years)</i>						
6–11	280	132	47.1	148	52.9	23.8
12–14	179	92	51.4	87	48.6	29.3
15–17	181	77	42.5	104	57.5	22.4