

**Table S1.**

Description	Madagascar (N=78)	CAR (N=60)	<i>P</i>
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	37/78 (47.4%)	27/60 (45.0%)	0.8636
Female	41/78 (52.6%)	33/60 (55.0%)	
<b>Age</b>			
Median (months)	42.6	38.0	0.6770
2-3 years	28/78 (35.9%)	26/60 (43.3%)	
3-4 years	23/78 (29.5%)	12/60 (20.0%)	
4-5+ years	27/78 (34.6%)	21/60 (35.0%)	
<b>Nutritional status</b>			
Median HAZ score	-2.12	-1.90	0.7360
Median WHZ score	-0.40	-0.50	0.8839
Median hemoglobin (g/100 mL serum)	11.5	10.7	<b>0.0014</b>
Presence of anemia	22/77 (28.6%)	23/53 (43.4%)	<b>0.0019</b>
<b>Breastfeeding</b>			
Median duration (months)	24	18	<b>1.3e-06</b>
<b>Inflammation</b>			
Median AAT (mg/g dry fecal weight)	49.5	37.0	0.0809
Median calprotectin (µg/g dry fecal weight)	502	296	<b>0.0009</b>
Elevated CRP (> 10 mg/l serum)	7/77 (9.1%)	10/50 (20.0%)	0.1088
<b>Parasites</b>			
Presence of helminths	69/78 (88.5%)	1/47 (2.1%)	<b>2.2e-16</b>
Presence of <i>Giardia</i>	19/78 (24.4%)	9/47 (19.1%)	0.6584
<b>Sequencing Batch</b>			
Batch 1	40/78 (51.2%)	13/60 (21.7%)	<b>0.0004</b>
Batch 2	38/78 (48.7%)	47/60 (78.3%)	