

**Supplementary Table 1.** Complication rates according to long-lasting vs. short-lasting tubes

Variable	Long-lasting tube (n=10)	Short-lasting tube (n=489)	P-value
VT otorrhea	0	2.5 (12)	1.000
VT plugging	0	4.7 (23)	1.000
Persistent perforation	20 (2)	0.8 (4)	0.005*
Revision VT insertion during FU	10 (1)	11.5 (56)	1.000

Values are presented as % (number).

VT, ventilation tube; FU, follow-up.

Fisher's exact test was used for statistical analysis. \* $P < 0.05$ , statistically significant.