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| **Table S1. Characteristics of study participants.** | | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  | | **NPC** | | **Control** | | ***p*** | |  | |
| **n** |  | | 300 | | 494 | |  | |  | |
| **Gender, % male** | | 68.6 | | 47.2 | |  | |  | |
| **Age, years** |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **Median** |  | 45 | | 44 | |  | |  | |
| **Mean (SD)** |  | 45(10) | | 44(13) | | 0.29 | |  | |
|  |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |

Control includes HS, NNPC and BNL.