

Table 1. Female predominance, average initial age ($\pm$ SD), number and rates of children with either prepubertal onset of Hashimoto's thyroiditis (HT), or family history of thyroid diseases or associated extra-thyroidal autoimmune diseases in the 2 groups of HT children, with (group A) or without Down's syndrome (group B)

	Female predominance n (%)	Age yrs	Age <10 yrs n (%)	Prepubertal onset n (%)	Family history of thyroid disease n (%)	Associated autoimmune diseases n (%)
Group A (146 patients)	66 (45.2)	6.5 $\pm$ 4.8	107 (73.3)	91 (62.3)	10 (6.9)	85 (58.2)
Group B (553 patients)	449 (81.2)	11.1 $\pm$ 3.0	180 (32.5)	190 (34.4)	174 (31.5)	104 (18.8)
p-value	<0.001*	<0.001§	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*	<0.001*

*Chi-square test; §Unpaired Student's t test.