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| **Patient group** | **No. patients**  **(total *n*, % of total)** | **No. samples (total *n*,**  **mean no. samples / patient, range)** | **Age (yrs) (mean (range))** | **Sex**  **Female (*n*, %)**  **Male (*n*, %)** | **Relative distance of subsequent samplings to index sampling**  **(median days (range))** |
| Nonrecurrent | 70 (71%) | 137  2.5/patient  (1-5 samples) | 57.7 (18-89) | 32 (45%)  38 (54%) | 14 (1-799) |
| Recurrent | 19 (19%) | 66  4/patient  (2-7 samples) | 51.9 (26-83) | 14 (74%)  5 (26%) | 51 (5-596) |
| Reinfected | 9 (9%) | 27  3/patient  (2-4 samples) | 56.4 (28-84) | 6 (67%)  3 (33%) | 190 (3-738) |
| **Total** | **98** | **230**  **3/patient**  **(1-7 samples)** | **55.9 (18-89)** | **52 (53%)**  **46 (47%)** | **28 (1-799)** |

**Table 1. Patient and sample metadata.** The number of patients and samples per group, with age, sex, and relative distance to initial sampling per patient group.