Supplementary table 1. Anthropometric data reported in the articles involved in the qualitative analysis (small intestine), N/A – data not reported in the publication

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| *Study name* | *Subgroup within meta-analysis* | *sample size* | *Age mean (year)* | *age range* | *sex ratio (males/all)* | *Objective size* | *Reference* |
| *Behjati, S., et al. (2009)* | *duodenum* | *2* | *6.0* | *2-10* | *1.00* | *0.196 mm2* | *(22)* |
| *DeBrosse, C. W., et al. (2006)* | *duodenum* | *14* | *10.78 ±4.36* | *2-17* | *0.46* | *0.28mm2* | *(35)* |
| *Challacombe, D. N., et al. (1986).* | *duodenum* | *7* | *1.5* | *0.5-4* | *0.57* | *data given in cell/mm2* | *(36)* |
| *Kalach, N., et al. (2011)* | *duodenum* | *167* | *0.8 (median)*  | *N/A* | *0.47* | *2.388mm2* | *(37)* |
| *Maluenda, C., et al. (1984)* | *duodenum* | *9* | *3* | *0.6-10.8* | *0.56* | *data given in cell/mm2* | *(38)* |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *duodenum* | *32* | *11.84±4.70* | *1-17* | *0.35* | *data given in cell/mm2* | *(39)* |
| *Behjati, S., et al. (2009)* | *terminal ileum* | *8* | *9.3* | *1.6-16* | *0.63* | *0.196 mm2* | *(22)* |
| *DeBrosse, C. W., et al. (2006)* | *terminal ileum* | *13* | *10.78 ±4.36* | *2-17* | *0.46* | *0.28mm2* | *(35)* |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *terminal ileum* | *26* | *11.72 ± 5.2* | *1-17* | *0.36* | *data given in cell/mm2* | *(39)* |