Variables	Guan	Guangdong province					Henan province				
	Cases (n=275)		Controls (n=531)		P <sup>a</sup>	Cases	Cases (n=118)		ols 1)	P <sup>a</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%		
Age range, month	0-132		0.07-156		0.229	0-131.1		0.1-144.0		0.484	
Mean $\pm$ SD	31.50±25.43		29.73±24.86			46.24±29.98		44.97±33.23			
<12	70	25.45	145	27.31		9	7.63	32	11.39		
12-60	177	64.36	313	58.95		76	64.41	179	63.70		
>60	28	10.18	73	13.75		33	27.97	70	24.91		
Gender					0.510					0.196	
Female	114	41.45	233	43.88		54	45.76	109	38.79		
Male	161	58.55	298	56.12		64	54.24	172	61.21		
Clinical stages											
Ι	54	19.64				15	12.71				
II	62	22.55				31	26.27				
III	49	17.82				19	16.10				
IV	94	34.18				49	41.53				
4s	8	2.91				3	2.54				
NA	8	2.91				1	0.85				
Sites of origin											
Adrenal gland	64	23.27				89	75.42				
Retroperitoneal region	87	31.64				/	/				
Mediastinum	90	32.73				19	16.10				
Other region	26	9.45				10	8.47				
NA	8	2.91				/	/				

Supplementary Table 1. Frequency distribution of selected characteristics in neuroblastoma cases and cancerfree controls.

SD, standard deviation; NA, not available.

 $^{\rm a}$  Two-sided  $\chi^2$  test for distributions between neuroblastoma cases and cancer-free controls.