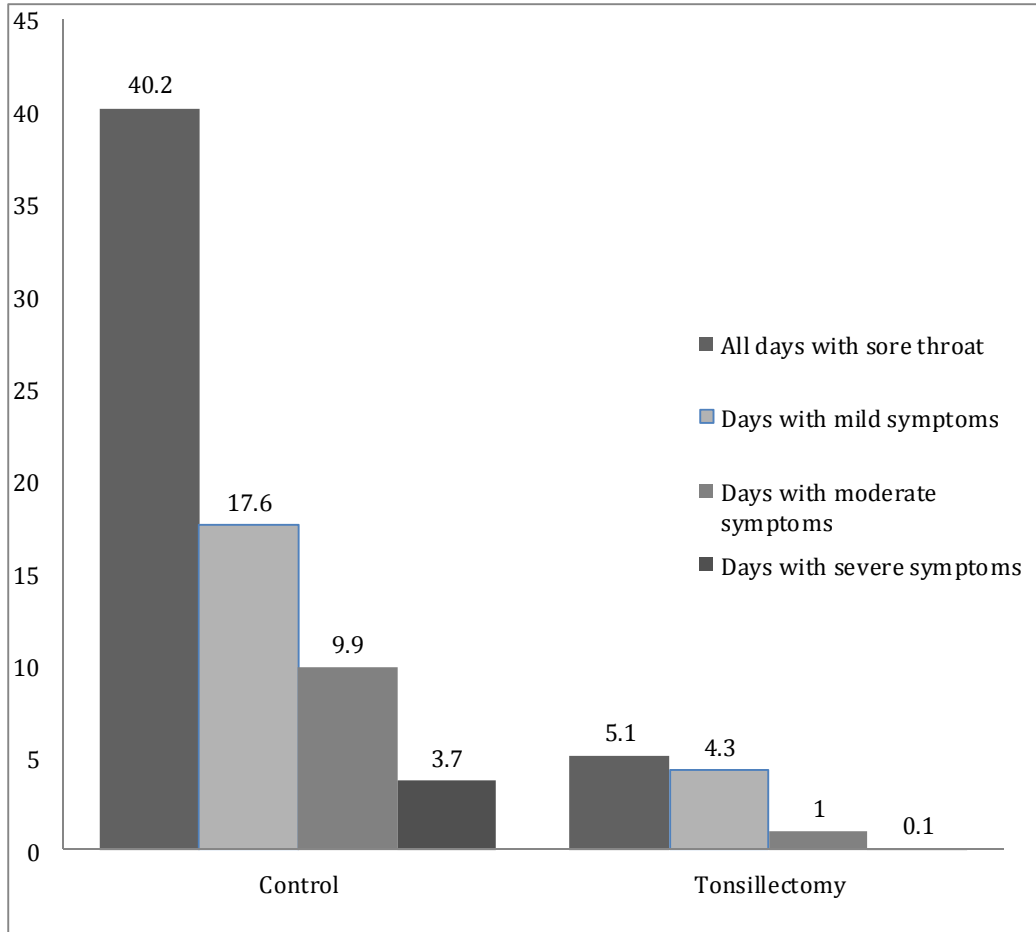


Appendix 3 (as supplied by the authors): All sore throat days and days with severe, moderate or mild symptoms graded by patients at the end of whole follow-up* in adults with recurrent tonsillitis randomised to watchful waiting (control) or immediate tonsillectomy

Figures are means (SDs)[†] calculated as events per year.



	Control	Tonsillectomy
All days with sore throat	40.2 (60.5)	5.1 (8.7)
Days with mild symptoms	17.6 (17.8)	4.3 (7.2)
Days with moderate symptoms	9.9 (12.2)	1.0 (2.9)
Days with severe symptoms	3.7 (8.6)	0.1 (0.6)

^{*)} Mean length of follow-up 5.7 months (SD 0.7) in control group and 6.2 months (SD 0.5) in tonsillectomy group. Patients in tonsillectomy group had mean number of 17 days (SD 6) of throat pain and had mean number of 14 days (SD 6) of school or work absence during instant postoperative period. These immediate recovery times are not included in the table. ^{†)} SD= standard deviation.