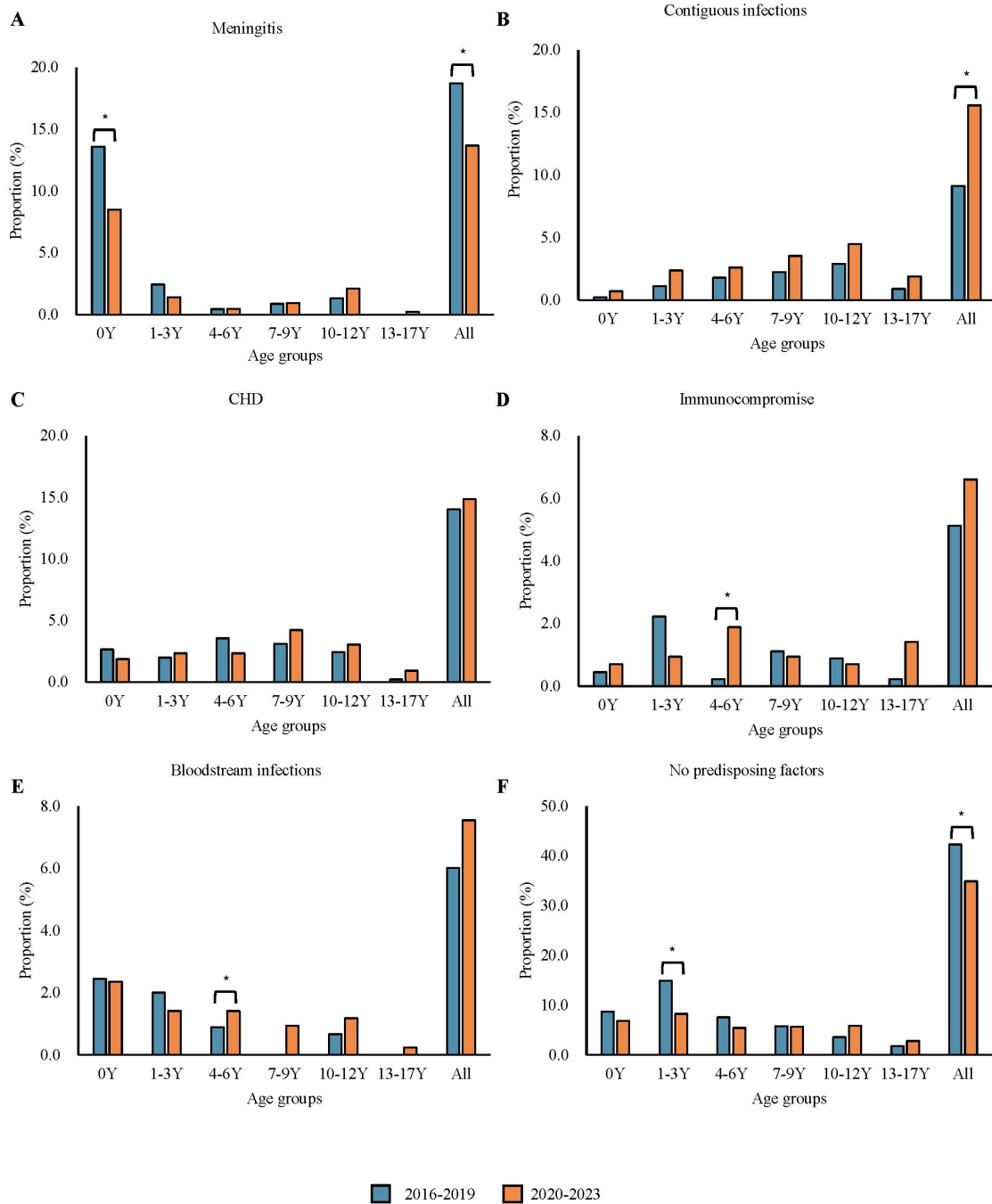


**Supplemental Figure S1.** Between 2020 and 2023, the proportion of infants and young children decreased, while the proportion of patients aged 7-17 years increased concurrently, compared to the 2016-2019 period.



**Supplemental Figure 2.** The changes in predisposing factors among different age groups. Patients with meningitis significantly declined in the 0-year age group. The proportion of patients with contiguous infections significantly raise in those aged 7-17 years.