



Figure 1 **Plot of partial birth rates against partial death rates for the population of the 23 provinces in 2003 using Brass Growth Balance [15] for correction for under-reporting of above-4 mortality.**

The 6 points in the smaller oval show partial rates of the first group (5–34 years) and 6 points in larger oval show partial rates of the second group (40–64 years). White points show the group means. Source of population data: Ministry of Health and Population [14]; source of death data: National Death Registration System [14].