

Table 1 Clinical data of children with beta-thalassaemia and controls

Clinical data	Patients (n = 61)	Controls (n = 51)	Difference
Male:female ratio	40:21	35:16	
Age [mean (SD) years]	11.35 (4.79)	10.31 (3.93)	NS
Age range (years)	2.5–18	2.5–17	
Height [mean (SD) cm]	131.87 (22.63)	128.83 (20.87)	NS
Weight [mean (SD) kg]	33.22 (14.91)	29.17 (12.53)	NS
Body mass index [mean (SD) kg/m ²]	17.97 (3.29)	18.08 (3.32)	NS