

Table 4 Correlation (r) between gall-bladder function parameters of children with beta-thalassaemia and their clinical or laboratory data (n = 61)

Variable	Fasting volume		Residual volume		Emptying time		Contraction index	
	r	P-value	r	P-value	r	P-value	r	P-value
Age	0.42	< 0.001	0.40	< 0.001	-0.03	NS	-0.07	NS
Weight	0.42	< 0.001	0.35	< 0.01	-0.05	NS	0.05	NS
Height	0.35	< 0.01	0.29	< 0.01	0.02	NS	0.04	NS
Body mass index	0.36	< 0.01	0.21	NS	-0.03	NS	0.13	NS
Haemoglobin	-0.10	NS	-0.03	NS	-0.12	NS	-0.01	NS
Ferritin	0.25	< 0.05	0.18	NS	0.18	NS	0.06	NS
Total bilirubin	0.02	NS	0.10	NS	-0.08	NS	-0.27	< 0.05
Indirect bilirubin	0.30	< 0.05	0.44	< 0.01	0.17	NS	-0.26	< 0.05