

**Table 1 Ethnic breakdown of selected patients with beta-thalassaemia syndrome (*n* = 350)**

Ethnic group	Total no. of patients sampled	No. with beta thalassaemia major	No. with beta-thalassaemia minor	No. of beta-thalassaemia genes identified
Punjabi	80	40	40	120
Pathan	50	20	30	70
Sindhi	70	20	50	90
Baluchi	50	20	30	70
Urdu speaking	100	50	50	150
Total	350	150	200	500