

Table 1 General characteristics of patients with hypertension and the controls

Variable	Cases		Controls		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Age (years)					
26-35	18	8.1	23	10.4	0.82
36-45	62	28.1	62	28.1	
46-55	81	36.7	81	36.7	
56-65	49	22.2	44	19.9	
> 65	11	5.0	11	5.0	
Sex					
Male	106	48.0	109	49.3	0.74
Female	115	52.0	112	50.7	
Education					
Illiterate	59	26.7	51	23.1	0.89
Primary	38	17.2	39	17.6	
Intermediate	22	10.0	26	11.8	
Secondary	37	16.7	37	16.7	
Basic university and more	65	29.4	68	30.8	
Marital status					
Married	197	89.1	193	87.3	0.65
Unmarried	14	6.3	18	8.1	
Widowed/divorced	10	4.5	10	4.5	
Occupation					
Employed	70	31.7	79	35.7	0.40
Unemployed	151	68.3	142	64.3	
Total	221	100.0	221	100.0	