

**Table 1 Allele frequencies of H63D, S65C and C282Y mutations among total alleles of beta-thalassaemia carriers and controls without haemoglobinopathies**

Mutation	$\beta$ -thalassaemia carriers ( <i>n</i> = 41)		Controls ( <i>n</i> = 40)		<i>P</i> -value
	Mutated alleles ( <i>n</i> = 82)		Mutated alleles ( <i>n</i> = 80)		
	No.	%	No.	%	
H63D	25	30.5	8	10.0	< 0.001
S65C	11	13.4	2	2.5	0.011
C282Y	6	7.3	0	0.0	0.014