

Table 1 Clinical and biochemical characteristics of patients and controls

Characteristic	Patients (<i>n</i> = 150)	Controls (<i>n</i> = 50)	<i>P</i> -value
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Age (years)	31 (4.3)	29 (4.6)	0.970
Gestational age (weeks)	24.6 (7.2)	21.8 (5.7)	0.034
Gravidity	2.1 (1.4)	1.7 (1.0)	0.003
Parity	1.0 (1.3)	0.7 (1.0)	0.034
Haemoglobin (g/dL)	8.7 (2.0)	11.1 (1.3)	0.026
Range	4.0–12.0	9.0–14.0	
Random plasma glucose (mmol/L)	4.5 (0.6)	5.1 (0.4)	< 0.001
Range	4.6–5.8	5.1–6.2	
Serum insulin (μ IU/mL)	16.3 (6.0)	11.3 (2.1)	< 0.001
Range	6.0–27.0	8.0–17.0	
Parasitaemia (/200 white blood cells)	32235.8 (40434.96)	–	

SD - Standard deviation.