

Table 1 Comparison of women in the United Arab Emirates aged 30+ years with and without stress urinary incontinence (SUI)

Characteristic	Women with SUI (n = 99)	Women without SUI ^a (n = 305)	P-value ^b
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Age (years)	42.5 (8.4)	37.8 (7.1)	0.003
Weight (kg)	77.0 (17.7)	72.2 (15.8)	0.82
BMI (kg/m ²)	31.1 (7.4)	28.7 (6.0)	0.20
Level of education ^c	2.3 (1.1)	2.4 (1.0)	0.62
No. of children	6.3 (3.5)	4.7 (2.8)	0.09
No. of vaginal deliveries	5.7 (3.6)	4.3 (2.9)	0.20
No. of instrumental deliveries	0.05 (0.2)	0.07 (0.3)	0.49
No. of C-sections after trial of labour	0.13 (0.3)	0.15 (0.5)	0.19
No. of C-sections without labour	0.37 (1.1)	0.19 (0.6)	0.79

^aIncludes 7 women with non-stress urinary incontinence.

^bP-values for univariate general linear model (1-way analysis of variance) analysing 278 cases, adjusted R² 0.091.

^cLevel of education coded on a scale of: 5 = postgraduate training to 1 = no formal education.

SD = standard deviation; BMI = body mass index; of C-section = caesarean section.