

Table 1 Sociodemographic data of brucellosis cases and controls, Chouf, Lebanon, June–August 2009

Characteristic	Cases		Controls		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Sex					
Male	28	56.0	56	56.0	1.0
Female	22	44.0	44	44.0	
Mean age in years (SD) [range]	24.0 (19.2) [2–74]		24.9 (19.5) [1–86]		0.91
Marital status					
Single	33	66.0	69	69.0	0.72
Married	17	34.0	29	29.0	
Widowed	0	0.0	1	1.0	
Divorced	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Education					
Elementary or below	25	50.0	32	32.7	0.12
Intermediate	9	18.0	24	24.5	
Secondary/university	16	32.0	42	42.8	
Family income (million LL/month)					
≤ 1	18	36.7	41	43.2	0.50
1–2	28	57.1	45	47.4	
> 2	3	6.1	9	9.5	
Crowding index ^a					
High (> 2 people per room)	2	4.0	9	9.0	0.34 ^b
Family history of brucellosis	2	4.0	5	5.0	1.0 ^b
Occupation					
Currently working	9	18.0	23	23.0	0.67
Was working 4 months ago	3	6.0	1	1.0	
Not working	3	6.0	7	7.0	
Retired	1	2.0	3	3.0	
Student	26	52.0	53	53.0	
Housewife	7	14.0	12	12.0	
Type of occupation					
Animal-related	0	0.0	3	12.5	0.53 ^b
Non-animal related	12	100.0	21	87.5	

^aCrowding index: number of individuals per room excluding kitchen, bathroom, storage room, and balcony;

^bFisher exact test.

SD = standard deviation; LL = Lebanese lira.