

**Table 2 Mean serum zinc values and IgE levels before and after treatment for the case and control groups**

Parameter	Case group ( <i>n</i> = 144)			Control group ( <i>n</i> = 140)		
	Before	After	<i>P</i> -value <sup>a</sup>	Before	After	<i>P</i> -value <sup>a</sup>
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Serum zinc (µg/dL)	61.8 (7.3)	129 (20.4)	< 0.001	60.9 (4.3)	63 (8.6)	0.701
Serum IgE (IU/L)	119 (22)	106 (17)	0.423	109 (18)	103 (16)	0.648

<sup>a</sup>Before versus after, paired *t*-test.

SD = standard deviation.