

Table 1 Writing statistics among male and female first-year dental students in University of Dammam

Variable	Mean (SD) values			<i>P</i> -value ^a
	Males	Females	Both sexes	
No. of words used	226.5 (46.9)	296.6 (39.7)	261.9 (55.8)	< 0.001
No. of paragraphs used	4.1 (2.4)	4.3 (1.3)	4.2 (1.9)	0.55
Flesch-Kincaid grade level score	9.4 (2.4)	10.2 (2.0)	9.8 (2.2)	0.07
Flesch reading ease score	63.2 (9.1)	55.9 (8.2)	59.5 (9.4)	< 0.001

^aIndependent *t*-test.

SD = standard deviation.