

Table 2 Serum level of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and endostatin in patients with pre-eclampsia and controls

Serum level	Normal non-pregnant controls^a (n = 20)	Normal pregnant controls^b (n = 20)	Mild pre-eclampsia^c (n = 20)	Severe pre-eclampsia^d (n = 24)	P-value
VEGF (ng/mL)	23.10 (4.53)	22.88 (6.22)	54.80 (23.08)	130.21 (44.78)	(a,b,c,d) < 0.001* (a,b) = 0.99 (b,c) < 0.001* (b,d) < 0.001* (c,d) < 0.001*
Endostatin (ng/mL)	15.57 (3.56)	18.51 (7.27)	32.39 (10.19)	51.58 (19.91)	(a,b,c,d) < 0.001* (a,b) = 0.25 (b,c) < 0.001* (b,d) < 0.001* (c,d) < 0.001*
VEGF/endostatin	1.58 (0.55)	1.41 (0.66)	1.89 (1.01)	2.90 (1.83)	(a,b,c,d) < 0.001* (a,b) = 0.25 (b,c) = 0.09 (b,d) < 0.001* (c,d) < 0.01*

Values are expressed as mean (standard deviation).

**P < 0.05 was significant.*