

Table 1

Characteristics of the patients and age-matched controls.

Variable	Patients	Controls	<i>P</i> -value
Gender	4 male, 20 female	5 male, 7 female	0.102
Age (yr)	54 ± 2	50 ± 2	0.229
Body mass (kg)	77.3 ± 2.5	78.9 ± 6.2	0.772
Stature (m)	1.69 ± 0.02	1.69 ± 0.04	0.990

Data are presented as mean ± S.E.M. *P* values are shown for independent *t*-tests.