

Table (1). Age and sex of studied population

Variable	Cases	Controls	P value
Age/years			
Mean (SD)	22.18 (10.56)	26.6 (12.42)	0.12
Median (range)	22 (2-61)	27.5 (8-48)	
Sex			
Females	15 (30 %)	8 (40 %)	0.42
Males	35 (70 %)	12 (60 %)	

Table(2). Comparison of patients and controls regarding serum levels of macrophage migration inhibitory factor (Table 2)

Variable	Cases	Controls	P value
Macrophage inhibition factor			
Mean (SD)	4.13 (3.15)	5.1 (1.65)	0.02
Median (range)	3.4 (0.1-19.1)	4.8 (2.1-7.8)	