Figure 1 Serum levels of biomarkers in the study groups: healthy controls, patients with diabetes, diabetic nephropathy (DN) and end-stage renal disease (ESRD) before and after haemodialysis (HD). Top and bottom horizontal lines of the boxplots indicate 25th and 75th percentiles respectively; lines within the box indicate median values (*P < 0.01, **P < 0.001 versus control group; P < 0.05, *P < 0.01, **P < 0.001 versus diabetes group; *P < 0.01, **P < 0.001 versus DN group; *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 versus ESRD group before haemodialysis).