

Table 3 Gall bladder ultrasound data in children with beta-thalassaemia and controls

Ultrasound data	Patients (n = 61)	Controls (n = 51)	Difference
Gall bladder stones [No. (%)]	11 (18.0)	0 (0.0)	
Gall bladder sludge [No. (%)]	4 (6.6)	0 (0.0)	
Fasting volume [mean (SD) mL]	31.20 (20.66)	15.36 (8.94)	P < 0.001
Residual volume [mean (SD) mL]	10.45 (3.63)	4.23 (2.74)	P < 0.001
Emptying time [mean (SD) min]	74.02 (23.22)	42.65 (21.1)	P < 0.01
Contraction index [mean (SD)]	57.02 (12.8)	73.79 (12.76)	P < 0.02