Table 3 Mean z-scores of height-for-age calculated according to the WHO/NCHS and WHO Anthro references for a sample of Omani children at the age of 0-60 months across age groups

| Age (months) | No. | Mean z-score | SE | $\begin{gathered} 95 \% \mathrm{Cl} \\ (\min , \max ) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-5 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 1371 | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.16, 0.43 |
| WHO 2006 | 1371 | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.12, 0.46 |
| 6-11 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 1455 | -0.32 | 0.03 | -0.38, -0.25 |
| WHO 2006 | 1455 | -0.24 | 0.04 | -0.31, -0.16 |
| 12-23 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 2496 | -0.75 | 0.04 | -0.82, -0.25 |
| WHO 2006 | 2496 | -0.75 | 0.04 | -0.31, -0.16 |
| 24-35 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 2716 | -0.59 | 0.06 | -0.71, -0.48 |
| WHO 2006 | 2716 | -0.99 | 0.06 | -1.11, -0.09 |
| 36-47 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 2644 | -0.80 | 0.03 | -0.87, -0.74 |
| WHO 2006 | 2644 | -1.04 | 0.03 | -1.10, -0.97 |
| 48-60 |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 2706 | -0.93 | 0.05 | -1.02, -0.83 |
| WHO 2006 | 2706 | -1.03 | 0.05 | -1.13, -0.94 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |
| NCHS/WHO | 13388 | -0.64 | 0.03 | -0.69, -0.58 |
| WHO Anthro | 13388 | -0.78 | 0.03 | -0.84, -0.72 |

$\mathrm{SE}=$ standard error; $\mathrm{Cl}=$ confidence interval.

