

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of schoolchildren with and without goitre

Variable	With goitre (n = 193)	Without goitre (n = 151)	P-value
Age [mean (SD)] (years)	9.33 (1.36)	8.90 (1.35)	0.13 ^a
Males [No. (%)]	106 (55)	92 (61)	0.26 ^a
Females [No. (%)]	87 (45)	59 (39)	0.38 ^a
Weight [mean (SD)] (kg)	29 (6.2)	28 (5.9)	0.12 ^b
Height [mean (SD)] (cm)	136 (9.0)	134 (8.5)	0.16 ^b
BMI [mean (SD)] (kg/m ²)	15.7 (1.8)	15.7 (1.9)	0.81 ^b
Educational sampling area 1 [No (%)]	77 (40)	67 (45)	0.53 ^a
Educational sampling area 2 [No (%)]	116 (60)	84 (55)	0.99 ^a

^a χ^2 -test; ^bMann-Whitney test.

SD = standard deviation; BMI = body mass index.