Table 1 Background characteristics of patients with major depression and non-depressed controls and their correlation with total scores on the Depression Inventory, Arabic version (MDI-A)

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*a*-test.
SD = standard deviation.