

Table 1 Demographic characteristics and scores on cognitive variables of the women by hospital type

Variable/type of hospital	Mean	SD
<i>Fear of pain</i>		
Public	74.96	21.84
Private	83.90	24.07
<i>Pain catastrophizing</i>		
Public	30.43	11.14
Private	28.14	12.42
<i>Attitude to childbirth</i>		
Public	36.56	8.02
Private	34.18	9.07
<i>Age (years)</i>		
Public	26.62	6.56
Private	28.72	4.87
<i>Years of education</i>		
Public	8.05	1.06
Private	10.98	1.09
<i>Parity</i>		
Public	1.52	0.50
Private	1.58	0.49
<i>Gestational age (weeks)</i>		
Public	34.7	1.2
Private	34.2	1.5

P > 0.05 for all.

SD = standard deviation.