

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of patients and controls

Variable	CLD patients (n = 114) No. (%)	Controls (n = 50) No. (%)
Sex <sup>a</sup>		
Male	63 (55.3)	25 (50.0)
Female	51 (44.7)	25 (50.0)
Age (years) <sup>*b</sup>		
Mean (SD)	49.6 (15.1)	37 (14.2)
Place of birth <sup>*c</sup>		
Saudi Arabia	63 (55.3)	39 (78.0)
Egypt	27 (23.7)	4 (8.0)
Other	24 (21.1)	6 (12.0)

\*Statistically significant at  $P < 0.05$ .

<sup>a</sup> $P = 0.611$ ; <sup>b</sup> $P = 0.001$ ; <sup>c</sup> $P = 0.01$ .

CLD = Chronic liver disease; SD = standard deviation.