

Table 1 Baseline characteristics of asthma patients and clinical severity score and scores on the Paediatric Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire-adapted (PAQLQ-A) domains at the 1st visit

Baseline characteristic	Males No. (%)	Females No. (%)	Total No. (%)	<i>P</i> -value
<i>Sex</i>	72 (69.9)	31 (30.1)	103 (100.0)	-
<i>Age group (years)</i>				0.351 ^a
< 11	19 (26.4)	11 (35.5)	30 (29.1)	
≥ 11	53 (73.6)	20 (64.5)	73 (70.9)	
<i>Severity of asthma</i>				0.814 ^a
Mild	32 (44.4)	13 (41.9)	45 (43.7)	
Moderate/severe	40 (55.6)	18 (58.1)	58 (56.3)	
	Mean score (SD)	Mean score (SD)	Mean score (SD)	
<i>Clinical severity and PAQLQ-A domains</i>				
Clinical severity, 1st visit	2.7 (0.9)	2.8 (0.9)	2.7 (0.9)	0.845 ^b
Symptoms, 1st visit	3.7 (0.5)	3.8 (0.6)	3.7 (0.6)	0.812 ^b
Emotions, 1st visit	3.8 (0.6)	4.0 (0.7)	3.9 (0.6)	0.781 ^b
Activities, 1st visit	4.5 (0.8)	4.4 (0.8)	4.5 (0.8)	0.607 ^b
Overall, 1st visit	4.0 (0.6)	4.1 (0.5)	4.0 (0.5)	0.298 ^b

^aChi-squared test; ^bStudent *t*-test.

SD = standard deviation.