

Table 3 Serum levels of estradiol and progesterone in the 3 study groups of pregnant women

Group	Estradiol (ng/mL)		Progesterone (ng/mL)	
	Mean (SE)	Range	Mean (SE)	Range
Normal pregnancy (n = 20)	33.0 (1.4)	23.3–42.3	105.6 (2.8)	89.5–129.5
Mild pre-eclampsia (n = 20)	33.2 (1.4) <sup>a</sup>	23.0–43.2	105.3 (2.9) <sup>a</sup>	91.2–128.8
Severe pre-eclampsia (n = 20)	33.0 (1.8) <sup>a,b</sup>	24.4–43.0	106.9 (2.9) <sup>a,b</sup>	90.2–129.2

<sup>a</sup>Not significant versus normal group; <sup>b</sup>Not significant versus mild pre-eclampsia group.  
SE = standard error.