

Table 1. Anthropometric and metabolic parameters of the study population (mean±SD)

	GHD (n=10)	NGH (n=8)	P value
Boys/girls (n)	6/4	5/3	
Age (years)	9.9±0.7	9.5±1.1	0.758
Body weight (kg)	34.4±3.3	29.5±4.6	0.389
Height (cm)	124.7±6.5	125.5±4.5	0.377
Height SDS	-2.06±0.59	-1.42±0.77	0.071
BMI z-score	0.99±1.03	0.44±1.81	0.561
GH peak (µg/l)	4.6±3.5	14.2±2.4	0.001
Ghrelin 0 (pmol/l)	699.8±79.9	620.2±66.2	0.469
Ghrelin peak (pmol/l)	1224.9±539.0	680.2±112.1	0.013

BMI: Body mass index; GH: Growth hormone; IGF-1: Insulin-like growth factor-1; GHD: growth hormone deficiency; NGH: normal growth hormone.