

Table 2. Demographic, neuroradiological, biochemical and clinical characteristics of group A and group B at baseline evaluation

	GROUP A (2000-2008, n=41)	GROUP B (1979-1999, n=126)	P
F/M	19/22	79/47	NS
Age at diagnosis (years)	47.3±13.3	43.3±10.7	NS
Delay in diagnosis (years)	4.9±3.6	5.9±5.0	NS
Mean basal GH (mcg/L)	23.9±29.7	28.8±28.1	NS
Nadir GH (mcg/L)	19.8±32.9	19.9±20.9	NS
IGF-I SDS	10.0±5.5	15.4±6.4	<0.001
Pituitary deficiencies (yes/no);(%)	16/25 (39/61)	31/95 (25/75)	NS
Tumor size (micro/macro);(%)	16/25 (39/61)	35/87 (29/71)	NS
Headhache (yes/no);(%)	22/19 (54/46)	78/48 (62/38)	NS
Diabetes/IGT (yes/no);(%)	26/15 (63/37)	52/74 (41/59)	0.018
Hypertension (yes/no);(%)	19/22 (46/54)	43/83 (34/66)	NS

Data are expressed as mean ± SD or absolute number with percentage in parenthesis.

NS= Not Significant.

Normally distributed variables were compared using Student's t-test. Nominal data were analyzed by Fisher's exact test.