

Table 1. General characteristic and thyroid function profile from participating individuals

Parameters [†]	Case (n=75)	Control (n=75)	P value
Age (years)	43.4 ± 13	43.2 ± 12	0.906
Gender (female %)	96%	96%	0.981
FT3 (pmol/L) ‡	4.48 ± 0.042	3.93 ± 0.047	0.207
FT4 (pmol/L)‡	19.3 ± 0.033	18.15 ± 0.031	0.233
TSH (μIU/mL)‡	8.8 ± 0.36	3.1 ± 0.12	0.0001
Anti-TPO (IU/mL)‡	169.3 ± 26.7	14.2 ± 1.1	0.02

† Data are expressed as arithmetic mean±SD.

‡ Thyroid function tests reference values: Free Triiodothyronine (FT3): 2.15 – 6.45; Free Thyroxine (FT4): 10.29 – 25.74; TSH: 0.4 – 5.2; anti-TPO: <39.3.