

Table 2. Serum iron indices of the studied subjects (mean $\pm$ SD)

	Group I		Group II		P value
	mean	s.d.*	mean	s.d.*	
n	41		49		
Ferritin (ng/ml)	98.3	57.7	62.0	41.2	< 0.01
Iron (μ mol/l)	20.2	6.0	14.5	4.3	< 0.01
TIBC (μ mol/l)	64.0	10.4	65.0	9.6	NS
Transferrin Saturation					
Index (Iron x 100/TIBC)	31.3	8.4	22.6	7.3	< 0.01