

Table 2. Levels of IGF-I, IGFBP-3, ferritin and BMD measurements in thalassaemic patients.

Parameter	Girls (n=19)	Boys (n=16)	p	Total (n=35)
IGF-I SDS				
Mean±SD	-0.35±0.95	0.14±0.82	0.109	-0.13±0.91
Range	-2.25 – 1.27	-1.62 – 1.81		-2.25 – 1.81
IGFBP-3 SDS				
Mean±SD	-0.06±0.64	-0.09±0.64	0.877	-0.08±0.63
Range	-0.95 – 1.35	-0.95 – 1.17		-0.95 – 1.35
Serum ferritin (ng/L)				
Mean±SD	1557±929	1199±594	0.177	1393±804
Range	627 – 4706	242 – 2633		242 – 4706
Lumbar BMD SDS				
Mean±SD	0.42±1.25	-0.41±0.95	0.034	0.04±1.19
Range	-1.17 – 3.8	-1.8 – 0.9		-1.8 – 3.8