Table 2 **Distribution of mean lipid values among diabetic patients and healthy controls**

| Variable | Mean (SD) values | | P-value |
	Patients (n = 250)	Controls (n = 60)	
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	5.69 (0.28)	5.20 (0.15)	NS
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	1.71 (0.27)	1.16 (0.21)	< 0.05
HDL-C (mmol/L)	0.93 (0.15)	1.11 (0.18)	< 0.05
LDL-C (mmol/L)	3.68 (0.21)	3.45 (0.14)	NS
VLDL-C (mmol/L)	1.01 (0.26)	0.81 (0.11)	NS
TC/HDL-C	6.11 (1.86)	4.69 (0.13)	NS

n = number of patients; SD = standard deviation; NS = non-significant. HDL-C = high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; VLDL-C = very-low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; TC/HDL-C = total cholesterol/HDL-C ratio.