

**Table 3 Comparison of thyroid hormone levels of schoolchildren with and without zinc deficiency**

Variable	Serum zinc level		<i>P</i> -value
	Deficient $\leq$ 65 mg/dL ( <i>n</i> = 32)	Normal $>$ 65 mg/dL ( <i>n</i> = 312)	
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Serum T <sub>4</sub> (ng/mL)	90 (18.2)	82 (21.8)	0.3 <sup>a</sup>
Serum T <sub>3</sub> (ng/mL)	1.35 (0.30)	1.30 (0.05)	0.3 <sup>a</sup>
Serum TSH ( $\mu$ g/mL)	1.50 (1.05)	2.78 (0.30)	0.04 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>*Mann-Whitney test.*

*T<sub>3</sub>* = tri-iodothyronine; *T<sub>4</sub>* = thyroxine; *TSH* = thyroid-stimulating hormone; *SD* = standard deviation.