

**Table 1 Characteristics of the oral contraceptive users and nonusers**

Variable	Oral contraceptives	
	Non-users ( <i>n</i> = 100)	Users ( <i>n</i> = 100)
<i>Age (years)</i>		
15–24	12	20
25–34	41	35
35–45	47	45
Mean age (SD)	33.2 (7.1)	32.5 (8.1)
<i>Duration of contraception use (months)</i>		
1–12	–	36
13–24	–	16
25–36	–	14
37–48	–	13
49–60	–	21
Mean (SD) duration	–	28.2 (21.6)
Mean (SD) no. of pregnancies	5.2 (1.9)	5.6 (2.1)
<i>Mean (SD) blood pressure (mmHg)</i>		
Systolic:	113.8 (5.2)	112.5 (6.8)
Diastolic	83.7 (5.1)	82.4 (4.7)
Mean (SD) weight (kg)	66.8 (9.2)	65.4 (7.3)

*SD* = standard deviation.