

Table 1 Mean homocysteine (Hcy) and vitamin levels in healthy people with normal and raised Hcy by sex

Variable	Normohomocystenaemia ^a (n = 541)			Hyperhomocystenaemia ^b (n = 162)		
	Male Mean (SD)	Female Mean (SD)	P-value	Male Mean (SD)	Female Mean (SD)	P-value
Hcy ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	12.7 (5.4)	11.9 (5.2)	0.028	19.5 (5.6)	19.7 (5.7)	NS
Vitamin B ₁₂ (pg/mL)	259.4 (106.3)	284.7 (121.1)	NS	236.7 (80.8)	278.9 (114.9)	0.035
Folates (ng/mL)	4.31 (2.40)	6.13 (3.06)	< 0.001	4.32 (3.61)	6.06 (2.69)	0.031

^aHcy $\leq 15 \mu\text{mol/L}$; ^bHcy $> 15 \mu\text{mol/L}$. SD = standard deviation.