



Figure 1 Minimum, 25th, 50th, 75th percentiles and maximum number of normal children in families with 1-4 children with beta-thalassaemia major (dead or alive). Dashed line indicates the average number of 3 children in families of Fars province (the small circle above the left box is an outlier, defined as values 1.5-3 times the interquartile range)