Table 1 Background characteristics of patients with major depression and non-depressed controls and their correlation with total scores on the Depression Inventory, Arabic version (MDI-A)

Variable	Patients (n = 50)	Controls (n = 50)	χ^2-test	Total (n = 100)	Correlation with MDI-A total scores	
	No.	No.	P-value	No.	Spearman ρ	P-value
Sex						
Male	19	20		39	0.176	0.08
Female	31	30	0.84	61		
Age (years)						
≥ 40	32	32	1.00	64	0.197	0.049
< 40	18	18		36		
Mean (SD)	39.6 (7.1)	40.9 (8.5)	0.41[a]	42.0 (8.6)		
Social class						
High/middle	24	22		46	0.071	0.48
Low/very low	26	28	0.69	54		
Marital status						
Unmarried	21	24		45	0.031	0.76
Married	29	26	0.55	55		
Education						
Basic	18	19		57	0.649	0.42
Higher than basic	32	31	0.84	43		
Work status						
Employed	27	29		56	0.169	0.09
Unemployed	23	21	0.69	44		
Residence						
Rural	18	16		34	0.040	0.69
Urban	32	34	0.67	66		

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SD = standard deviation.