Table 2 Distribution of mean levels of particulate matter (PM, and carbon monoxide (CO) and weather conditions in the case period (24-hours before event) and control period (I week before) for patients with first episode of acute coronary syndrome (n = 250)

Variable	Case period Mean (SD)	Control period Mean (SD)	P-value ^a

PM_m level µ)g/m³) 46.6 (25.5) 39.6 (22.0) 0.18

19.8 (4.5)

Temperature (°C) 20.2 (4.5) Humidity (%) 34.1 (14.4)

aWilcoxon test SD = standard deviation 35.3 (18.5)

0.48

0.57