

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of the sample of cerebral palsy cases and control children and place of recruitment to the study

Variable	Cases (n = 107)		Controls (n = 223)		P-value
Child's age (years) [mean (SD)]	3.87	(2.71)	4.17	(3.94)	0.47 ^a
Child's sex (no., %)					0.83 ^a
Male	58	54.2	118	52.9	
Female	49	45.8	105	47.1	
Region of residence (no., %)					0.45 ^a
North	43	40.2	88	39.5	
Middle	53	49.5	101	45.3	
South	11	10.3	34	15.2	
Mother's age (years) [mean (SD)]	27.5	(6.3)	27.1	(6.3)	0.588 ^b
Father's age (years) [mean (SD)]	33.0	(7.0)	32.9	(7.4)	0.908 ^b
Mother's occupation (no., %)					0.47 ^a
Professional	5	4.7	16	7.2	
Skilled	3	2.8	7	3.1	
Unskilled	0	0.0	2	0.9	
Unemployed/ housewife	99	92.5	198	88.8	
Father's occupation (no., %)					< 0.05 ^a
Professional	20	18.7	34	15.2	
Skilled	26	24.3	59	26.5	
Unskilled	43	40.2	86	38.6	
Unemployed	12	11.2	43	19.3	
Parents' consanguinity (no., %)					< 0.001 ^a
Not related	56	52.3	169	75.8	
1st cousins	37	34.6	40	17.9	
2nd cousins	9	8.4	3	1.3	
More distant family related	5	4.7	11	4.9	
Family history of birth deficits ^c (no., %)	15	14.0	4	1.8	

^aChi-squared test; ^bt-test; ^cAny close or extended family members with physical or cognitive deficits from birth.

SD = standard deviation.