Table 1 **Mean (standard deviation) values of maternal and pregnancy outcome variables in the various nationalities**

Nationality (*n*)	Mother's age (years)	mHb (g/dL)	cHb (g/dL)	HC (cm)	CHL (cm)	PW (g)	MH (cm)	GA (days)	BW (g)	MUAC (cm)	PW/WB ratio
Kuwaiti (80)	29.6 (5.5)[a]	11.55 (1.44)[a]	14.91 (1.28)	33.9 (1.3)[ab]	49.6 (2.6)	629.9 (78.1)[a]	160.1 (4.7)[a]	274.4 (10.8)	3.17 (0.36)	29.7 (3.4)	0.20 (0.04)
Egyptian (81)	27.3 (5.0)[ab]	12.29 (1.16)[b]	14.93 (1.52)	34.7 (2.8)[a]	50.7 (2.7)	663.3 (77.9)[ab]	162.7 (6.0)[a]	277.4 (8.4)	3.43 (0.42)	29.8 (3.5)	0.20 (0.03)
Indian (45)	29.9 (5.5)[a]	12.42 (1.24)[b]	15.34 (1.50)	33.2 (4.3)[b]	49.9 (3.7)	629.5 (92.0)[a]	154.6 (14.7)[b]	275.1 (8.6)	3.78 (4.34)	28.5 (3.1)	0.19 (0.05)
Syrian (42)	26.4 (5.3)[b]	12.16 (1.27)[ab]	15.35 (1.66)	34.3 (0.9)[ab]	50.1 (2.3)	666.1 (70.4)[ab]	163.9 (6.5)[a]	277.5 (7.8)	3.38 (0.39)	30.1 (3.7)	0.20 (0.02)
Lebanese (29)	26.6 (5.0)[ab]	12.41 (2.03)[ab]	14.78 (1.70)	34.3 (1.4)[ab]	50.1 (4.3)	695.5 (100.1)[b]	162.2 (6.1)[a]	276.0 (8.6)	3.43 (0.53)	29.3 (4.0)	0.19 (0.04)

Analysis of variance showed significant difference between the nationalities in mHb (P = 0.001), head circumference (P = 0.011), crown–heel length (P = 0.039), placental weight (P = 0.002), maternal height (P < 0.001) and maternal age (P < 0.0001).

Values with different superscripts within the same column differ significantly (P < 0.05) as assessed by Bonferroni post-hoc analysis.

mHb = mother haemoglobin, cHb = child haemoglobin, HC = head circumference, CHL = crown–heel length, PW = placental weight, MH = mother height, GA = gestational age, BW = birth weight, MUAC = mid-upper arm circumference.