**Table 1.** Comparision of maternal characteristics of the groups.

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| **Characteristic** | **Control group (n = 30)** | **Mild PE group (n= 30)** | **Severe-PE group (n = 30)** | **P-value** |
| Maternal age (years) | 30.4 ± 1.9 | 30.6 ± 2.1 | 29.2 ± 2.1 | 0.620 |
| Nuliparity | 11 (36.6) | 10 (33.3) | 9 (30) | 0.510 |
| BMI at blood sampling (kg/m2) | 30.1 ± 3.9 | 29.6 ± 3.2 | 29.2 ± 3.4 | 0.730 |
| Ethnicity (Caucasian) | 28 (93.3) | 29 (96.6) | 28 (93.3) | 0.830 |
| Previous CS history | 7 (23.3) | 10 (33.3) | 8 (26.6) | 0.710 |

Notes: PE, preeclampsia; BMI, body mass index; CS, caesarian section; values were presented as the mean ± standard deviation or n (%).