

Table 1 Copper and Ceruloplasmin Levels in Patients with Tube Feeding and Control Patients

	Tube feeding (n=15)	Control (n=10)
Leukocyte (4000–9000 /mm ³)	4600+/-2700	5300+/-1500
Hb (12–15 g/dl)	9.3+/-2.2	10.9+/-1.7
Fe (40–162 μg/dl)	45+/-18	46+/-20
UIBC (159–307 μg/dl)	216+/-41	223+/-47
Copper (85–155 μg/dl)	37+/-32 *	107+/-15
Ceruloplasmin (10–40 mg/dl)	11+/-11 *	32+/-4

Values are mean +/-SD. *:p<0.01, compared with the control patients.