

**WEB TABLE I** BASELINE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE STUDY PARTICIPANTS

<i>Investigation</i>	<i>Supplementation group</i>			
	<i>Vitamin D</i>		<i>Placebo</i>	
	<i>N</i>	<i>Mean (SD)</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Mean (SD)</i>
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	162	9.8 (1.46)	162	9.5 (1.46)
Total leucocyte count (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	162	12725 (5677)	162	12517 (6583)
Platelet count (10 <sup>5</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup> )	162	3.4 (1.13)	162	3.7 (3.45)
Serum calcium (mg/dL)	162	8.4 (1.5)	160	8.3 (1.5)
Serum phosphorus (mg/dL)	162	4.8 (1.6)	160	4.6 (2.1)
Serum alkaline phosphatase (U/L)	162	197.4 (173.4)	160	194.3 (143.0)
<i>Immunological parameters</i>				
Serum Immunoglobulin A (mg/dL)	128	1.0 (0.59)	136	1.0 (0.46)
Serum Immunoglobulin G (mg/dL)	128	7.9 (3.05)	136	7.9 (2.95)
Serum Immunoglobulin M (mg/dL)	128	3.5 (2.09)	136	3.5 (1.92)
Serum cathelicidin (ng/mL)	81	17.9 (13.53)	82	14.1 (9.56)
Serum 25(OH)D (ng/mL)*	162	14.4(7.9,23.5)	160	15.3 (7.9,23.2)
Serum parathyroid hormone (pg/mL)*	162	25.8(13.8,47.5)	160	23.9 (13.5,49.6)

\*Values in median (IQR)