

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the volunteers

Characteristic		Meglumine Antimony n=143	Thermotherapy n= 149	P value*
Median age in years (range)		23 (19 - 38)	23 (19 - 39)	0,†
Race (%)	White	17 (12)	22 (14)	0,25
	Black	6 (4)	13 (9)	
	Mestizo	115 (80)	104 (70)	
	Mulatto	5 (4)	10 (7)	
Median weight in kg (range)		65 (50 - 96)	65 (42 -104)	0,†
History of Leishmaniasis (%)	Yes	52 (37)	67 (45)	0,79
	No	91 (64)	82 (55)	
Geographic area of infection	Northeast	17 (12)	16 (11)	0,91
	Southeast	126 (88)	133 (89)	
Number of lesions (%)‡	1	97(68)	115 (77)	0,14
	2 or more	46(32)	34 (23)	
Lesion type (%)	Nodule	14 (6)	19 (11)	0,04
	Ulcer	223 (94)	161 (89)	
Anatomic localization of lesions	Upper body	118 (83)	123 (83)	0,68
	Lower body§	25 (17)	26 (17)	
Median evolution time in Days (range)		60 (6 – 210)	85 (10 - 690)	0,6†
Species (%)	<i>L. panamensis</i>	32 (38)	24 (29)	0,27
	<i>L. braziliensis</i>	52 (62)	59 (71)	

* Chi-square test

† Kruskal Wallis test

‡ According to number of lesions

§ In this category, we included 18 volunteers who presented lesions in the upper and lower part of the body; 8 were from the Meglumine Antimoniate group, and 10 were from the Thermotherapy group.