

Table 4 Comparison of clinical test data

	H-N	H-P	PCG-N	P
N	76	124	143	
FT4	10.42±0.79 ^{bc}	9.08±1.07 ^{ac}	17.12±2.19 ^{ab}	<0.001
TSH	5.87±2.08 ^{bc}	7.86±2.42 ^{ac}	2.30±0.93 ^{ab}	<0.001
TPO	26.04±2.56 ^{bc}	37.27±9.25 ^{ac}	19.24±7.46 ^{ab}	<0.001
WBC	9.27±2.44	9.35±2.96	9.03±3.02	0.646
Neutrophils	6.30±2.17	5.92±1.99	6.41±2.15	0.149
Percentage of neutrophils	63.70±17.26	63.70±15.30	66.89±10.93	0.123
C-reactive protein	9.71±4.05 ^{bc}	11.61±7.05 ^{ac}	7.22±2.31 ^{ab}	<0.001
Vitamin A	0.40±0.14	0.37±0.12	0.40±0.14	0.239
Vitamin D	38.22±10.28 ^{bc}	30.32±10.79 ^{ac}	32.89±9.86 ^{ab}	<0.001
Vitamin E	13.22±7.20	11.93±5.09	12.84±4.85	0.221

Note: ^aThere was a difference in pair-wise comparison with the H-N group

^bThere was a difference in pair-wise comparison with the H-P group

^cThere was a difference in pair-wise comparison with the PCG-N group