For statistical analysis, descriptive data are reported as mean ± standard deviation and median (range). The non parametric test of Mann-Whitney was used as the distribution of different variables was not always regular. The threshold for statistical significance was p <0.05 (Two-Tailed). All statistical analyses were performed by a biostatistician using the statistical software SAS for Windows (SAS release 8.2, 2002, Cuppurtino, California, USA).