

Table 1. Characteristics of service users by sustained or improved vs. deteriorated groups (n=624)

Lower care needs level group	Change in care needs level		t- value	p-value
	Sustained or Improved (SI group)	Deteriorated (D group)		
<i>Variable</i>	n=405	n=87		
	Mean±SD	Mean±SD		
Age ^{††}	80.3±8.5	83.7±7.7	3.50	<0.001*
	n (%)	n (%)	χ^2	p-value
Gender [†]				
Male	127 (31)	25 (29)		
Female	278 (69)	62 (71)	0.23	0.631
Baseline care needs level ^{†††}				
0	100 (25)	21 (24)		
1	226 (56)	44 (51)		
2	79 (20)	22 (25)		0.436
Higher care needs level group	Change in care needs level		t- value	p-value
	Sustained or Improved (SI group)	Deteriorated (D group)		
<i>Variables</i>	n=116	n=16		
	Mean±SD	Mean±SD		
Age ^{††}	83.2±10.6	83.5±11.0	0.10	0.922
	n (%)	n (%)	χ^2	p-value
Gender [†]				
Male	34 (29)	5 (31)		
Female	82 (71)	11 (69)	0.03	0.870
Baseline care needs level ^{†††}				
3	56 (48)	10 (63)		
4	35 (30)	6 (38)		
5	25 (22)	0 (0)		0.118

* p<0.05

† χ^2 test

†† unpaired t-test

††† Wilcoxon rank-sum test