

Table 2. Service use and change in care needs levels in the lower care needs level group (n=492)

<i>Service use</i>	Change in care needs level		χ^2	p-value
	Sustained or Improved (SI group) n=405 n (%)	Deteriorated (D group) n=87 n (%)		
Home help [†]	128 (32)	30 (34)	0.27	0.602
Home bath service ^{††}	5 (1)	1 (1)		0.948
Visiting nurse [†]	27 (7)	9 (10)	1.43	0.232
Home rehabilitation ^{††}	5 (1)	1 (1)		0.948
Nursing home daycare [†]	273 (67)	69 (79)	4.79	0.029*
Health daycare [†]	72 (18)	11 (13)	1.35	0.246
Loan of devices [†]	129 (32)	30 (34)	0.23	0.634
Respite stay in a nursing home [†]	79 (20)	42 (48)	31.96	<0.001*
Respite stay in health care facilities ^{††}	17 (4)	5 (6)		0.526
Respite stay in sanatorium-type medical care facilities ^{††}	0 (0)	2 (2)		0.031*
Medical management by a physician ^{††}	6 (1)	3 (3)		0.201
Number of kinds of care services used ^{†††}				
	0	4 (1)	4 (5)	
	1	170 (42)	19 (22)	
	2	146 (36)	29 (33)	
	3	68 (17)	18 (21)	
	4	11 (3)	14 (16)	
	5	5 (1)	2 (2)	
	6	1 (0)	1 (1)	<0.001*

* p<0.05

† χ^2 test

†† Fisher's exact test

††† Wilcoxon rank-sum test