

ADDITIONAL FILE 5:

Additional Table 1. Baseline characteristics of patients included in the assessment of HRQOL.

	Not yet started on dialysis (n=39)	Started on dialysis (n=34)	Conservative care (n=23)	P value
Mean (SD) age (years)	79.8 (5.1)	80.1 (3.3)	83.8 (5.0)	1: 0.004 ^a 2: 0.001 ^b 3: 0.78 ^c
Aged ≥80 years	14 (36%)	7 (21%)	15 (65%)	1: 0.03 2: 0.11 3: 0.56
Sex (female)	12 (31%)	8 (24%)	11 (48%)	1: 0.18 2: 0.06 3: 0.49
Davies comorbidity score				1: 0.85 2: 0.87 3: 0.83
No comorbidity (score = 0)	5 (13%)	3 (9%)	2 (9%)	
Intermediate comorbidity (score = 1 or 2)	23 (59%)	20 (59%)	15 (65%)	
Severe comorbidity (score ≥ 3)	11 (28%)	11 (32%)	6 (26%)	
Primary renal diagnosis				1: 0.30 2: 0.05 3: 0.20
Renal vascular disease	15 (39%)	10 (29%)	8 (35%)	
Diabetes mellitus	2 (5%)	5 (15%)	0 (0%)	
Hypertension	2 (5%)	5 (15%)	0 (0%)	
Pyelonephritis	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (13%)	
Polycystic kidneys	1 (3%)	3 (9%)	1 (4%)	
Glomerulonephritis	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)	
Cause unknown	11 (28%)	6 (18%)	6 (26%)	
Other	7 (18%)	2 (6%)	5 (22%)	
Mean (SD) eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²) at HRQOL assessment	16.2 (5.4)		16.4 (5.6)	1: 0.86
Median (IQR) time in years from treatment choice to HRQOL assessment	1.1 (0.6 – 1.7)	2.9 (1.0 – 5.5)	1.3 (0.3 – 2.6)	1: 0.62 2: 0.001 3: <0.001
Median (IQR) time in years from dialysis start to HRQOL assessment		1.8 (0.5 – 4.4)		
Interviewer-administration of KDQOL-SF™	7 (18%)	18 (53%)	6 (26%)	1: 0.45 2: 0.04 3: 0.002

Values are numbers (percentages) unless stated otherwise.

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HRQOL, health-related quality of life; IQR, interquartile range; SD, standard deviation.

^a= Not yet started on dialysis *versus* Conservative care;

^b= Started on dialysis *versus* Conservative care;

^c= Not yet started on dialysis *versus* Started on dialysis.