Supplemental Table 4. Comparison of quality of death assessed by all medical staff before and after the implementation of the well-dying lawa.

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| Items | Pre-period | Post-period | P |
| Rating | No. of valid | Rating | No. of valid |
| Patient’s Experiences at the end of life |  |  |  |  |  |
| Having pain under control | 5.1±2.5 | 343 | 4.9±2.7 | 70 | 0.724 |
| Having control over what is going on around you | 2.6±2.2 | 335 | 2.9±2.4 | 66 | 0.382 |
| Being able to feed oneself | 1.1±1.9 | 376 | 1.5±2.1 | 73 | 0.174 |
| Being able to breath comfortably | 3.0±2.7 | 399 | 3.1±2.8 | 77 | 0.928 |
| Feeling at peace with dying | 2.8±2.6 | 308 | 2.9±2.7 | 64 | 0.701 |
| Feeling unafraid of dying | 2.9±2.5 | 252 | 2.8±2.5 | 54 | 0.798 |
| Being able to laugh and smile | 1.4±2.1 | 340 | 1.6±2.2 | 66 | 0.485 |
| Keeping one’s dignity and self-respect | 2.3±2.3 | 345 | 2.7±2.9 | 68 | 0.265 |
| Spending time with family, friends | 4.0±3.0 | 395 | 3.8±3.3 | 73 | 0.718 |
| Spending time alone | 3.0±2.9 | 357 | 3.4±3.0 | 74 | 0.308 |
| Being touched or hugged by loved ones | 3.4±3.2 | 401 | 3.2±3.1 | 75 | 0.609 |
| Saying goodbye to loved ones | 2.1±2.8 | 377 | 2.3±3.1 | 71 | 0.683 |
| Clearing up bad feelings | 1.7±2.1 | 308 | 2.3±2.6 | 61 | 0.038 |
| Visits from religious advisor | 2.3±2.9 | 348 | 3.2±3.3 | 65 | 0.030 |
| Spiritual service before death | 2.1±2.8 | 353 | 2.7±3.0 | 67 | 0.113 |
| Medical care at the end of life |  |  |  |  |  |
| Experience of receiving mechanical ventilation | 3.8±2.6 | 394 | 4.0±3.0 | 74 | 0.546 |
| Experience of receiving dialysis | 4.4±2.8 | 322 | 4.7±3.0 | 58 | 0.493 |
| Discussion with doctors about wishes | 2.9±2.8 | 322 | 4.2±3.0 | 58 | 0.003 |
| Experience at moment of death |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anyone present at moment of death | 5.8±3.0 | 398 | 6.1±3.1 | 74 | 0.501 |
| State at moment of death | 4.3±2.9 | 393 | 4.6±3.1 | 69 | 0.356 |
| QODD score | 31.3 ± 17.0 | N/A | 35.0±20.0 | N/A | 0.087 |

Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation

QODD, quality of dying and death; N/A, not applicable

a416 and 80 completed questionnaires were obtained before and after the implementation of the well-dying law, respectively.