Supplemental Table 5. Comparison of quality of death assessed by doctors 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 | 5.0±2.5 | 187 | 4.6±2.8 | 41 | 0.470 |
| Having control over what is going on around you | 2.5±2.1 | 189 | 2.3±2.0 | 40 | 0.637 |
| Being able to feed oneself | 1.1±1.8 | 205 | 1.2±2.0 | 43 | 0.741 |
| Being able to breath comfortably | 2.4±2.4 | 209 | 2.4±2.8 | 43 | 0.972 |
| Feeling at peace with dying | 2.5±2.2 | 169 | 2.7±2.5 | 36 | 0.604 |
| Feeling unafraid of dying | 3.0±2.4 | 150 | 2.6±2.3 | 32 | 0.398 |
| Being able to laugh and smile | 1.3±1.8 | 187 | 1.1±1.6 | 38 | 0.477 |
| Keeping one’s dignity and self-respect | 2.2±2.2 | 192 | 2.3±2.7 | 39 | 0.824 |
| Spending time with family, friends | 3.7±2.9 | 207 | 3.7±3.4 | 41 | 0.968 |
| Spending time alone | 3.2±3.0 | 195 | 3.2±3.0 | 43 | 0.914 |
| Being touched or hugged by loved ones | 3.2±3.0 | 210 | 3.2±3.3 | 42 | 0.890 |
| Saying goodbye to loved ones | 2.1±2.6 | 201 | 1.7±2.8 | 40 | 0.413 |
| Clearing up bad feelings | 1.7±2.0 | 187 | 1.6±2.0 | 36 | 0.864 |
| Visits from religious advisor | 2.0±2.7 | 189 | 1.9±2.6 | 38 | 0.877 |
| Spiritual service before death | 1.8±2.5 | 189 | 1.8±2.6 | 39 | 0.920 |
| Medical care at the end of life |  |  |  |  |  |
| Experience of receiving mechanical ventilation | 3.7±2.7 | 206 | 3.5±2.9 | 42 | 0.687 |
| Experience of receiving dialysis | 4.6±2.9 | 170 | 4.6±3.1 | 35 | 0.991 |
| Discussion with doctors about wishes | 3.0±2.7 | 185 | 4.5±3.2 | 35 | 0.004 |
| Experience at moment of death |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anyone present at moment of death | 5.8±3.0 | 207 | 5.8±3.4 | 41 | 0.921 |
| State at moment of death | 4.5±2.8 | 206 | 5.0±3.1 | 37 | 0.295 |
| QODD score | 29.7±15.3 | N/A | 30.7±18.2 | N/A | 0.694 |

Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation

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

a213 and 45 completed questionnaires were obtained before and after the implementation of the well-dying law, respectively.