Supplemental Table 6. Comparison of quality of death assessed by nurses 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 | 5.2±2.5 | 156 | 5.4±2.6 | 29 | 0.692 |
| Having control over what is going on around you | 2.8±2.3 | 146 | 3.8±2.8 | 26 | 0.090 |
| Being able to feed oneself | 1.1±2.0 | 171 | 1.9±2.2 | 30 | 0.095 |
| Being able to breath comfortably | 3.7±2.8 | 190 | 3.9±2.8 | 34 | 0.710 |
| Feeling at peace with dying | 3.2±2.9 | 139 | 3.3±3.0 | 28 | 0.938 |
| Feeling unafraid of dying | 2.7±2.6 | 102 | 3.1±2.8 | 22 | 0.623 |
| Being able to laugh and smile | 1.6±2.4 | 153 | 2.4±2.6 | 28 | 0.150 |
| Keeping one’s dignity and self-respect | 2.4±2.4 | 153 | 3.1±3.1 | 29 | 0.251 |
| Spending time with family, friends | 4.2±3.2 | 188 | 4.0±3.2 | 32 | 0.663 |
| Spending time alone | 2.8±2.7 | 162 | 3.8±3.1 | 31 | 0.105 |
| Being touched or hugged by loved ones | 3.6±3.3 | 191 | 3.3±3.0 | 33 | 0.563 |
| Saying goodbye to loved ones | 2.2±3.0 | 176 | 3.1±3.2 | 31 | 0.164 |
| Clearing up bad feelings | 1.8±2.2 | 121 | 3.4±3.0 | 25 | 0.002 |
| Visits from religious advisor | 2.7±3.1 | 159 | 5.0±3.4 | 27 | 0.002 |
| Spiritual service before death | 2.4±3.0 | 164 | 4.0±3.2 | 28 | 0.015 |
| Medical care at the end of life |  |  |  |  | 0.179 |
| Experience of receiving mechanical ventilation | 3.9±2.6 | 188 | 4.7±3.1 | 32 |  |
| Experience of receiving dialysis | 4.3±2.7 | 152 | 5.0±3.0 | 23 | 0.313 |
| Discussion with doctors about wishes | 2.7±2.9 | 137 | 3.7±2.8 | 23 | 0.128 |
| Experience at moment of death |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anyone present at moment of death | 5.9±3.1 | 191 | 6.5±2.8 | 33 | 0.316 |
| State at moment of death | 4.1±3.0 | 187 | 4.2±3.1 | 32 | 0.829 |
| QODD score | 33.1±18.4 | N/A | 40.5±21.0 | N/A | 0.055 |

Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation

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

a203 and 35 completed questionnaires were obtained before and after the implementation of the well-dying law, respectively.