

TABLE E-1 Comorbidity in Each Group*

Comorbidity	Ischemia (N = 3)	No Ischemia (N = 49)
Hypertension	33%	51%
Myocardial infarction	33%	2%
Type-II diabetes	66%	4%
GERD syndrome	33%	8%
Smoker	33%	12%
Osteoporosis	33%	2%
Hyperlipidemia	0%	16%
Asthma	0%	8%
Hypothyroidism	0%	8%
Gout	0%	8%
Other†	0%	65%
Asthma	0%	31%

*The values are expressed as the percentage of the patients within each group who had the comorbidities. GERD = gastroesophageal reflux disease. †Kidney stones, sleep apnea, pseudogout, deep vein thrombosis, arthritis, diverticulitis, stomach ulcers, fibromyalgia, congestive heart failure, mitral valve prolapse, cardiomyopathy, emphysema, hypercholesterolemia, heart murmur, depression, obesity, tonsillar cancer, Crohn disease, angina pectoris, cardiomegaly, cardiovascular accident, cardiac arrhythmia, epilepsy, or stroke.