

Appendix

TABLE E-1 Comparison of Patient Demographic Characteristics for Study Participants and Excluded Patients

Variable	Study Patients (N = 769)	Excluded Patients* (N = 105)	P Value
Age† (<i>yr</i>)	64.8 (23.8 to 94.8)	65.8 (39.2 to 87.6)	0.45
Sex‡			0.35
Male	383	47	
Female	386	58	
BMI† (<i>kg/m²</i>)	29.3 (16.3 to 48.3)	29.3 (18.2 to 40.4)	0.86
Charlson Comorbidity Index†§	0.37 (0 to 8)	0.52 (0 to 4)	0.13
ASA score† (<i>points</i>)	2.2 (1 to 4)	2.4 (1 to 3)	0.010

*This category included patients who were discharged directly home but declined study participation; it did not include patients discharged to inpatient rehabilitation facilities or skilled nursing facilities. †The values are given as the mean, with the range in parentheses. ‡The values are given as the number of patients. §The Charlson Comorbidity Index was not adjusted for age.