

**Table 1. Patient characteristics**

Characteristics	Number (%)	
Age, years, mean (SD)	47.7 (12.2%)	
Male (gender)	136 (90.6%)	
Comorbidity		
DM	54 (36.6%)	
HTN	43 (28.6%)	
Other <sup>a</sup>	29 (26.8%)	
Number of comorbidities		
None	70 (46.6%)	
1	26 DM	46 (30.6%)
	12 HTN	
	8 others	
2	13 DM and HTN	22 (14.6%)
	6 HTN and others	
	3 DM and others	
3	DM and HTN and others	12 (8.0%)
Total length of stay, days, mean (SD)	28.5 (27.7%)	
Extended hospitalization, days, mean (SD)	11.5 (23.5%)	
Reasons for prolonged hospitalization		
Complications/treatment of COVID-19	89 (59.3%)	
Complications of hospitalization	52 (34.6%)	
Pre-existing condition or condition unrelated to COVID-19	18 (12.0%)	
Others	70 (46.6%)	
Common causes of prolonged stay		
Isolation	62( 41.0%)	
Hospital-acquired infections	37(24.0%)	
Severe infection causing acute respiratory distress syndrome	32(21.0%)	
Myopathy/neuropathy	31 (20.0%)	
Pulmonary fibrosis requiring oxygen supplementation	31(20.0%)	
Completion of COVID-19 treatment	25 (16.0%)	

<sup>a</sup>Includes prediabetes, obesity, ischaemic heart disease, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, depression, asthma, and anaemia. Abbreviations: DM = diabetes mellitus; HTN = hypertension; SD = standard deviation.