

Table 1 Demographic data, clinical history and history of previous hospital admission for diabetes among cases (diabetic patients subsequently readmitted within 28 days) and controls (diabetic patients not readmitted)

Variable	Cases (n = 62)	Controls (n = 62)
<i>Demographic variables</i>		
Mean (SD) age (years)	42.8 (2.5)	41.7 (25.2)
Male (% of patients)	55.6	51.6
Married (% of patients)	44.7	59.2
<i>Clinical variables</i>		
Type 2 diabetes (% of patients)	66.1	60.3
Presence of comorbidity (% of patients)	95.2*	75.8
<i>Previous admissions</i>		
<i>No. of hospital admissions in previous 2 years (% of patients)</i>		
0	85.5	62.9
1	12.9	27.4
2	1.6	6.5
Mean (SD) no. of admissions in previous 2 years	0.16 (0.41)	0.53 (0.90)
Mean (SD) length of stay for index admission (days)	12.9 (25.1)	13.0 (17.9)
<i>Discharged against medical advice (% of patients)</i>		
Yes	6.5	4.8
No	93.5	95.2

* $P < 0.05$ versus controls.

SD = standard deviation.