Table 1 Baseline characteristics of patients in the intervention (SMS appointment reminder) and control (no SMS reminder) groups

Variable	SMS reminder				P-value
	No (n = 251)		Yes (n = 251)		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Nationality					
Saudi	222	88.5	234	93.2	0.06
Non-Saudi	29	11.6	17	6.8	
Sex					
Female	146	58.2	143	57.0	0.79
Male	105	41.8	108	43.0	
Visit type					
Previous contact with hospital	228	90.8	238	94.8	0.08
First contact with hospital	23	9.2	13	5.2	
Mean age (SD) years	53.0 (13.3)		52.0 (15.6)		0.45

SMS = short message system; SD = standard deviation.