

Table 1 Characteristics of participants who either remained in treatment or left/not started treatment

Patient characteristics	All patients (n = 242)	Patients who stayed in treatment (n = 54)	Patients who did not start or left treatment (n = 188)	<i>P</i>
<i>Age, yr, mean (SD)</i>	36.1 (9.4)	36.9 (10.6)	35.9 (9.1)	0.49
<i>Min-Max</i>	15-74	18-63	15-74	
<i>Sex, male (%)</i>	226 (93.4)	49 (90.7)	177 (94.2)	0.37
<i>Marital status (%)</i>				0.86
Married	137 (57.3)	29 (54.7)	108 (58.1)	
Never married	79 (33.1)	18 (34.0)	61 (32.8)	
Previously married	23 (9.6)	6 (11.3)	17 (9.1)	
<i>Educational status (%)</i>				0.02*
Illiterate or elementary school	21 (9.2)	6 (11.3)	15 (8.6)	
Middle school	47 (20.6)	6 (11.3)	41 (23.4)	
High school	104 (45.6)	33 (62.3)	71 (40.6)	
Higher education	56 (24.6)	8 (15.1)	48 (27.4)	
<i>Occupation (%)</i>				0.65
Employed	147 (61.5)	34 (64.2)	113 (60.8)	
Unemployed or not in labour force	92 (38.5)	19 (35.8)	73 (39.2)	
<i>Reason for referral (%)</i>				0.39
Stimulants	136 (56.2)	24 (44.4)	112 (59.6)	
Opioids	79 (32.6)	23 (42.6)	56 (29.8)	
Opioids+ stimulants	18 (7.4)	5 (9.2)	13 (6.9)	
Prescription drugs	5 (2.1)	1 (1.9)	4 (2.1)	
Cannabis	4 (1.7)	1 (1.9)	3 (1.6)	
<i>Treatment (%)</i>				0.43
Methadone maintenance treatment	63 (26.0)	17 (31.5)	46 (24.5)	
Buprenorphine maintenance treatment	19 (7.8)	5 (9.3)	14 (7.4)	
Detoxification + relapse prevention program	12 (5.1)	4 (7.4)	8 (4.3)	
Psychotherapy	148 (61.2)	28 (51.8)	120 (63.8)	

*Level of significance < 0.05.