

Table 1. Description of the study population

<i>Study population</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number (%)	499 (35,4)	909 (64,6)	1408 (100)
Mean age (SD)	81,5 (8,32)	83,8 (7,69)	83,0 (8,00)
Mean stay at the nursing home, months (SD)	23,7 (11,5)	24,1 (11,6)	23,9 (11,6)
Death during study period (%)	230 (46,1%)	395 (43,5%)	625 (44,5%)

SD=standard deviation

Table 2. Medication use at the start and the end of study period.

<i>Number of medications</i>	<i>Men N(SD)</i>	<i>Women N(SD)</i>	<i>Difference p value</i>	<i>Men and women N(SD)</i>
At the start of the study period				
<i>All medications</i>	8,23 (3,9)	9,24 (4,0)	<0,001	8,88 (4,0)
<i>Principal medications</i>	6,15 (3,1)	6,64 (3,1)	0,004	6,46 (3,1)
At the end of the study period				
<i>All medications</i>	9,39 (4,1)	10,22 (4,3)	<0,001	9,91 (4,3)
<i>Principal medications</i>	6,89 (3,2)	7,28 (3,3)	0,032	7,13 (3,3)
Mean difference (SD)				
<i>All medications</i>	+1,16 (3,4)	+0,98 (3,8)	0,388	+1,03 (3,7)
<i>Principal medications</i>	+0,74 (2,5)	+0,64 (2,8)	0,515	+0,67 (2,7)