

**Table. 1. Summary of patients' characteristics**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
	n=24	n= 11	n=13
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
Age (years)	81.4 (3.2)	80.1 (2.9)	82.5 (3.2)
Treatment months	36 (22.6)	30 (21.5)	41 (23.2)
CRP mg/L	12.8 (15.5)	10.4 (14.7)	16.3 (16.9)
Se-albumin g/dl	3.8 (0.4)	3.8 (0.4)	3.6 (0.4)
Se-cholesterol mg/dl	205 (69)	193 (46)	216 (81)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	24.7 (3.1)	24.7 (3.6)	24.6 (2.7)
Triceps skinfold (mm)	15.3 (6.5)	18.8 (7.2)	12.6 (4.6)
Handgrip strength kg	22.6 (7.6)	17.9 (5.8)	26.6 (6.8)