Table 1

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| **Variable** | **Diabetic patients (DMCP)** | **Non-diabetic patients (non DMCP)** | **p- value** |
| **Demographics** | | | |
| Average age years (SD) | 49.3 (14.2) | 49.2 (11.4) | 0.116 |
| Gender- male/female n(%) | 56/19 (75/25) | 56/19 (75/25) | 1.000 |
| Duration of disease (years (SD)) | 10.29 (6.9) | 10.10 (3.9) | 0.821 |
| Current smokers, n(%) | 32 (43) | 61 (81) | 0.000\* |
| Current aalcohol drinkers (> 6 units per day), n(%) | 26 (35) | 51 (68) | 0.000\* |
| Unemployed, n(%) | 20 (27) | 23 (32) | 0.446 |
| In receipt of medical card benefits (free medical care) | 17 (23) | 17 (23) | 0.962 |
| Mortality, n(%) | 6 (8) | 7 (9.3) | 0.500 |
| **Etiology** | | | |
| Cholelithiasis, n(%) | 21 (28) | 0 (0) | 0.000\* |
| Alcoholism, n(%) | 41 (55) | 56 (75) |
| Others, n(%) | 13 (17) | 19 (25) |
| **Complications** | | | |
| Calcifications, n(%) | 25 (33) | 20 (27) | 0.47 |
| Pseudocysts, n(%) | 21 (28) | 23 (31) | 0.72 |
| Fat-soluble deficiencies, n(%) | 34 (45) | 30 (40) | 0.002\* |
| PERT usage, n(%) | 53 (71) | 42 (56) | 0.06 |
| **Interventions / service utilisation** | | | |
| Surgical intervention, n(%) | 43 (57) | 26 (35) | 0.05\* |
| Radiological interventions, n(%) | 24 (32) | 10 (13) | 0.006\* |
| ICU admission, n(%) | 19 (25) | 4 (5) | 0.01\* |
| Pain management services, n(%) | 27 (36) | 36 (48) | 0.137 |

\*statistically significant