

Table 1- Demographic data of participants

	1st F/U	2nd F/U	3rd F/U
Number of patients	82	44	32
Female	25	16	12
Male	57	28	20
Age	52±14	49±16	47±16
Underlying disease[†]:			
DM	12	9	5
HTN	27	21	13
Cardiovascular dis.	5	2	0
Chronic pulmonary dis.	3	1	1
Malignancies	2	0	0
AIDS	1	1	0
Smoker	11	8	7
Recent use of immunosuppressive agents	1	0	0

† No patients in our study had a history of ESRD (End-Stage Renal Disease), chronic liver disease, neurological disorders, morbid obesity, transplantation or any other immune-compromising condition other than AIDS. DM (Diabetes mellitus), HTN (Hypertension), AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome)