

**Table 1-** Demographic data of participants

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

<sup>†</sup> 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)