

**Table 1. Baseline demographic and clinical data in the whole cohort and stratified by admission in phase 1 and 2**

Indicator	Whole cohort n=143	Phase 1 Individuals n=63	Phase 2 Individuals n=80	p value (phase 1 vs. phase 2)
<i>Age, years</i>	51.3±10.3	50.8±10.5	51.7±10.3	0.625
<i>Gender (male)</i>	94 (65.7%)	42 (66.7%)	52 (65%)	0.835
<i>Smoker (n=139)</i>	87 (62.6%)	38 (61.3%)	49 (63.6%)	0.776
<i>Duration of alcohol intake, years (n=69)</i>	10 (13.5)	10 (11)	10 (17.4)	0.851
<i>No of units/day (n=139)</i>	16 (20)	16.5 (18)	14 (20)	0.732
<i>Diabetes mellitus</i>	19 (13.3%)	5 (7.9%)	14 (17.5%)	0.087
<i>BMI (n=103)</i>	25.3 ± 4.5	25.3 ± 4.8	25.4 ±4.3	0.889
<i>Bilirubin, µmol/L</i>	88 (140)	105 (134)	78.50 (143)	0.229
<i>INR</i>	1.60 (0.60)	1.60 (0.60)	1.60 (0.60)	0.997
<i>Albumin, g/L</i>	29.0 (7.0)	29.0 (7.0)	28.5 (7.0)	0.801
<i>ALT, IU/L</i>	39.0 (37.0)	40.0 (41.0)	38.0 (35)	0.833
<i>WCC, x10<sup>9</sup>/L</i>	10.4 (7.50)	10.3 (5.90)	10.7 (9.88)	0.727
<i>Creatinine, µmol/L</i>	58.0 (33.0)	57.0 (29.0)	60.0 (43.8)	0.598
<i>Na, mmol/L</i>	133 (10)	133 (9.0)	132 (11)	0.929
<i>Child–Pugh score</i>	10 (4)	10 (4)	10 (3)	0.964
<i>MELD</i>	21 (9)	22 (10)	20 (12)	0.901
<i>UKELD</i>	59 (9)	60 (7)	58 (10)	0.303
<i>Ascites</i>	109 (76.2%)	50 (79.4%)	59 (73.8%)	0.434
<i>Acute kidney injury</i>	19 (13.3%)	8 (12.7%)	9 (11.3%)	0.854
<i>Hepatic encephalopathy</i>	51 (35.7%)	20 (31.7%)	31 (38.8%)	0.385
<i>Gastrointestinal bleed</i>	25 (17.5%)	8 (12.7%)	17 (21.3%)	0.181
<i>Presence of infection</i>	42 (29.4%)	14 (22.2%)	28 (35.0%)	0.096
<i>Proton pump inhibitor use</i>	61 (42.7%)	23 (36.5%)	38 (47.5%)	0.187
<i>Beta-blockers use</i>	16 (11.2%)	5 (7.9%)	11 (13.8%)	0.274
<i>Duration of index hospitalisation, days</i>	8 (13)	10 (13)	8 (12)	0.347
<i>Intensive care unit stay, days</i>	23 (16.1%)	10 (15.9%)	13 (16.3%)	0.951
<i>Median follow-up, months</i>	25.0 (40.8)	25.3 (64.3)	24.1 (32.1)	0.941

Data is presented as mean ± SD, median (IQR) or number (percentage)

Numbers in brackets (*n*) indicate those patients with available data points

Normal lab reference ranges: *bilirubin* (0–21 µmol/L), *INR* (<1.3), *Albumin* (35–52 g/L), *ALT* (0–33 IU/L), *White cell count* (4–10 x10<sup>9</sup>/L), *Creatinine* (44–80 µmol/L), *Sodium* (136–145 µmol/L)