

Appendix 1. Comparison of demographics and baseline LVEF of included and excluded study participants

Variables	Included population (N=105)	Excluded population (N=5)	P-value
Age (years)	71.25±8.96	71.03±8.40	.957
Baseline LVEF (%)	48.27±8.65	47.31±4.29	.806
Sex			
	Male	42 (40.0%)	3 (60.0%)
	Female	63 (60.0%)	2 (40.0%)
Hypertension	75 (71.4%)	3 (60.0%)	.584
Diabetes mellitus	49 (46.7%)	2 (40.0%)	.771
Previous history of heart failure	32 (30.5%)	1 (20.0%)	.619
Ischemic heart disease	28 (26.7%)	1 (20.0%)	.742
Hyperlipidemia	10 (9.5%)	1 (20.0%)	.447
Chronic kidney disease	5 (4.7%)	0 (0.0%)	.619
Smoking	21 (20.0%)	2 (40.0%)	.284

Age and baseline LVEF were compared between two groups using Mann-Whitney U-test. Categorical variables were compared using Fisher's exact test.