

Table 2 Characteristics of patients and caregivers with HEL and LEL

	HEL (n = 42)	LEL (n = 59)	P
<i>Gender, male (%)</i>	91	73	0.03
<i>Age (SD), yr</i>	52 (13)	61 (12)	< 0.001
<i>Nationality, Saudi (%)</i>	88	87	0.7
<i>Mortality (%)</i>	2	3	
<i>Caregivers, HEL (%)</i>	82	70.4	0.2
<i>Ejection fraction (SD)</i>	23 (8)	23 (10)	0.9
<i>Mortality score (SD)</i>	36 (6)	38 (8)	0.2
<i>Readmission score (SD)</i>	25 (3)	25 (8)	0.4
<i>AICD/CRTD (%)</i>	24	15	0.3
<i>Atrial fibrillation (%)</i>	10	5	0.4
<i>Education booklet given (%)</i>	64	37	0.007
Medications (%)			
Furosemide	81	92	0.1
β-Blockers	91	88	0.7
ACEI/ARB	60	75	0.1
Hydralazine	21	17	0.5
Nitrates	31	32	0.8
Spironolactone	64	55	0.3
Digoxin	10	3	0.2
<i>Readmission (%)</i>	19	18	0.95
1 readmission	4	6	
2 readmissions	1	2	
3 readmissions	3	3	
<i>Heart function clinic attendance (22%)</i>	(24%)	13 (21%)	0.75
<i>Length of stay (SD), d</i>	9 ± 6	8 ± 6	0.4

ACEI = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; AICD = automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; CRTD = cardiac resynchronisation therapy defibrillator; HEL = high education level; LEL = low education level; SD = standard deviation.