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| Table 1. Comparison of the two groups in terms of demographic and clinical characteristics. | |
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| Group | Number of patients |
| Group 1 | 10 |
| Group 2 | 10 |
| Age (years) | Mean ± SD |
| Group 1 | 65.5 ± 12.5 |
| Group 2 | 68.5 ± 10.5 |
| Sex (male/female) | |
| Group 1 | 6/4 |
| Group 2 | 5/5 |
| Duration of disease (years) | Mean ± SD |
| Group 1 | 12.5 ± 5.5 |
| Group 2 | 11.5 ± 4.5 |
| Site of disease | |
| Group 1 | 5/5 |
| Group 2 | 4/6 |
| Site of disease (upper/lower) | |
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