

Table 2. Association between return to work (RTW) status at 6 months and various demographic and occupational groups.

Variables	Proportion able to RTW at 6 months					
	All participants (n=189)		Conventional treatment (n=81)		Intervention treatment (n=108)	
	No. (%)	P value	No. (%)	P value	No. (%)	P value
Sex						
Male	126 (75.0)	1.00	43 (59.7)	0.14	83 (86.5)	0.09
Female	16 (76.2)		8 (88.9)		8 (66.7)	
Age at time of injury						
<35 years	64 (71.9)	0.33	24 (52.2)	0.02	40 (93.0)	0.06
≥35 years	78 (78.0)		27 (77.1)		51 (78.5)	
Race						
Chinese	55 (82.1)	0.11	23 (79.3)	<0.01	32 (84.2)	0.90
Malay	9 (81.8)		6 (85.7)		3 (75.0)	
Indian	39 (78.0)		13 (68.4)		26 (83.9)	
Other	39 (63.9)		9 (34.6)		30 (85.7)	
Nationality						
Resident	41 (78.9)	0.47	19 (82.6)	0.02	22 (75.9)	0.23
Non-resident	101 (73.7)		32 (55.2)		69 (87.3)	
Company size						
SME (≤200 employees)	88 (77.9)	0.24	33 (68.8)	0.16	55 (84.6)	0.90
Large (>200 employees)	52 (70.3)		16 (51.6)		36 (83.7)	
Occupation						
White and pink collar	21 (75.0)	0.97	16 (94.1)	<0.01	5 (45.5)	<0.01
Blue collar	119 (75.3)		33 (54.1)		86 (88.7)	
Industry sector						
Construction, marine, general manufacturing, metalworking	92 (72.4)	0.22	26 (53.1)	0.02	66 (84.6)	0.87
Other	50 (80.7)		25 (78.1)		25 (83.3)	
ISS score						
Mild injury (ISS 1–8)	136 (76.8)	0.08	50 (64.1)	0.55	86 (86.9)	0.03
Moderate, severe or critical injury (ISS ≥9)	6 (50.0)		1 (33.3)		5 (55.6)	
Light duty given						
No	36 (58.1)	<0.01	25 (53.2)	0.03	11 (73.3)	0.25
Yes	106 (83.5)		26 (76.5)		80 (86.0)	
Work Ability score (baseline)						
<7	63 (60.0)	<0.01	14 (32.6)	<0.01	49 (79.0)	0.11
≥7	79 (94.1)		37 (97.4)		42 (91.3)	

ISS: Injury Severity Score; SME: small and medium enterprise