

Table 1. Baseline demographics and advanced care planning data.

Variables		Cohort (n=72)	HCC patients (n=31)	Non-HCC patients (n=41)	P value
Age, mean (SD)		71.69 (11.98)	69.55 (12.24)	73.32 (11.67)	0.188
Sex, no. (%)					0.144
Male		37 (51.39)	19 (61.29)	18 (43.90)	
Female		35 (48.61)	12 (38.71)	23 (56.10)	
Race, no. (%)					0.454
Chinese		53 (73.61)	24 (77.42)	29 (70.73)	
Malay		10 (13.89)	5 (16.13)	5 (12.20)	
Indian		7 (9.72)	1 (3.23)	6 (14.63)	
Others		2 (2.78)	1 (3.23)	1 (2.44)	
Religion, no. (%)					0.934
Christian		7 (9.72)	4 (12.90)	3 (7.32)	
Buddhist		4 (5.56)	2 (6.45)	2 (4.88)	
Taoist		7 (9.72)	2 (6.45)	5 (12.20)	
Muslim		9 (12.50)	5 (16.13)	4 (9.76)	
Hindu		3 (4.17)	1 (3.23)	2 (4.88)	
Catholic		4 (5.56)	2 (6.45)	2 (4.88)	
Free thinker		2 (2.78)	1 (3.23)	1 (2.44)	
Unspecified		36 (50.00)	14 (45.16)	22 (53.66)	
ACP outcomes, no. (%)					0.580
Completed		31 (43.06)	15 (48.39)	16 (39.02)	
Not completed/rejected		41 (56.94)	16 (51.61)	25 (60.98)	
ACP discussion process	No. of ACP counselling sessions, median (IQR)	1 (1–1)	1 (1–1)	1 (1–1)	0.366
	Total time spent on discussion (minutes), median (IQR)	60.0 (45.0–60.0)	45.0 (42.5–60.0)	60.0 (60.0–60.0)	0.072
	Duration between ACP introduction and death (days), median (IQR)	54.0 (19.0–139.0)	73.0 (17.0–135.0)	52.5 (21.0–147.8)	0.846
Preferred place of death (for completed ACP n=31)	Hospital	25.8% (8/31)	26.7% (4/15)	25.0% (4/16)	0.946
	Own home	35.5% (11/31)	40.0% (6/15)	31.3% (5/16)	
	Long-term care facilities (hospice, nursing home)	6.5% (2/31)	6.7% (1/15)	6.3% (1/16)	
	No preference	32.3% (10/31)	26.7% (4/15)	37.5% (6/16)	
Preferred place of care (for completed ACP n = 31)	Hospital	48.4% (15/31)	20.0% (3/15)	75.0% (12/16)	0.0105
	Own home	32.3% (10/31)	46.7% (7/15)	18.8% (3/16)	
	Long-term care facilities (hospice, nursing home)	19.4% (6/31)	33.3% (5/15)	6.3% (1/16)	
Care plans (for completed ACP n=31)	Limited additional intervention	93.5% (29/31)	86.7% (13/15)	100% (16/16)	0.226
	Do not resuscitate	100% (31/31)	100% (15/15)	100% (16/16)	

ACP: advanced care planning; IQR: interquartile range; SD: standard deviation