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| Supplementary table 1. Sociodemographic and psychological characteristics and univariate associations of persistent MDD from baseline to 13 months post-loss. |
|  | Not persistent (n = 76) | Persistent (n = 9) | *p\** |
| Age, median (IQR) years | 50.0 (39.5 - 61.0) | 56.0 (51.5 - 64.5) | 0.102 |
| Gender, *n* (%)  |  |  |  |
| Female | 61 (80.3) | 8 (88.9) | 0.531 |
| Male | 15 (19.7) | 1 (11.1) |  |
| Education, median (IQR) years | 12.0 (9.0 - 14.0) | 12.0 (6.0 - 12.0) | 0.040 |
| Marital status, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| Unmarried/divorced/bereaved | 12 (15.8) | 0 (0) | 0.198 |
| Married/cohabiting | 64 (84.2) | 9 (100) |  |
| Relation to patient, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| Others | 26(34.2) | 0 (0) | 0.035 |
| Spouse | 50 (65.8) | 9 (100) |  |
| Lived with patient, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| No | 15 (19.7) | 0 (0) | 0.142 |
| Yes | 61 (80.3) | 9 (100) |  |
| Employment, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| No | 43 (56.6) | 8 (88.9) | 0.061 |
| Yes | 33 (43.4) | 1 (11.1) |  |
| Caregiving situation, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| Solo | 49 (64.5) | 8 (88.9) | 0.141 |
| On a rotating basis | 27 (35.5) | 1 (11.1) |  |
| Medical illness, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| No | 54 (71.1) | 6 (66.7) | 0.785 |
| Yes | 22 (28.9) | 3 (33.3) |  |
| SQC-AC, median (IQR) score | 36.0 (32.0 - 41.0) | 31.0 (27.5 - 39.5) | 0.159 |
| SQC-PC, median (IQR) score | 36.0 (32.0 - 39.0) | 37.0 (30.5 - 48.0) | 0.501 |
| Hopeful attitude, *n* (%) |  |  |  |
| Non hopeful | 25 (32.9) | 8 (88.9) | 0.001 |
| Hopeful | 51 (67.1) | 1 (11.1) |  |
| ZBI-7, median (IQR) score | 15.0 (11.0 - 18.8) | 24.0 (17.0 - 25.5) | 0.002 |
| Survival days\*\*, (IQR) | 32.5 (18.0 - 61.0) | 27.0 (10.3 - 44.8) | 0.453 |
| \* *p*-value by chi-square (χ2) tests and or Mann–Whitney U tests, appropriately.\*\*Survival days from palliative care unit admission to death.MDD, Major depressive disorder; SCQ-AC, The Ways of Stress Coping Questionnaire-Active Coping; SCQ-PC, The Ways of Stress Coping Questionnaire-Passive Coping; ZBI-7, 7-item short version of the Zarit Burden Interview. |