Table 1. MERIS' categorisation of patients to low- and high risk group
Results from patients in the control group

	Low risk (N=122)	High risk (N=60)	P-value
Prescribing errors, mean per patient (95% CI)	0.66 (0.49-0.84)	1.2 (0.82-1.58)	0.004
Patients with prescribing errors N (%)	53 (43.4)	40 (66.6)	0.003
Age, years, mean (95%CI)	70.2 (667.9-73.5)	78.2 (74.9-81.5)	0.003
Length of hospital stay, days, mean (95% CI)	4.1 (3.2-4.9)	5.1 (3.6-6.2)	0.2
Length of stay at the Acute Admissions Unit, hours (95% CI)	24.5 (21.8-27.1)	24.9 (21.2-29.0)	0.8
Discharged directly from the Acute Admissions Unit, n (%)	67 (54.9)	30 (50.0)	0.5
Comorbidity			
- Respiratory	24 (19.7)	20 (33.3)	0.06
- Endocrine	28 (23.0)	22 (36.6)	0.07
- Cardiovascular	54 (44.3)	43 (71.6)	0.001
- Muscoskelatal	21 (17.2)	11 (18.3)	0.84
- Cancer	15 (12.3)	8 (13.3)	0.82
- Mental and behavioural disorders	22 (18.0)	11 (18.3)	1.0
Number of comorbidities			
- 0	18 (14.8)	2 (3.3)	0.02
- 1	57 (46.7)	19 (31.7)	0.05
- 2	35 (28.7)	26 (43.3)	0.06
- ≥3	12 (9.8)	13 (21.7)	0.04
Contacts to general practitioners, mean (95% CI)	9.5 (7.6-11.3)	12.2 (9.8-14.5)	0.01
Mortality, n (%) (95% CI)	23 (18.9)	12 (20.0)	0.85