

**Table 2:** Demographic and pulmonary function testing characteristics in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients under long term oxygen therapy (LTOT) and home mechanical ventilation (HMV).

	<b>LTOT</b>	<b>LTOT+HMV</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>Number</b>	46 (70.8 %)	19 (29.2 %)	
<b>Age</b> (years)	71.6 $\pm$ 9.3	69.1 $\pm$ 11.4	0.200
<b>BMI</b> (kg/ m <sup>2</sup> )	29.9 $\pm$ 7.4	34.6 $\pm$ 8.4	0.009
<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b> (% predicted)	38.0 $\pm$ 16.0	34.2 $\pm$ 17.7	0.105
<b>FVC</b> (% predicted)	54.5 $\pm$ 17.2	46.9 $\pm$ 22.9	0.079

Values are given as means  $\pm$  standard deviation or number of patients (percentage in brackets), LTOT: long-term oxygen therapy, HMV: home mechanical ventilation, BMI: body mass index, FEV<sub>1</sub>: forced expiratory volume in the first second, FVC: forced vital capacity.