**TABLE 2:** Descriptive statistics of sample.

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| **Characteristics** | **Whole cohort (*n* = 278)** | **Cohort with albumin < 40 g/dL (*n* = 108)** | **Cohort with albumin > 40 g/dL (*n* = 170)** | ***p***  |
| ***n*** | **%** | **mean** | ± **SD** | ***n*** | **%** | **mean** | ± **SD** | ***n*** | **%** | **mean** | ± **SD** |
| Age | - | - | 42.48 | 8.26 | - | - | 42.76  | 7.17 | - | - | 42.3 | 8.91 | 0.637 |
| **Gender** |
| Men | 76 | 27.2 | - | - | 21 | 19.4 | - | - | 55 | 32.4 | - | - | **0.019** |
| Women | 202 | 72.4 | - | - | 87 | 80.6 | - | - | 115 | 67.6 | - | - |
| **Marital status** |
| Never married, single | 139 | 50 | - | - | 56 | 51.9 | - | - | 83 | 48.8 | - | - | 0.777 |
| Currently married | 72 | 25.9 | - | - | 27 | 25.0 | - | - | 45 | 26.5 | - | - |
| Divorced, separated or widow | 54 | 19.42 | - | - | 21 | 19.44 | - | - | 33 | 19.41 | - | - |
| Cohabiting | 13 | 4.68 | - | - | 4 | 3.7 | - | - | 9 | 5.3 | - | - |
| **Education status** |
| No formal schooling | 7 | 2.5 | - | - | 2 | 1.9 | - | - | 5 | 2.9 | - | - | 0.756 |
| Some primary or primary completed | 43 | 15.47 | - | - | 17 | 15.74 | - | - | 26 | 15.29 | - | - |
| High school | 203 | 73.02 | - | - | 82 | 75.93 | - | - | 121 | 71.18 | - | - |
| Post-secondary | 24 | 8.99 | - | - | 6 | 5.6 | - | - | 18 | 10.59 | - | - |
| Refused or do not know | 1 | 0.4 | - | - | 1 | 0.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Source of income**  |
| Earned income | 178 | 64.03 | - | - | 73 | 67.59 | - | - | 105 | 61.77 | - | - | 0.064 |
| Gifts | 3 | 1.1 | - | - | 2 | 1.9 | - | - | 1 | 0.6 | - | - |
| Disability grant | 3 | 1.1 | - | - | 2 | 1.9 | - | - | 1 | 0.6 | - | - |
| Other grants | 25 | 9 | - | - | 10 | 9.3 | - | - | 15 | 8.9 | - | - |
| Other income | 33 | 11.8 | - | - | 15 | 13.9 | - | - | 18 | 10.7 | - | - |
| Do not know | 35 | 12.5 | - | - | 6 | 5.6 | - | - | 29 | 17.1 | - | - |
| Income mean  | - | - | 5030.76 | 4703.41 | - | - | 4823.33 | 4030.32 | - | - | 5160.92 | 5088.96 | 0.582 |
| WHODAS weighted score (mean out of 36) | - | - | 5.56 | 6.38 | - | - | 6.05 | 7.16 | - | - | 5.25 | 5.83 | 0.312 |
| CESD -10 score (mean out of 40) | - | - | 12.25 | 7.04 | - | - | 13.14 | 7.13 | - | - | 11.69 | 6.94 | 0.094 |
| Adherence score (mean out of 16) | - | - | 15 | 2.04 | - | - | 14.99 | 1.92 | - | - | 15.01 | 2.12 | 0.952 |
| Years living with HIV  | - | - | 7.5 | 3.91 | - | - | 7.8 | 4.17 | - | - | 7.31 | 3.75 | 0.310 |
| Health symptoms (mean out of 16)  | - | - | 5.48 | 3.43 | - | - | 6.11 | 3.39 | - | - | 5.09 | 3.41 | **0.015** |
| BMI (cut-off 25) | - | - | 25.32 | 5.6 | - | - | 26.01 | 5.99 | - | - | 24.9 | 5.31 | 0.107 |
| CD4 count  | - | - | 371.07 | 225.23 | - | - | 356.92 | 222.76 | - | - | 380 | 226.97 | 0.407 |
| **Exposure to shock** |
| Yes | 140 | 50.9 | - | - | 53 | 49.5 | - | - | 87 | 51.8 | - | - | 0.805 |
| No | 135 | 49.1 | - | - | 54 | 50.5 | - | - | 81 | 48.2 | - | - | - |
| **Type of shock** |
| Crime | 36 | 13.1 | - | - | 14 | 13.1 | - | - | 22 | 13.1 | - | - | - |
| Illness and/or injury | 82 | 29.8 | - | - | 29 | 27.1 | - | - | 53 | 31.5 | - | - |
| Death of loved ones | 87 | 31.6 | - | - | 35 | 32.7 | - | - | 52 | 31 | - | - |
| Political unrest | 15 | 5.5 | - | - | 4 | 3.7 | - | - | 11 | 6.5 | - | - |
| Hazards | 7 | 2.5 | - | - | 2 | 1.9 | - | - | 5 | 2.9 | - | - |
| Albumin (g/L) | 41.17 | 4.97 | - | - | 36.31 | 3.95 | - | - | 44.27 | 2.42 | - | - | **0.001** |

BMI, body mass index; WHODAS, World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule; SD, standard deviation; g/L, gram per litre.

Note: Bold values are significant at 0.05 alpha.