

**Supplementary Table 2.** Clinical characteristics of the recovered patients one week after discharge (Methylprednisolone n=32, Standard care n=16).

Characteristic	Before treatment				One week after discharge					
	Methylprednisolone		Standard care		Methylprednisolone		<i>P</i> value	Standard care		<i>P</i> value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		Mean	SD	
<b>BORG score</b>	7.6	1.7	6.43	2.6	0.75	0.62	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1	0.63	<b>0.001</b>
	no	%	no	%	no	%		no	%	
<b>GI Symptom</b>	16	50	7	43.8	0	0	<b>0.016</b>	1	6.3	0.50
<b>Myalgia</b>	17	53.1	7	43.8	0	0	<b>0.043</b>	1	6.3	0.50
<b>Chest pain</b>	7	22	3	18.8	0	0	0.125	0	0	0.69
<b>Cough</b>	22	68.8	9	56.3	6	18.8	0.250	3	18.8	0.55

*P* value in the bold form is statistically significant (*P* value< 0.05)

SD, Standard deviation; GI, Gastrointestinal;