

**Table 2: Caregiver characteristics**

Variable	PNES caregivers (N=28)	ES caregivers (N=99)	P-value <sup>#</sup>
<i>Demographic characteristics</i>			
Age (mean, SD)	43 (12)	44 (14)	0.6 <sup>Ω</sup>
Gender (female, n, %)	17/28 (61%)	67/99 (68%)	0.5 <sup>#</sup>
Race (white, n, %)	17/27 (63%)	66/97 (68%)	0.6 <sup>#</sup>
Relationship to patient (n, %)			
Child	1/28 (4%)	4/99 (4%)	
Parent/sibling	7/28 (25%)	34/99 (34%)	0.7 <sup>#</sup>
Spouse	16/28 (57%)	51/99 (52%)	
Friend/Other	4/28 (14%)	10/99 (10%)	
Employment (no, n, %)	9/28 (32%)	33/95 (35%)	1 <sup>#</sup>
Education (some college, n, %)	21/28 (75%)	68/97 (70%)	0.8 <sup>#</sup>
Marital status (married, n, %)	16/28 (57%)	67/97 (69%)	0.2 <sup>#</sup>
Cohabitation (yes, n, %)	19/27 (70%)	60/84 (71%)	1 <sup>#</sup>
<i>Caregiving characteristics</i>			
Time spent for patient care (hours/week, mean, SD)	57 (61)	46 (59)	0.4 <sup>Ω</sup>

Caregiver burden (ZCBI, mean, SD)	28 (22)	21 (16)	0.1 <sup>Ω</sup>
<i>Psychosocial characteristics</i>			
Depression (BDI, mean, SD)	12 (10)	10 (9)	0.3 <sup>Ω</sup>
Anxiety (BAI, mean, SD)	11 (10)	11 (13)	0.8 <sup>Ω</sup>

*SD: Standard Deviation, ZCBI: Zarit Caregiver Burden Inventory, BDI: Beck Depression Inventory, BAI:*

*Beck Anxiety Inventory*

#Fischer exact test <sup>Ω</sup>Student t-test