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<th>Variable</th>
<th>Whole (n=1071)</th>
<th>Enrolled Patients (n=867)</th>
<th>Excluded Patients (n=204)</th>
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<td>Age (years)</td>
<td>65.3 ± 12.4</td>
<td>65.5 ± 12.5</td>
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<td>Male / Female</td>
<td>587 / 443</td>
<td>499 / 368</td>
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<td>Duration of hemodialysis (months) *</td>
<td>56.5 (26.0-111.0)</td>
<td>56.0 (25.0-108.0)</td>
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Variables are expressed as means ± SD or a medians (interquartile ranges).