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Supplementary Table 1. Patient characteristics of entire 2009 Slifka Study sample, unweighted and weighted observations

Characteristic	Unweighted % ± SE	Unweighted n	Weighted % ± SE	Weighted n
Total sample	100.0 ± 0.00	2,361	100.0 ± 0.00	400,000
Gender				
Male	21.0 ± 0.84	495	22.2 ± 1.04	88,625
Female	79.0 ± 0.84	1,866	77.8 ± 1.04	311,375
Age category				
18–34	5.5 ± 0.47	129	3.3 ± 0.31	12,988
35–54	44.7 ± 1.02	1,054	34.6 ± 1.10	138,374
55–64	34.1 ± 0.98	804	38.2 ± 1.23	152,482
65+	15.7 ± 0.75	371	23.9 ± 1.20	95,519
Race				
White	88.2 ± 0.67	2,059	89.6 ± 0.70	354,890
Black	7.4 ± 0.54	172	6.5 ± 0.56	25,743
Other/multiple races	4.5 ± 0.43	104	3.9 ± 0.44	15,274
Hispanic				
Yes	5.2 ± 0.46	122	4.6 ± 0.48	18,365
No	94.8 ± 0.46	2,234	95.4 ± 0.48	380,592
Educational attainment				
Less than high school	3.0 ± 0.35	70	3.0 ± 0.41	11,818
High school/equivalent	14.7 ± 0.73	347	15.9 ± 0.94	63,658
Some college/certificate/associate's degree	31.2 ± 0.95	736	31.5 ± 1.15	125,802
College	29.0 ± 0.94	684	28.0 ± 1.11	111,724
Professional/graduate/postgraduate	22.1 ± 0.85	520	21.6 ± 1.02	86,313
Work status				
Not working	57.9 ± 1.02	1,363	64.1 ± 1.16	256,019
Working	42.1 ± 1.02	991	35.9 ± 1.16	143,189
Household income				

\$0 to <\$25,000	16.9 ± 0.80	369	18.7 ± 1.04	68,382
\$25,000 to <\$50,000	22.1 ± 0.89	483	23.5 ± 1.12	86,287
\$50,000 to <\$100,000	35.5 ± 1.02	777	34.7 ± 1.22	127,019
\$100,000+	25.5 ± 0.93	557	23.1 ± 1.05	84,820
Urban/rural status				
Urban	82.2 ± 0.79	1,941	81.2 ± 1.00	324,649
Rural	17.8 ± 0.79	420	18.8 ± 1.00	75,351
Marital status				
Married or living together	71.0 ± 0.93	1,675	69.5 ± 1.17	277,653
Widowed	5.2 ± 0.46	123	8.0 ± 0.79	31,933
Divorced	11.6 ± 0.66	274	12.7 ± 0.86	50,595
Separated	1.9 ± 0.28	44	1.6 ± 0.29	6,376
Never married	10.3 ± 0.63	244	8.3 ± 0.60	32,985
Time since diagnosis				
<2 years	4.6 ± 0.43	108	2.5 ± 0.24	9,931
2–5 years	16.1 ± 0.76	378	10.0 ± 0.56	39,906
6–15 years	39.8 ± 1.01	937	25.7 ± 0.90	102,155
16+ years	39.5 ± 1.01	930	61.8 ± 1.09	245,908
Disease course				
Relapsing-remitting	65.3 ± 0.98	1,526	57.9 ± 1.26	228,778
Secondary progressive	22.6 ± 0.87	528	27.7 ± 1.18	109,539
Primary progressive	8.6 ± 0.58	201	10.3 ± 0.80	40,526
Progressive relapsing	3.5 ± 0.38	82	4.1 ± 0.52	16,266
Disability status				
No/mild MS symptoms not limiting walking	26.0 ± 0.90	612	22.9 ± 1.02	91,557
No visible problems with walking	23.4 ± 0.87	552	20.3 ± 0.96	81,169
Trouble walking, no aid	8.1 ± 0.56	190	7.0 ± 0.58	27,880
Can walk 25 feet without aid	9.9 ± 0.62	234	9.5 ± 0.70	38,070
Need one-sided support to walk 25 feet	12.3 ± 0.68	290	13.7 ± 0.88	54,505
Need two-sided support to walk 25 feet	8.0 ± 0.56	188	9.6 ± 0.78	38,285
Wheelchair/scooter	11.9 ± 0.67	281	16.5 ± 1.02	65,986
Bedridden	0.3 ± 0.12	8	0.4 ± 0.19	1,745
Current DMA use				
Not currently taking a DMA	38.5 ± 1.00	909	46.3 ± 1.26	185,202
Currently taking a DMA	61.5 ± 1.00	1,452	53.7 ± 1.26	214,799
Any relapses				
Yes	38.2 ± 1.01	893	35.0 ± 1.17	138,076
No	61.8 ± 1.01	1,442	65.0 ± 1.17	256,915
Number of relapses				
0	62.2 ± 1.01	1,442	65.6 ± 1.16	256,915

1	16.3 ± 0.77	377	14.5 ± 0.83	56,775
2	10.3 ± 0.63	239	9.7 ± 0.73	38,105
3	5.7 ± 0.48	133	5.0 ± 0.51	19,771
4+	5.5 ± 0.47	128	5.1 ± 0.53	20,017
Currently insured				
Yes	97.7 ± 0.31	2,306	97.9 ± 0.34	391,607
No	2.3 ± 0.31	55	2.1 ± 0.34	8,393
Categorized main insurance type (if insured)				
Private	64.9 ± 1.00	1,489	58.6 ± 1.27	227,773
Medicare (includes Medigap)	28.0 ± 0.94	642	33.9 ± 1.24	131,735
Medicaid	2.4 ± 0.32	56	2.5 ± 0.41	9,863
Other public insurance	4.7 ± 0.44	108	5.0 ± 0.58	19,592
Number of health plans (if insured)				
1	62.4 ± 1.01	1,437	55.8 ± 1.27	218,244
2	34.4 ± 0.99	793	40.1 ± 1.26	156,658
3+	3.2 ± 0.37	73	4.1 ± 0.55	16,034

Abbreviations: DMA, disease-modifying agent; MS, multiple sclerosis.