

**Additional Table 1. Baseline population characteristics for participants included and excluded from analyses<sup>a</sup>**

	Older cancer patients					Older persons without cancer				
	Analysed		Excluded		P-value	Analysed		Excluded		P-value
	N = 134		N = 46			N = 220		N = 103		
	N	%	N	%		N	%	N	%	
<b>Age: mean (SD)</b>	77.1	(5.11)	77.46	(4.86)	0.68	78.13	(5.47)	78.26	(5.60)	0.84
<b>Gender</b>					0.40					0.69
Male	28	21%	7	15%		82	37%	36	35%	
Female	106	79%	39	85%		138	63%	67	65%	
<b>Living conditions</b>					0.83					0.51
Alone	44	33%	12	26%		72	33%	27	26%	
With partner	71	53%	26	57%		124	56%	62	60%	
With friends/family	11	8%	5	11%		20	9%	13	13%	
Institutionalised	8	6%	3	7%		4	2%	1	1%	
<b>Cancer site</b>					0.98					
Breast	93	69%	32	70%						
Colorectal	41	31%	14	30%						
<b>Cancer treatment</b>										
Surgery	125	93%	41	89%	0.28					
Chemotherapy	39	29%	19	41%	0.13					
Radiotherapy	70	52%	27	59%	0.45					
Hormonal therapy	53	40%	17	37%	0.75					
Immunotherapy	19	14%	3	7%	0.17					
Missing	3	2%	1	2%						
<b>Cancer Stage</b>					<b>0.04</b>					
I	22	16%	10	22%						
II	72	54%	17	37%						
III	18	13%	13	28%						
Missing	22	16%	6	13%						
<b>Geriatric screening tools</b>										
aCGA: Abnormal score	80	70%	27	59%	0.42	118	58%	67	68%	0.11
G8: Abnormal score	79	64%	22	51%	0.13	114	54%	54	56%	0.72
GFI: Abnormal score	36	49%	11	48%	0.95	94	47%	54	57%	0.08
VES-13: Abnormal score	43	51%	19	61%	0.31	104	49%	62	61%	0.05
<b>Functional impairment</b>	97	72%	30	65%	0.36	141	65%	69	67%	0.61
<b>QoL: mean (SD)<sup>b</sup></b>	69.93	(19.30)	67.5	(23.20)	0.57	75.91	(17.84)	72.39	(19.41)	0.11

Abbreviations: QoL, Quality of Life <sup>a</sup> Patients excluded from analyses were patients lost to follow-up, who skipped one year follow-up data collection, or who received a diagnosis of cancer (only applicable to persons without cancer); <sup>b</sup> In one hospital, data collection was integrated in a routine geriatric assessment, therefore QoL was not assessed in the 35 older cancer patients recruited in this hospital.