

**Supplementary Table 5** Prevalence overall and of extensions of sick leave and the top three reasons for sick leave in each country.

Country of residence	Total sick leave	Sick leave in $\geq 2$ trimesters	Most frequent reason for sick leave
	% (n)	% (n)	Reason (%)
<b>Eastern Europe</b>			
Poland	71.3 (355)	39.4 (140)	Pregnancy complications (27.6) Due to work (20.8) Other (13.7)
Croatia	63.7 (145)	35.2 (51)	Pregnancy complications (43.7) NVP (11.3) Vaginal bleeding (10.6)
Serbia	62.4 (93)	38.7 (36)	Pregnancy complications (26.9) Other (19.4) Due to work (15.7)
Slovenia	51.1 (68)	27.9 (19)	Pregnancy complications (33.3) Vaginal bleeding (18.8) Respiratory infections & other (11.6)
Russia	50.6 (128)	30.1 (128)	Pregnancy complications (46.2) Respiratory infections (32.9) Premature contractions (8.1)
<b>Northern Europe</b>			
Norway	62.4 (724)	43.2 (313)	Pain in the neck, back, or pelvic girdle (42.9) NVP (29.5) Sleeping problems (16.4)
Finland	56.8 (248)	35.9 (89)	Respiratory infections (23.3) Premature contractions (22.9) Pain in the neck, back, or pelvic girdle (20.5)
Sweden	31.7 (230)	31.3 (72)	Pregnancy complications (31.3) NVP (22.8) Pain in the neck, back, or pelvic girdle (10.3)
<b>Western Europe</b>			
France	56.1 (157)	26.8 (42)	Premature contractions (22.2) Sleeping problems (19.3) Pain in the neck, back, or pelvic girdle (13.0)
Switzerland	49.4 (233)	15.0 (35)	Premature contractions (23.6) Pregnancy complications (20.0) Other (16.7)
Italy	42.5 (284)	27.1 (77)	Pregnancy complications (34.0) NVP (11.8) Respiratory infection (10.4)
The UK	34.8 (302)	30.8 (93)	NVP (33.8) Respiratory infections (22.1) Other pain (16.9)

The UK = United Kingdom; NVP = nausea and vomiting