

Additional file 2. Potential clinically relevant baseline characteristics

Category	Characteristics
General characteristics	
	Age
	Gender
	Weight, height (BMI)
Patient history	
	History of medication for knee symptoms
	History of serious knee injury
	History of knee surgery
	Family history of knee OA / of knee replacement surgery
	History of osteoarthritis
Meniscus information	
	Medial/lateral meniscus
	Radiographic severity of knee OA
	MRI meniscus extrusion
	MRI meniscus tear type / degeneration
	Onset of symptoms (e.g. gradual, after event, suddenly)
	Duration of symptoms
	Grading of work and sporting activities
Symptoms	
	Signs and symptoms during specific physical examination test
	Knee locking symptoms / mechanical symptoms
	Knee related daily function
	Knee pain
	Knee stiffness
	Knee related quality of life
	Knee swelling
Quality of life	
	Generic quality of life (EQ-5D / SF36)
	Mental health score