

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. The SF-36 factor structure with the number of response options

Component summary	Subscales	Number of items (items)	Number of response options
Physical component summary	Physical health	10 items (3a-3j)	3
	Role physical	4 items (4a-4d)	2
	Bodily pain	2 items (7, 8)	5 (item 7), 6 (item 8)
	General health	5 items (1, 11a-11d)	5
Mental component summary	Vitality	4 items (9a, 9e, 9g, 9i)	6
	Role emotion	3 items (5a-5c)	2
	Mental health	5 items (9b,9c,9d,9f,9h)	6
	Social function	2 items (6, 10)	5