

## Supplementary Material

Table A. Associations between patients' and partners' relationship factors and sexual activity at baseline adjusting for the respective other partner's score, n=722

|  | OR <sub>crude</sub> | $OR_{adj} (95\%-CI)^a$ | OR <sub>SDadj</sub> (95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> |  |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| PATIENT                                      |                     |                        |   |  |
| Relationship factors                         |                     |                        |   |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup> | 1.19***             | 1.16 (1.06, 1.27)**    | 1.33 (1.12, 1.57)**                       |  |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>             | 1.75***             | 1.61 (1.29, 2.01)***   | 1.46 (1.23, 1.75)***                      |  |
| Affectionate behavior (ref.                  | 3.00***             | 1.90 (1.24, 2.91)**    | 1.90 (1.24, 2.91)**                       |  |
| infrequent ( $<3$ )): frequent ( $\geq3$ )   |                     |                        |   |  |
| PARTNER                                      |                     |                        |   |  |
| Relationship factors                         |                     |                        |   |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup> | 1.13**              | 1.12 (1.03, 1.23)**    | 1.24 (1.06, 1.48)**                       |  |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>             | 1.69***             | 1.57 (1.24, 1.98)***   | 1.43 (1.19, 1.72)***                      |  |
| Affectionate behavior (ref.                  | 3.49***             | 2.69 (1.76, 4.11)***   | 2.69 (1.76, 4.11)***                      |  |
| infrequent ( $<3$ )): frequent ( $\geq3$ )   |                     |                        |   |  |

Abbreviations: OR, Odds Ratio; OR<sub>SD</sub>, Odds Ratio measured in units of sample SD for continuous covariates

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for patient age, type of surgery, chemotherapy and the respective other partner's covariate <sup>b</sup>Per scale unit (resp. SD) increase

\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

Table B. Associations between patients' and partners' relationship factors and sexual activity at time T2, adjusting for the respective other partner's score and stratified on sexual activity at baseline, n=533

|   | Couples not sexually active at time<br>T1, n=210 |                                     |  | Couples sexually active at time T1, n=323 |  |  |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|   | OR <sub>crude</sub>                              | $OR_{adj}$<br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>SDadj</sub><br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>crude</sub>                       | OR <sub>adj</sub> (95% -<br>CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>SDadj</sub><br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> |
| PATIENT   |  |                                     |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Relationship-related factors</b>   |  |                                     |  |   |  |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup>  | 1.14   | 1.14 (0.96,<br>1.37)                | 1.33 (0.91,<br>2.00)                         | 1.28*                                     | 1.16 (0.93,<br>1.46)                         | 1.29 (0.88,<br>1.90)                         |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>  | 1.07   | 0.94 (0.61,<br>1.46)                | 0.95 (0.64,<br>1.41)                         | 2.01**                                    | 1.75 (1.08,<br>2.86)*                        | 1.48 (1.06,<br>2.09)*                        |
| Affectionate behavior (ref.<br>infrequent ( $<3$ )): frequent ( $\geq3$ )<br><b>PARTNER</b> | 1.62   | 1.37 (0.62,<br>3.33)                | 1.37 (0.62,<br>3.33)                         | 6.48***                                   | 5.52 (2.15,<br>14.14)***                     | 5.52 (2.15,<br>14.14)***                     |
| <b>Relationship-related factors</b>   |  |                                     |  |   |  |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup>  | 1.11   | 1.10 (0.92,<br>1.32)                | 1.22 (0.84,<br>1.79)                         | 1.39***                                   | 1.36 (1.12,<br>1.65)**                       | 1.69 (1.21,<br>2.34)**                       |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>  | 1.45   | 1.64 (1.01,<br>2.67)*               | 1.64 (1.01,<br>2.67)*                        | 1.93**                                    | 1.54 (0.91,<br>2.59)                         | 1.30 (0.95,<br>1.77)                         |
| Affectionate behavior (ref. infrequent ( $\leq$ 3)): frequent ( $\geq$ 3)                   | 2.05*  | 2.09 (0.97,<br>4.52)                | 2.09 (0.97,<br>4.52)                         | 3.69**                                    | 1.53 (0.56,<br>4.16)                         | 1.53 (0.56,<br>4.16)                         |

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<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for patient age, type of surgery, chemotherapy and the respective other partner's covariate <sup>b</sup>Per scale unit (resp. SD) increase

\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

Table C. Associations between patients' and partners' relationship factors and sexual activity at time T3, adjusting for the respective other partner's score and stratified on sexual activity at time T1, n=471

|  | Couples not sexually active at time T1, n=181 |                                     |  | Couples sexually active at time T1,<br>n=290 |   |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
|  | OR <sub>crude</sub>                           | $OR_{adj}$<br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>SDadj</sub><br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>crude</sub>                          | OR <sub>adj</sub> (95%-<br>CI) <sup>a</sup> | OR <sub>SDadj</sub><br>(95%-CI) <sup>a</sup> |
| PATIENT  |   |                                     |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Relationship-related factors</b>  |   |                                     |  |  |   |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup>                                     | 1.03  | 0.97 (0.82,<br>1.14)                | 0.94 (0.65,<br>1.33)                         | 1.32*  | 1.22 (0.92,<br>1.62)                        | 1.40 (0.87,<br>2.27)                         |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>   | 1.12  | 1.02 (0.68,<br>1.52)                | 1.02 (0.71,<br>1.46)                         | 1.53   | 1.22 (0.70,<br>2.14)                        | 1.15 (0.78,<br>1.70)                         |
| Affectionate behavior (ref.<br>infrequent (<3)): frequent (≥3)<br><b>PARTNER</b> | 1.47  | 1.06 (0.49,<br>2.31)                | 1.06 (0.49,<br>2.31)                         | 4.69**                                       | 3.15 (1.03,<br>9.65)*                       | 3.15 (1.03,<br>9.65)*                        |
| <b>Relationship-related factors</b>  |   |                                     |  |  |   |  |
| Satisfaction with dyadic coping <sup>b</sup>                                     | 1.14  | 1.17 (0.98,<br>1.40)                | 1.39 (0.96,<br>2.02)                         | 1.37**                                       | 1.32 (1.06,<br>1.65)*                       | 1.60 (1.10,<br>2.34)*                        |
| Emotional closeness <sup>b</sup>   | 1.27  | 1.29 (0.83,<br>1.99)                | 1.29 (0.83,<br>1.99)                         | 2.08**                                       | 1.94 (1.10,<br>3.43)*                       | 1.49 (1.06,<br>2.09)*                        |
| Affectionate behavior (ref. infrequent ( $\leq$ 3)): frequent ( $\geq$ 3)        | 1.98*   | 1.97 (0.93,<br>4.17)                | 1.97 (0.93,<br>4.17)                         | 4.37**                                       | 2.23 (0.12,<br>331.67)                      | 2.23 (0.12,<br>331.67)                       |

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