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| Background characteristics       | Model-1     |              | Mode-2              |              | Model-3       |              | Model-4     |              |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                  | aOR (95%    | Standardized | aOR (95%            | Standardized | aOR (95%      | Standardized | aOR (95%    | Standardized |
|                                  | CI)         | beta         | CI)                 | beta         | CI)           | beta         | CI)         | beta         |
| Subjective SES                   |             |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Ladder SES                       |             |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Low                              | Ref.        |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Medium                           | 1.76*(1.42, |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Weddulli                         | 2.18)       | 0.17         |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| High                             | 3.16*(2.54, |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| -                                | 3.93)       | 0.30         |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Objective SES                    |             |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| MPCE quintile                    |             |              | <b>D</b> (          |              |               |              |             |              |
| Low                              |             |              | Ref.                |              |               |              |             |              |
| Medium                           |             |              | 1.3*(1.16,1         | 0.06         |               |              |             |              |
|                                  |             |              | .46)                | 0.06         |               |              |             |              |
| High                             |             |              | 1.76*(1.6,1<br>.94) | 0.15         |               |              |             |              |
| Education                        |             |              | .94)                | 0.15         |               |              |             |              |
| Not educated/primary not         |             |              |                     |              | 31.13*(14.74, |              |             |              |
| completed                        |             |              |                     |              | 65.73)        | 0.58         |             |              |
| L.                               |             |              |                     |              | 4.75*(2.18,10 | 0.50         |             |              |
| Primary                          |             |              |                     |              | .35)          | 0.17         |             |              |
| ~ .                              |             |              |                     |              | 2.19(0.97,4.9 |              |             |              |
| Secondary                        |             |              |                     |              | 4)            | 0.09         |             |              |
| Higher                           |             |              |                     |              | Ref.          |              |             |              |
| Caste                            |             |              |                     |              |               |              |             |              |
| Scheduled Castes                 |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 1.88*(1.66, |              |
| Scheduled Castes                 |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 2.15)       | 0.13         |
| Scheduled Tribes                 |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 2.75*(2.38, |              |
| Scheduled 1110es                 |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 3.18)       | 0.17         |
| Other Backward Classes           |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 1.26*(1.13, |              |
|                                  |             |              |                     |              |               |              | 1.42)       | 0.08         |
| Others Ref: Reference; aOR: Adju |             |              |                     |              |               |              | Ref.        |              |

Model-1 included SES and Individual, Health and Household factors; Model-2 included MPCE quintile and Individual, Health and Household factors; Model-3 included education and Individual, Health and Household factors.

| Background characteristics         | Model-1<br>OR (95% CI) | Model-2<br>aOR (95% CI) |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Socio-economic status              |                        |                         |  |
| Subjective SES                     |                        |                         |  |
| Ladder SES                         |                        |                         |  |
| High                               | Ref.                   | Ref.                    |  |
| Medium                             | 1.44*(1.21,1.7)        | 1.53*(1.28,1.82)        |  |
| Low                                | 1.81*(1.52,2.16)       | 2.04*(1.69,2.46)        |  |
| Objective SES                      |                        |                         |  |
| MPCE quintile                      |                        |                         |  |
| High                               | Ref.                   | Ref.                    |  |
| Medium                             | 1.06(0.95,1.18)        | 1.14*(1.01,1.27)        |  |
| Low                                | 1.17*(1.08,1.28)       | 1.28*(1.16,1.42)        |  |
| Education                          |                        |                         |  |
| Not educated/primary not completed | 0.72*(0.63,0.82)       | 0.21*(0.18,0.25)        |  |
| Primary                            | 0.81*(0.69,0.95)       | 0.43*(0.36,0.51)        |  |
| Secondary                          | 0.87(0.75,1.01)        | 0.61*(0.52,0.71)        |  |
| Higher                             | Ref.                   | Ref.                    |  |
| Caste                              |                        |                         |  |
| Scheduled Castes                   | 1.03(0.91,1.16)        | 1.26*(1.11,1.44)        |  |
| Scheduled Tribes                   | 1.21*(1.08,1.37)       | 1.71*(1.47,1.98)        |  |
| Other Backward Classes             | 0.84*(0.76,0.92)       | 0.98(0.88,1.09)         |  |
| Others                             | Ref.                   | Ref.                    |  |

**Table-S2** Sensitivity analysis estimates for cognitive impairment after adjusting for education among older adults in India 2017-18

off score of 14 for no educated/primary not completed, 21 for primary, 24 for secondary and 27 for higher education groups); Model-2 was adjusted for Individual, Health and Household related factors

|                                             |                  |                  | lder adults in India, 2017-18 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Background characteristics                  | Model-3          | Model-4          | Model-5                       |
|                                             | aOR (95% CI)     | aOR (95% CI)     | aOR (95% CI)                  |
| Ladder SES # MPCE quintile                  |                  |                  |                               |
| High # high                                 | Ref.             |                  |                               |
| High # middle                               | 1.44*(1.14,1.83) |                  |                               |
| High # low                                  | 1.97*(1.52,2.57) |                  |                               |
| Middle # high                               | 1.14(0.73,1.76)  |                  |                               |
| Middle # middle                             | 1.68*(1.3,2.17)  |                  |                               |
| Middle # low                                | 2.16*(1.64,2.85) |                  |                               |
| Low # high                                  | 1.08(0.72,1.62)  |                  |                               |
| Low # middle                                | 1.89*(1.48,2.42) |                  |                               |
| Low # low                                   | 2.51*(1.95,3.23) |                  |                               |
| Ladder SES # Education                      |                  |                  |                               |
| High # higher                               |                  | Ref.             |                               |
| High # secondary                            |                  | 0.6*(0.39,0.94)  |                               |
| High # primary                              |                  | 0.54*(0.32,0.92) |                               |
| High # Not educated/primary not completed   |                  | 0.19*(0.12,0.3)  |                               |
| Middle # higher                             |                  | 1.52*(1.09,2.13) |                               |
| Middle # secondary                          |                  | 0.93(0.67,1.28)  |                               |
| Middle # primary                            |                  | 0.67*(0.48,0.94) |                               |
| Middle # Not educated/primary not completed |                  | 0.34*(0.25,0.47) |                               |
| Low # higher                                |                  | 1.84*(1.15,2.95) |                               |
| Low# secondary                              |                  | 1.34(0.94,1.93)  |                               |
| Low # primary                               |                  | 0.87(0.61,1.25)  |                               |
| Low # Not educated/primary not completed    |                  | 0.47*(0.34,0.65) |                               |
| Ladder SES # Caste                          |                  |                  |                               |
| High # Others                               |                  |                  | Ref.                          |
| High # Other Backward Class                 |                  |                  | 1.33(0.92,1.94)               |
| High # Scheduled Caste                      |                  |                  | 2.04*(1.14,3.62)              |
| High # Scheduled Tribe                      |                  |                  | 0.97(0.52,1.8)                |
| Middle # Others                             |                  |                  | 1.72*(1.3,2.26)               |
| Middle # Other Backward Class               |                  |                  | 1.72*(1.3,2.20)               |
| Middle # Scheduled Caste                    |                  |                  | 2.23*(1.65,3.03)              |
| Middle # Scheduled Tribe                    |                  |                  | 2.49*(1.82,3.42)              |

**Table-S3**. Sensitivity analysis estimates (Interaction models) for cognitive impairment after adjusting for education among older adults in India, 2017-18

| Low # Others                        | 2.19*(1.63,2.96)                                                             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Low # Other Backward Class          | 2.16*(1.61,2.89)                                                             |
| Low # Scheduled Caste               | 2.89*(2.13,3.92)                                                             |
| Low # Scheduled Tribe               | 4.99*(3.65,6.83)                                                             |
| #. Interaction: Ref. Reference: aOR | P. Adjusted Odds Ratio: CI: Confidence Interval: SES: Socio-economic status: |

*#: Interaction; Ref: Reference; aOR: Adjusted Odds Ratio; CI: Confidence Interval; SES: Socio-economic status;* Cognitive impairment was adjusted for education (lowest 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of each educational category was considered cognitively impaired, i.e, with a cut-off score of 14 for no educated/primary not completed, 21 for primary, 24 for secondary and 27 for higher education groups); Model-3, 4 and 5 were adjusted for Individual, Health and Household related factors