

Additional file 2: Intercentre differences in socio-demographic data of patients at baseline (n=3,189)

	Bonn (n=422)	Dusseldorf (n=399)	Frankfurt/Main (n=269)	Hamburg (n=452)	Jena (n=244)	Leipzig (n=488)	Mannheim (n=493)	Munich (n=422)
Age in years (at baseline interview): mean ± sd	74.3 ± 5.0	74.4 ± 5.0	75.1 ± 5.3	74.6 ± 5.2	74.2 ± 5.2	74.0 ± 5.1	73.9 ± 5.3	74.9 ± 5.4
Gender: female	58.8%	61.2%	59.9%	60.2%	60.7%	59.6%	56.2%	59.2%
Education (in CASMIN grade)								
- grade 1 (low)	63.0%	74.4%	66.9%	61.5%	23.0%	58.6%	74.4%	60.7%
- grade 2 (medium)	24.2%	19.3%	27.9%	28.8%	59.4%	20.9%	18.9%	31.3%
- grade 3 (high)	12.8%	6.3%	5.2%	9.7%	17.6%	20.5%	6.7%	8.1%
Household size adjusted net income in €: mean ± sd	1582 ± 731	1422 ± 861	1528 ± 820	1450 ± 708	1115 ± 448	1249 ± 368	1380 ± 561	1538 ± 883
Home ownership	56.7%	36.4%	48.3%	40.9%	48.9%	13.4%	45.7%	42.5%
Former occupation (1=low / 5=high): mean ± sd	3.0 ± 1.1	2.8 ± 1.2	2.9 ± 1.1	3.2 ± 1.0	2.8 ± 1.1	3.1 ± 1.1	2.7 ± 1.2	2.7 ± 1.1
Marital status								
- never married	5.2%	3.3%	7.1%	6.4%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	10.0%
- married	58.9%	53.4%	49.8%	57.3%	63.9%	60.3%	57.6%	48.1%
- estranged (living in seperate homes)	1.9%	2.5%	1.5%	1.8%	1.6%	1.8%	3.5%	2.8%
- divorced	8.3%	9.3%	7.4%	7.7%	4.5%	8.4%	7.1%	9.7%
- widowed	25.7%	31.6%	34.2%	26.8%	25.0%	24.4%	26.6%	29.4%
Household type								
- living in private home alone	32.9%	39.6%	40.9%	36.1%	23.4%	33.2%	32.9%	41.9%
- living in private home with spouse	60.4%	56.4%	49.8%	56.2%	65.2%	62.1%	61.1%	51.2%
- living in private home with family members	2.6%	3.0%	6.7%	3.1%	10.7%	2.5%	3.7%	5.0%
- living in private home with other persons	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	1.1%	0	0.6%	1.2%	1.0%
- living in assisted living	3.8%	0.8%	1.1%	2.7%	0.8%	1.6%	1.2%	0.7%
- living in retirement home	0	0	1.1%	0.9%	0	0	0	0.2%
Nursing dependency level								
- no nursing dependency	93.4%	96.2%	94.6%	96.0%	95.7%	97.3%	94.7%	96.0%
- dependency level 1	5.5%	3.8%	3.5%	2.7%	3.4%	2.1%	3.5%	3.1%
- dependency level 2	1.2%	0	1.9%	1.3%	0.4%	0.6%	1.6%	0.7%
- dependency level 3	0	0	0	0	0.4%	0	0.2%	0.2%
Number of chronic conditions*: mean ± sd	6.9 ± 2.4	7.3 ± 2.7	6.6 ± 2.1	7.0 ± 2.3	6.5 ± 2.2	7.2 ± 2.5	7.1 ± 2.4	7.3 ± 2.7