

## Supplementary materials

### Supplementary text S1: missing data imputation

Multiple imputation was necessary to deal with missing at random values (MAR) in order to avoid loss of precision in the analysis. Following the literature on imputation with survey data, we used K-nearest neighbor imputation method (Chen & Shao, 2000). Taking advantage of all the variables available in the dataset except for the one analyzed, we considered five neighbors to calculate the aggregated values to impute.

### Multi state analysis tables

**Supplementary table S1: Transition probabilities of the multi-state model where states are defined according to the physical health\***

From/To	Good	Bad	Dropout	Dead
Good	0.34	0.29	0.13	0.25
Bad	0.02	0.34	0.14	0.50

\*Health status according to Chair-Stand Test

**Supplementary Table S2: Transition probabilities of the multi-state model where states are defined according to the cognitive health\***

From/To	Good	Bad	Dropout	Dead
Good	0.37	0.24	0.12	0.27
Bad	0.07	0.31	0.14	0.47

\*Health status according to Mini-Mental State Examination

**Supplementary Table S3: Multivariate predictions (hazard ratios) of transitions in physical health**

Covariates	From To	Good						Bad		
		Bad			Dead			Dead		
		HR	IC95%L	IC95%U	Dead	IC95%L	IC95%U	Dead	IC95%L	IC95%U
Sex (Ref. Men)	Women	0.96	0.68	1.34	0.34	0.10	1.15	0.66	0.54	0.82
Education (Ref. Lower)	Vocational	1.10	0.81	1.50	0.93	0.40	2.19	1.18	0.96	1.45
	Higher	1.32	0.92	1.91	1.13	0.42	3.07	0.98	0.75	1.29
Living alone (Ref. No)	Yes	0.52	0.39	0.68	5.11	0.17	154.80	0.60	0.50	0.71
People lost (Ref. No)	Yes	0.91	0.70	1.17	0.83	0.37	1.88	0.97	0.82	1.15
Self-rated health (Ref. Poor)	Acceptable	1.44	1.09	1.89	0.89	0.30	2.65	1.16	0.96	1.40
	Good	1.52	0.85	2.73	1.49	0.28	7.85	1.22	0.97	1.55
Depression (Ref. 29-52)	23-28	0.98	0.73	1.32	1.37	0.59	3.16	1.00	0.79	1.26
	17-22	1.16	0.82	1.63	0.59	0.16	2.11	1.12	0.89	1.42
Smoke (Ref. Never smoked)	Past	1.17	0.87	1.58	1.07	0.42	2.75	1.08	0.89	1.30
	Current	0.95	0.66	1.36	1.43	0.60	3.42	1.15	0.89	1.49
Body Mass Index (Ref. <22)	22-28	0.85	0.66	1.10	0.45	0.23	0.87	0.88	0.74	1.04
	>28	1.11	0.73	1.70	0.32	0.07	1.41	0.63	0.47	0.85
Physical Activity (Ref. None)	Light	0.79	0.60	1.04	0.39	0.13	1.18	0.73	0.55	0.97
	Heavy	0.35	0.21	0.58	0.58	0.16	2.10	0.65	0.25	1.72
Medications (Ref. 4+)	2 3	1.19	0.90	1.58	1.09	0.45	2.61	0.96	0.76	1.20
	0 1	1.17	0.84	1.62	1.99	0.88	4.47	1.18	0.97	1.42
Mmse (Ref. 0-23)	24-30	0.47	0.36	0.61	1.62	0.43	6.13	0.62	0.50	0.76

**Supplementary Table S4: Multivariate predictions (hazard ratios) of transitions in cognitive health**

Covariates	From	Good						Bad		
	To	Bad			Dead			Dead		
		HR	IC95%L	IC95%U	Dead	IC95%L	IC95%U	Dead	IC95%L	IC95%U
Sex (Ref. Men)	Women	1.11	0.74	1.65	0.42	0.18	0.94	0.65	0.52	0.82
Education (Ref. Lower)	Vocational	1.27	0.92	1.76	1.10	0.56	2.16	1.16	0.93	1.46
	Higher	0.55	0.36	0.83	0.81	0.41	1.60	1.21	0.90	1.62
Living alone (Ref. No)	Yes	0.49	0.35	0.68	2.36	0.45	12.45	0.59	0.48	0.72
People lost (Ref. No)	Yes	0.94	0.69	1.26	0.71	0.40	1.27	0.99	0.83	1.18
Self-rated health (Ref. Poor)	Acceptable	1.10	0.81	1.49	1.11	0.55	2.21	1.17	0.95	1.44
	Good	1.29	0.79	2.10	1.47	0.49	4.42	1.21	0.94	1.57
Depression (Ref. 29-52)	23-28	1.18	0.87	1.62	1.16	0.63	2.13	1.03	0.80	1.32
	17-22	1.32	0.92	1.89	0.94	0.42	2.13	1.13	0.88	1.46
Smoke (Ref. Never smoked)	Past	0.89	0.64	1.23	1.00	0.48	2.09	1.14	0.92	1.41
	Current	0.90	0.59	1.37	1.37	0.66	2.85	1.15	0.87	1.51
Body Mass Index (Ref. <22)	22-28	1.03	0.78	1.36	0.44	0.25	0.77	0.90	0.75	1.08
	>28	1.22	0.79	1.89	0.27	0.07	1.11	0.65	0.48	0.89
Physical Activity (Ref. None)	Light	0.85	0.58	1.23	0.64	0.28	1.48	0.65	0.47	0.90
	Heavy	0.66	0.39	1.13	0.59	0.21	1.65	0.52	0.27	1.00
Medications (Ref. 4+)	2 3	0.94	0.68	1.31	0.79	0.38	1.66	1.04	0.82	1.32
	0 1	0.89	0.63	1.26	1.42	0.71	2.84	1.27	1.04	1.56
Chair-Stand (Ref. Not able)	24-30	0.53	0.38	0.75	1.03	0.43	2.45	0.61	0.48	0.79