SUPPLEMENT Table 2

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Model 1 - Negative binomial regression models based on full sample (social integration index)

Variable	irr	std.error	conf.low	conf.high	p.value	
Gender: female (male = Ref.)	1.0362	0.0298	0.9773	1.0986	0.2338	
Age	1.0064	0.0028	1.001	1.0119	0.0205	
Education (ISCED-1997 Coding: 0=low – 6=high)	0.9439	0.0132	0.9197	0.9687	0.000	
Income: make ends meet: fairly easy or easy (with great or some difficulty = Ref.)	0.8499	0.0305	0.8006	0.9024	0.000	
Employment status (employed = Ref.)						
retired	1.2417	0.0567	1.111	1.3877	1e-04	
unemployed	1.054	0.0622	0.933	1.1907	0.3982	
permanently sick or disabled	1.4841	0.0938	1.2349	1.7836	0.000	
homemaker	1.291	0.0623	1.1427	1.4586	0.000	
Self-perceived health (0=poor - 4=excellent)	0.7405	0.0272	0.7021	0.781	0.000	
Social integration index (0=low – 6=high)	0.9876	0.0118	0.965	1.0106	0.288	
Intercept	8.9883	0.0626	7.9503	10.1618	0.000	
Alpha	0.6091	0.0251	0.5618	0.6604		
n – unweighted	47,066					
N-weighted	119,390,189					
Number of strata (countries)	16					
Number of primary sampling units (households)	34,623					

IRR = incidence rate ratio

95%-confidence interval

alpha = estimate of dispersion parameters

Age, social integration, contact frequency and closeness are centered at the mean

n = number of observations; N = population size based on survey design

Observations with missing values were dropped (listwise deletion).

variable	irr	std.error	conf.low	conf.high	p.value	
Gender: female (male = Ref.)	1.0548	0.0341	0.9867	1.1276	0.1174	
Age	1.0059	0.0029	1.0002	1.0116	0.041	
Education (ISCED-1997 Coding: 0=low – 6=high)	0.945	0.013	0.9212	0.9694	0.000	
Income: make ends meet: fairly easy or easy (with great or some difficulty = Ref.)	0.8487	0.0333	0.7951	0.9058	0.000	
Employment status (employed = Ref.)						
retired	1.2792	0.0588	1.1401	1.4353	0.000	
unemployed	1.0731	0.0656	0.9436	1.2204	0.2821	
permanently sick or disabled	1.5336	0.0984	1.2646	1.8599	0.000	
homemaker	1.271	0.0657	1.1174	1.4457	3e-04	
Self-perceived health (0=poor - 4=excellent)	0.7391	0.0286	0.6989	0.7817	0.000	
Average of contact frequency in social network (0=less than once per month or never – 5=daily)	1.0351	0.0182	0.9988	1.0726	0.058	
Intercept	8.7504	0.0655	7.696	9.9492	0.000	
alpha	0.6055	0.0266	0.5556	0.6600		
n – unweighted			43,962			
N – weighted	110,219,002					
Number of strata (countries)	16					
Number of primary sampling units (households)	32,616					

Model 2 - Negative binomial regression models based on full sample (contact frequency)

IRR = incidence rate ratio

95%-confidence interval

alpha = estimate of dispersion parameters

Age, social integration, contact frequency and closeness are centered at the mean n = number of observations; N = population size based on survey design Observations with missing values were dropped (listwise deletion).

variable	irr	std.error	conf.low	conf.high	p.value		
Gender: female (male = Ref.)	1.0432	0.0344	0.9752	1.1158	0.219		
Age	1.0064	0.0028	1.0009	1.012	0.0228		
Education (ISCED-1997 Coding: 0=low – 6=high)	0.9434	0.0136	0.9187	0.9689	0.000		
Income: make ends meet: fairly easy or easy (with great or some difficulty = Ref.)	0.8354	0.0335	0.7823	0.8921	0.000		
Employment status (employed = Ref.)							
retired	1.2502	0.0587	1.1143	1.4028	1e-04		
unemployed	1.0476	0.0648	0.9226	1.1896	0.4729		
permanently sick or disabled	1.5124	0.0962	1.2524	1.8262	0.000		
homemaker	1.2873	0.0649	1.1334	1.462	1e-04		
Self-perceived health (0=poor - 4=excellent)	0.7381	0.0292	0.697	0.7817	0.000		
Number of very to extremely close people in social network (0-7)	1.0151	0.0115	0.9925	1.0381	0.193		
Intercept	9.0879	0.0635	8.0245	10.2921	0.000		
alpha	0.6112	0.0270	0.5605	0.6666			
n – unweighted	44,840						
N – weighted	112,626,161						
Number of strata (countries)	16						
Number of primary sampling units (households)			33,160				

Model 3 - Negative binomial regression models based on full sample (emotional closeness)

IRR = incidence rate ratio

95%-confidence interval

alpha = estimate of dispersion parameters

Age, social integration, contact frequency and closeness are centered at the mean n = number of observations; N = population size based on survey design Observations with missing values were dropped (listwise deletion).