**Table 1. Baseline characteristics of fallers versus non-fallers, and recurrent fallers versus non-recurrent fallers (weighted)**

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|  | Fallers  (n=555) | Non-fallers  (n=1446) | P-value | Recurrent fallers  (n=195) | Non-  recurrent fallers  (n=1801) | P-value | Nr of missings per variable in total population (n=2535) |
| Age a | 74.9 (6.2) | 73.9 (5.9) | 0.002 | 76.0 (6.0) | 74.0 (6.0) | <0.001 | 0 |
| Sex (female) b | 63.6% | 54.0% | <0.001 | 65.6% | 55.7% | 0.008 | 0 |
| Educational level b   * Elementary school completed or lower * Vocational education or general secondary education or higher | 41.4%  58.6% | 42.6%  57.4% | 0.628 | 44.1%  55.9% | 42.1%  57.9% | 0.589 | 0 |
| Body mass index a | 27.8 (4.8) | 27.6 (4.9) | 0.507 | 28.1 (4.6) | 27.6 (4.6) | 0.131 | 65 |
| Smoking b   * Never * Current * Former | 53.8%  4.7%  41.5% | 47.4%  8.3%  44.3% | 0.004 | 57.3%  3.1%  39.6% | 48.3%  7.8%  43.9% | 0.013 | 11 |
| Alcohol use (yes) b | 70.0% | 73.7% | 0.098 | 64.1% | 73.5% | 0.005 | 18 |
| Nr. of chronic diseases b   * 0 * 1 * 2 or more | 32.5%  38.7%  28.9% | 38.6%  34.5%  26.9% | 0.039 | 27.8%  39.2%  33.0% | 37.8%  35.2%  26.9% | 0.020 | 11 |
| Physical performance a, c | 8.1 (2.9) | 8.5 (2.5) | 0.002 | 7.6 (3.1) | 8.5 (2.6) | <0.001 | 107 |
| Physical activity (min/day) d | 151.4 (2.1) | 147.2 (2.3) | 0.487 | 148.7 (2.3) | 148.2 (2.2) | 0.960 | 49 |
| Analgesics use b  Opioids use b | 22.3%  6.5% | 17.8%  3.0% | 0.020  <0.001 | 29.7%  9.2% | 17.9%  3.4% | <0.001  <0.001 | 1  1 |

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a Differences in mean were tested using independent Student’s t-test

b Differences in frequencies were tested using Pearson Chi-square Test

c Total score ranges from 0-12 with 12 indicating good performance

d LN-transformed data were used in the Student’s t-test; in the Table these data were back transformed