

Supplementary Table 2. General characteristics in type 2 diabetes patients according to education level, imputed data.

Patient characteristics	Compulsory education, n=2789	Upper secondary education, n=4016	Higher education, n=1387
Age (years), mean (95% CI)	69.1 (68.6, 69.6)	67.4 (67.0, 67.7)	65.4 (64.8, 66.0)
Men, % (95% CI)	46.2 (44.4, 48.1)	58.5 (57.0, 60.0)	63.0 (60.5, 65.6)
Diabetes duration (years), mean (95% CI)	9.6 (9.3, 10.0)	9.0 (8.7, 9.2)	8.1 (7.8, 8.5)
Age at diagnosis (years), mean (95% CI)	59.5 (59.0, 60.0)	58.4 (58.0, 58.8)	57.2 (56.6, 57.8)
BMI (kg/m ²), mean (95% CI)	30.1 (29.8, 30.3)	29.9 (29.6, 30.1)	29.4 (29.1, 29.8)
Smoking, % (95% CI)	28.2 (26.4, 30.0)	21.7 (20.2, 23.1)	14.6 (12.5, 16.7)
Cardiovascular risk factors			
HbA1c, %, mean (95% CI)	7.0 (7.0, 7.1)	6.9 (6.9, 7.0)	6.9 (6.8, 6.9)
HbA1c, mmol/mol, mean (95% CI)	53.1 (52.6, 53.6)	52.2 (51.8, 52.6)	51.7 (51.0, 52.3)
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg, mean (95% CI)	137 (136, 137)	136 (135, 137)	136 (135, 136)
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg, mean (95% CI)	78 (77, 78)	78 (78, 79)	79 (79, 80)
LDL-cholesterol, mmol/L, mean (95% CI)	2.8 (2.8, 2.8)	2.7 (2.7, 2.8)	2.8 (2.7, 2.8)
Prescribed medication			
Insulin, % (95% CI)	19.7 (18.2, 21.2)	16.8 (15.5, 17.9)	13.0 (11.3, 14.8)
Per oral glucose lowering, % (95% CI)	66.5 (64.8, 68.3)	66.4 (64.9, 67.9)	63.0 (60.5, 65.6)
Lipid lowering medication, % (95% CI)	61.8 (60.0, 63.6)	62.2 (60.7, 63.7)	57.4 (54.8, 60.0)
Acetylsalicylic acid, % (95% CI)	43.0 (41.2, 44.9)	39.3 (37.8, 40.8)	36.0 (33.5, 38.6)
Complications			
Coronary heart disease, % (95% CI)	25.9 (24.2, 27.5)	23.0 (21.7, 24.3)	16.9 (14.9, 18.8)
Stroke, % (95% CI)	9.6 (8.5, 10.6)	7.4 (6.6, 8.2)	6.6 (5.3, 7.9)
Chronic kidney disease, eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73m ² , % (95% CI)	23.7 (22.1, 25.3)	16.6 (15.5, 17.8)	12.4 (10.6, 14.2)
Retinopathy, all, % (95% CI)	10.8 (9.6, 12.1)	9.2 (8.2, 10.2)	9.3 (7.7, 10.9)
PTA/arterial surgery, % (95% CI)	2.4 (1.8, 3.0)	2.4 (1.9, 2.9)	1.2 (0.6, 1.8)
History of foot ulcer, % (95% CI)	3.6 (2.9, 4.3)	3.0 (2.5, 3.6)	2.7 (1.8, 3.5)
Lower limb amputations, % (95% CI)	0.9 (0.5, 1.2)	0.9 (0.6, 1.2)	0.5 (0.1, 0.8)

Abbreviations: BMI: body mass index. PTA: percutaneous transluminal angioplasty. eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate