

Supplementary Table 1: Respiratory symptoms and previous diagnosis among participants with and without spirometry

Variable	All participants (<i>n</i> =640)	Participants with good quality spirometry (<i>n</i> =464)	Participants without good quality spirometry (<i>n</i> =176)	<i>P</i>
Shortness of breath				
Hurrying on level ground or slight hill	154 (24.1)	115 (24.8)	39 (22.2)	0.49
Walking with age mates	28 (4.4)	20 (4.3)	8 (4.5)	0.82
Stop for breath at own pace	11 (1.7)	6 (1.3)	5 (2.8)	0.13
Exercise-induced symptoms*				
Cough	34 (5.3)	24 (5.2)	10 (5.7)	0.80
Wheeze	50 (7.8)	37 (8.0)	13 (7.4)	0.80
Chest tightness	120 (18.8)	93 (20.0)	7 (15.3)	0.17
All three symptoms	13 (2.0)	8 (1.7)	5 (2.8)	0.12
Sleep-related symptoms				
Sleep broken by wheeze	27 (4.2)	21 (4.5)	6 (3.4)	0.53
Sleep broken by difficulty breathing	57 (8.9)	41 (8.8)	16 (9.1)	0.92
Woken by wheeze	27 (4.2)	21 (4.5)	6 (3.4)	0.53
Woken by difficulty breathing	50 (7.8)	33 (7.1)	17 (9.7)	0.28
Trigger-related symptoms				
Wheeze in a smoky room	117 (18.3)	83 (17.9)	34 (19.3)	0.68
Wheeze in a dusty place	140 (21.9)	100 (21.6)	40 (22.7)	0.75
Cough				
Morning cough during cold weather	52 (8.1)	37 (8.0)	15 (8.5)	0.82
Day or night cough during cold weather	108 (16.9)	79 (17.0)	29 (16.5)	0.38
Cough on most days for 3 months/year	22 (3.4)	17 (3.7)	5 (2.8)	0.61
Phlegm				
Morning phlegm during cold weather	61 (9.5)	46 (9.9)	15 (8.5)	0.59
Day or night phlegm during cold weather	86 (13.4)	61 (13.1)	25 (14.2)	0.73
Phlegm on most days for 3 months/year	34 (5.3)	24 (5.2)	10 (5.7)	0.80
Any respiratory symptom	337 (52.7)	244 (52.6)	93 (52.8)	0.95
Number of domains with symptoms				
1	119 (18.6)	18 (17.5)	38 (21.6)	0.59
2	88 (13.8)	65 (14.0)	23 (13.1)	
3	67 (10.5)	47 (10.1)	20 (11.4)	
4	35 (5.5)	30 (6.5)	5 (2.8)	
5	19 (3.0)	14 (3.0)	2 (2.8)	
6	9 (1.4)	7 (1.5)	2 (1.1)	
Ever has bronchitis or COPD	8 (1.3)	8 (1.7)	0	0.08
Ever had asthma	49 (7.7)	39 (8.4)	10 (5.7)	0.25
Ever had allergic rhinitis	29 (4.5)	17 (3.7)	12 (6.8)	0.09
Previously treated for tuberculosis	16 (2.5)	10 (2.2)	6 (3.4)	0.36

COPD – Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease