Supplementary Table 1: Candidate instruments to measure postoperative recovery

| Tool | Assessed interval | Population | Number of questions | Published Year | Self- administer? | Surgery type | Derivation size |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Postdischarge Surgical Recovery (PSR) | Day 4 | Ambulatory | 18 | 2000 | Yes | Laparoscopic cholecystectomy, hernia repair | 163 |
| Quality of Recovery (QoR) | 24 h | Inpatient and ambulatory, adult | 24 | 2000 | Yes | Surgery with general anesthesia | 160 |
| Surgical Recovery Index (SRI) | Day 7, 14, 21 and 28 | Inpatient | 24 | 2004 | Yes | Laparoscopic and open surgery (not specified further) | 149 |
| Functional Recovery Index (FRI) | Baseline, day 1, 3, 5 and 7 | Ambulatory, adult | 14 | 2009 | Yes | Various ambulatory | 324 |
| Postoperative Quality of Recovery Score (PQRS) | Baseline, 15 and 45 min, day 1 and 3, 3 months | Inpatient, pediatrics + adults | 18 | 2010 | No | Elective surgery with general anesthesia | 701 |
| Surgical Recovery Scale (SRS) | Baseline, day 3, 7, 30 and 60 | Inpatient, adult | 13 | 2011 | Yes | Elective colonic resection | 150 |