

Table S1: Unweighted baseline socio-demographic and intrinsic fall risk characteristics, and self-reported falling at the 2-year follow-up interview, of persons from 12 countries in The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, 2010-2013.

	Switzer land n=1386	Austria n=1983	Sweden n=1009	Den mark n=873	Italy n=1423	Germa ny n=591	Nether lands n=1092	Belgium n=1805	Estonia n=2917	France n=1893	Spain n=1559	Czech Republic n=2065
Age, mean	73.3	73.5	73.6	73.6	73.3	73.2	73.2	74.5	73.9	74.9	75.1	72.6
± SD ^a	± 6.5	± 6.5	± 6.8	± 7.0	± 6.1	± 5.8	± 6.7	± 7.0	± 6.0	± 7.0	± 6.9	± 6.2
Female, % ^b	52.3	57.3	52.3	54.0	51.3	47.2	54.4	56.8	63.4	57.5	55.1	58.6
Low education, % ^{bc}	26.0	29.8	50.8	24.2	80.2	14.9	55.8	50.5	40.6	58.0	90.6	48.2
Living alone, % ^b	28.2	36.0	29.3	34.1	16.3	22.8	28.4	34.0	30.5	37.5	16.9	31.7
Less than good SRH, % ^{bc}	18.4	34.2	32.8	24.5	50.4	43.8	30.7	33.8	79.2	44.8	56.8	50.6
Mobility limitation(s), % ^{bc}	17.1	41.0	24.2	24.9	49.3	32.5	24.5	37.8	43.1	39.7	50.1	48.2
ADL limitation(s), % ^{bc}	7.3	13.3	11.4	9.6	13.3	15.7	7.6	20.1	19.7	15.3	18.4	11.6
Dizziness, % ^{bc}	6.3	10.5	10.2	11.6	13.4	11.0	10.6	11.1	22.0	10.1	15.1	10.8
Impaired vision, % ^{bc}	10.0	9.1	7.7	9.9	25.9	8.8	10.3	14.3	31.7	16.5	34.7	15.2
Depression, % ^{bc}	17.0	21.1	19.1	13.6	35.1	23.2	17.3	30.4	42.4	33.9	40.1	26.0
Impaired cognition, % ^{bc}	4.0	8.3	6.0	7.1	24.3	8.7	8.9	12.8	9.9	13.5	39.5	8.6
Falling at baseline, % ^{b,c,d}	2.7	6.5	5.0	4.5	4.9	3.9	3.9	6.7	6.8	7.8	9.6	7.4
Falling at follow- up, % ^{b,c,d}	7.2	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.7	10.5	13.0	13.4	15.1	15.7	16.3
95% CI	5.9-8.6	7.8-10.3	7.4-10.9	7.5-11.4	8.1-11.2	7.5-12.3	8.8-12.4	11.5-14.6	12.1-14.6	13.5-16.7	13.9-17.5	14.7-17.9

P-value <0.001, based on a) t-test and b) chi-squared test; c) missing N for variables: education=340; SRH=35; mobility=30; ADL=34; Dizziness=37; Vision=50; Depression=480; Cognition=397; Falling=55; d) Reporting one or more falls within the 6 months prior to the interview.

ADL=Activities of daily living; CI=Confidence Interval; SD=Standard Deviation; SRH=Self-rated health.

Table S2: Multivariable binary logistic regression with associations (odds ratios and 95% confidence intervals) of socio-demographic and intrinsic fall risk factors with self-reported falling in wave 5 and wave 4 & 5, among persons from 12 countries in The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe, 2010-2013.

	Falling < 6 months of wave 5 N=2068/17,575	Falling < 6 months of both wave 4 & wave 5 N=376/17,575
Age ≥80 years	1.68 ^c (1.50-1.88)	1.68 ^c (1.33-2.11)
Female gender	1.43 ^c (1.28-1.60)	1.62 ^c (1.25-2.12)
Low education	1.00 (0.89-1.11)	0.77 ^a (0.60-0.98)
Living alone	1.31 ^c (1.18-1.46)	1.46 ^b (1.16-1.84)
Less than good SRH	1.43 ^c (1.27-1.60)	1.81 ^c (1.35-2.43)
Mobility limitation(s)	1.44 ^c (1.29-1.62)	2.75 ^c (2.03-3.73)
ADL limitation(s)	1.46 ^c (1.28-1.66)	2.10 ^c (1.65-2.66)
Dizziness	1.44 ^c (1.26-1.63)	2.59 ^c (2.06-3.26)
Impaired vision	1.18 ^b (1.05-1.34)	1.53 ^c (1.21-1.94)
Depression	1.30 ^c (1.16-1.45)	1.69 ^c (1.33-2.16)
Impaired cognition	1.43 ^c (1.25-1.64)	1.09 (0.83-1.43)

All Odds ratios are adjusted for other factors in the table and country, the outcome 'falling < 6 months of wave 5' is additionally adjusted for self-reported falling at baseline. a) p<0.05; b) p<0.01; c) p<0.001
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