

Supplementary Table 2. Percentages for categorical variables among women without LBP at baseline

	Among all women included in the analysis	Among women with LBP at end of follow-up	Among women in the cohort lost to follow-up
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Level of leisure physical activity			
Low	75.5	77.6	81.0
Medium	19.0	16.7	14.2
High	5.5	5.7	4.8
Smoking status			
Never	47.6	42.8	36.5
Former	25.4	25.7	23.9
Current	27.0	31.5	39.6
Work status			
Sedentary work	22.5	19.0	17.7
Work involving extensive walking	30.9	29.8	25.7
Work involving both walking and lifting	24.3	26.9	20.6
Particularly strenuous activities	2.5	2.9	2.4
Full time housework	9.7	9.7	13.4
Temporarily out of work, students or in military service	2.4	3.0	3.9
Pensioners or those receiving social security	7.6	8.8	16.3
Duration of education (years)			
≤ 9	33.1	34.9	41.4
10-12	42.9	45.4	38.4
≥ 13	24.0	19.7	20.2