

Supplementary Table 4. Percentages for categorical variables among men without LBP at baseline

	Among all men included in the analysis	Among men with LBP at end of follow- up	Among men in the cohort lost to follow-up
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Level of leisure physical activity			
Low	63.7	68.1	69.5
Medium	22.7	18.6	18.4
High	13.6	13.2	12.2
Smoking status			
Never	42.7	37.0	33.8
Former	34.0	36.0	30.7
Current	23.3	27.0	35.5
Work status			
Sedentary work	31.1	27.4	25.5
Work involving extensive walking	22.4	20.1	19.6
Work involving both walking and lifting	16.8	18.7	16.4
Particularly strenuous activities	19.0	22.1	16.6
Temporarily out of work, students or in military service	2.2	2.5	4.4
Pensioners or those receiving social security	8.6	9.2	17.5
Duration of education (years)			
≤ 9	25.2	28.5	32.5
10-12	48.8	53.8	46.5
≥ 13	26.0	17.8	21.0