**Supplementary Table 5.** Frequency distribution of answers to the structured interview by time from cancer diagnosis

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|  |  | **Months from cancer diagnosis****N (column %)** | **p-value *a*** |
| **Question** | **Level** | **≤ 3****N = 28** | **(3,12]****N = 32** | **> 12****N = 96** |  |
| **Q1** | **Not at all/A little** | 17 (60.7) | 22 (68.8) | 47 (49.0) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  8 (28.6) |  3 (9.4) |  22 (22.9) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  1 (3.6) |  6 (18.8) | 24 (25.0) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  2 (7.1) |  1 (3.1) |  3 (3.1) | 0.05 |
| **Q2** | **Not at all/A little** | 17 (60.7) | 23 (71.9) | 54 (56.3) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  6 (21.4) |  5 (15.6) | 24 (25.0) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  3 (10.7) |  3 (9.4)  |  16 (16.7) |  |
|  | **Missing** |  2 (7.1) |  1 (3.1) |  2 (2.1) | 0.55 |
| **Q3** | **Not at all/A little** |  11 (39.3) | 19 (59.4) |  40 (41.7) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  10 (35.7) |  9 (28.1) | 26 (27.1) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  2 (7.1) |  3 (9.4) | 27 (28.1) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  5 (17.9) |  1 (3.1) |  3 (3.1) | **0.01** |
| **Q4** | **Not at all/A little** |  13 (46.4) | 24 (75.0) | 55 (57.3) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  8 (28.6) |  5 (15.6) | 24 (25.0) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  2 (7.1) |  2 (6.3) | 15 (15.6) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  5 (17.9) |  1 (3.1) |  2 (2.1) | **0.03** |
| **Q5 *b*** | **Not at all/A little** | 0 |  7 (77.8) | 46 (86.8) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  1 (50.0) |  0  |  3 (5.7) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** | 0 |  2 (22.2) |  3 (5.7) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** | 1 (50.0)  |  0 |  1 (1.9) | 0.32 ***d*** |
| **Q6 *b*** | **Not at all/A little**  | 2 (100) |  4 (44.4)  |  14 (26.4) |  |
|  | **Moderately** | 0 | 0 |  8 (15.1) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** | 0 |  4 (44.4) |  30 (56.6) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** | 0 |  1 (11.1) |  1 (1.9) | 0.14 ***d*** |
| **Q7 *c*** | **Not at all/A little** | 12 (63.2) | 26 (86.7) |  63 (70.8) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  1 (5.3) |  1 (3.1) |  10 (11.2) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  2 (10.5) |  3 (10.0)  |  10 (11.2) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  4 (21.1) |  0 |  5 (5.6) | 0.13 |
| **Q8** | **Not at all/A little** | 18 (64.3) |  21 (65.6) | 49 (51.0) |  |
|  | **Moderately** |  6 (21.4) |  4 (12.5) | 18 (18.8) |  |
|  | **Quite a bit/Extremely** |  1 (3.6) |  6 (18.8) | 25 (26.0) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  3 (10.7) |  1 (3.1) |  4 (4.2) | 0.10 |
| **Q9** | **COVID** |  2 (7.1) |  4 (12.5) | 27 (28.1) |  |
|  | **Oncological disease** | 20 (71.4) | 14 (43.8) | 55 (57.3) |  |
|  | **Both equally** |  5 (17.9) | 10 (31.3) | 11 (11.5) |  |
|  | ***Missing*** |  1 (3.6) |  4 (12.5) |  3 (3.1) | **0.006** |

***a*** Fisher’s exact test (including missing values for tables with missing answers > 5%); ***b*** Sample Size N = 64 (delayed patients only, see text for details); ***c*** Sample Size N =138 (excluding subjects without therapy);

 ***d*** Significance test for (3,12) months vs > 12 months comparison only