**Supplementary Table 2.** Descriptive statistics for the original sample’s categorical variables (*n*=1725-3596).

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| Variables |  | All *n* | Variables’ categories  | Variables’ categories’ *n* (%) | Range |
| Confounding factors  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sex (1980)  | 3596 | Females Males  | 1832 (50.9)1764 (49.1) | 1-2 |
|  | Education (2007) | 2228 | Comprehensive schoolSecondary educationAcademic | 110 (4.9)1569 (70.4)549 (24.6) | 1-3 |
|  | Education (2011) | 2002 | Comprehensive schoolSecondary education Academic  | 78 (3.9)1415 (70.7)509 (25.4) | 1-3 |
|  | Employment status (2007) | 2182 | EmployedNot employed | 2092 (95.9)90 (4.1) | 1-2 |
|  | Employment status (2011) | 1957 | Employed Not employed | 1851 (94.6)106 (5.4) | 1-2 |
|  | Marital status (2007) | 2223 | Widowed UnmarriedDivorced/ living separatelyIn a civil partnershipMarried  | 6 (0.3)347 (15.6) 138 (6.2) 497 (22.4)1235 (55.6) | 1-5 |
|  | Marital status (2011)  | 2000 | WidowedUnmarriedDivorced/ living separately CohabitingIn a civil partnershipMarried | 8 (0.4)269 (13.5)151 (7.6)346 (17.3)38 (1.9)1188 (59.4) | 1-6 |
|  | Smoking status (2007) | 2224 | Smokes a cigarette per day or more Smokes once in a week Smokes less than once in a week Has quitted smoking Has never smoked  | 411 (18.5)91 (4.1)110 (4.9)511 (23.0)1101 (49.5) | 1-5 |
|  | Smoking status (2011) | 1999 | Smokes a cigarette per day or more Smokes once in a week or more, not daily Smokes less than once in a week Has temporarily quitted smoking Has quitted smoking Has never smoked  | 306 (15.3)58 (2.9)87 (4.4)28 (1.4)502 (25.1)1018 (50.9) | 1-6 |
| Dependent variable  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Depressive symptoms (dichotomized scores) (2012) | 1725 | No symptoms of depression/ minimal depression Mild, moderate or severe depression | 1592 (92.3)133 (8.8)  | 0-1 |