

**Supplemental Digital Content 1:** Table that shows clinical and demographic characteristics of regular and non-regular hearing aid (HA) users.

Variables	Regular HA users		Non-regular HA users		Statistical value	
	(n = 154)		(n= 57)			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i> <sup>a</sup>
Age	68.6	13.57	67.5	11.53	0.31	0.58
Pure tone Average*	33.7	11.76	32.7	11.88	0.41	0.52
HHIE-S (unaided)	22.5	9.38	18.4	9.36	8.23	0.01**
Gender	n	%	n	%	<i>X</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>p</i> <sup>a</sup>
<i>Male</i>	76	49.40	24	42.10	0.88	0.35
<i>Female</i>	78	50.60	33	57.90		

\*Pure tone average = Average of hearing thresholds at 0.5, 1, 2 and 4 kHz in the better ear. HHIE-S = Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly and for Adults – Screening version (Ventry & Weinstein 1983). a = p-values are from the univariate ANOVAs (*F*) or chi-square test (*X*<sup>2</sup>). All comparisons are non-significant except for the HHIE-S score, *p*<0.05\*\*.