

**Table S2.** Mean values of psychological questionnaire HADS with regard to the entire patient population and regression predictors at baseline (T1) and follow-up (T2) assessment.  
SD: Standard deviation.

Time of assessment			T1		T2	
			Anxiety	Depression	Anxiety	Depression
Total		Mean	6.67	8.57	6.18	8.35
		SD	3.84	3.74	4.08	3.86
Age	< 65 years	Mean	6.63	8.88	8.00	9.00
		SD	3.25	3.68	3.58	4.90
	≥ 65 years	Mean	6.69	8.38	5.18	8.00
		SD	4.29	3.91	4.14	3.38
Need for prosthetic treatment	Yes	Mean	6.89	8.78	6.43	8.64
		SD	3.98	3.95	4.26	3.82
	No	Mean	5.33	7.33	5.00	7.00
		SD	3.06	2.08	3.61	4.58
Primary HNSCC therapy	surgery and radio-therapy±chemo-therapy	Mean	6.76	8.88	6.79	8.21
		SD	3.98	4.04	3.95	4.19
	surgery only	Mean	6.25	7.25	3.33	9.00
		SD	3.69	1.71	4.16	2.00
	RCL1	Mean	-	-	3.67	5.00
		SD	-	-	2.52	3.00
Oral functional capacity	RCL2	Mean	5.40	6.60	3.50	5.50
		SD	3.97	3.51	3.54	2.12
	RCL3	Mean	6.73	8.87	6.73	9.36
		SD	3.73	3.58	3.98	3.64
	RCL4	Mean	12.00	14.00	13.00	13.00
		SD	-	-	-	-