

Table S6. Priority symptoms for improvement by respondent characteristics. (For patients diagnosed on MRI)

	Back pain	Pelvic pain	Radiating leg pain	Numbness in the leg	Weakness in the leg	Tingling in the leg
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
Total (N=317)	194 (61.2%)	98 (30.9%)	67 (21.1%)	144 (45.4%)	25 (7.9%)	34 (10.7%)
Sex						
Male (n=172)	105 (61.0%)	44 (25.6%)	36 (20.9%)	81 (47.1%)	16 (9.3%)	22 (12.8%)
Female (n=145)	89 (61.4%)	54 (37.2%)	31 (21.4%)	63 (43.4%)	9 (6.2%)	12 (8.3%)
<i>P</i> -value	1.000	0.034	1.000	0.592	0.418	0.266
Age group, years						
19-29 (n=57)	39 (68.4%)	14 (24.6%)	9 (15.8%)	24 (42.1%)	7 (12.3%)	3 (5.3%)
30-39 (n=59)	39 (66.1%)	18 (30.5%)	15 (25.4%)	25 (42.4%)	4 (6.8%)	7 (11.9%)
40-49 (n=68)	46 (67.6%)	20 (29.4%)	12 (17.6%)	34 (50.0%)	3 (4.4%)	10 (14.7%)
50-59 (n=70)	38 (54.3%)	20 (28.6%)	18 (25.7%)	33 (47.1%)	5 (7.1%)	10 (14.3%)
≥60 (n=63)	32 (50.8%)	26 (41.3%)	13 (20.6%)	28 (44.4%)	6 (9.5%)	4 (6.3%)
<i>P</i> -value	0.120	0.343	0.555	0.885	0.564	0.270
Symptom onset time						
<4 weeks (n=31)	18 (58.1%)	6 (19.4%)	7 (22.6%)	17 (54.8%)	3 (9.7%)	2 (6.5%)
≥4 weeks to <12 weeks (n=66)	42 (63.6%)	19 (28.8%)	17 (25.8%)	30 (45.5%)	7 (10.6%)	7 (10.6%)
≥12 weeks to <12 months (n=58)	37 (63.8%)	17 (29.3%)	8 (13.8%)	30 (51.7%)	2 (3.5%)	10 (17.2%)
≥12 months (n=162)	97 (59.9%)	56 (34.6%)	35 (21.6%)	67 (41.4%)	13 (8.0%)	15 (9.3%)
<i>P</i> -value	0.902	0.367	0.427	0.374	0.458	0.317
Severity						
Severe (n=113)	69 (61.1%)	43 (38.1%)	28 (24.8%)	46 (40.7%)	10 (8.8%)	16 (14.2%)
Moderate to severe (n=105)	68 (64.8%)	35 (33.3%)	22 (21.0%)	49 (46.7%)	6 (5.7%)	9 (8.6%)
Mild to moderate (n=99)	57 (57.6%)	20 (20.2%)	17 (17.2%)	49 (49.5%)	9 (9.1%)	9 (9.1%)
<i>P</i> -value	0.574	0.016	0.399	0.419	0.599	0.337

All percentage values were calculated with the n in each row as the denominator.

Symptom severity is defined according to the NRS score as follows: ≥8, severe; 6-7, moderate to severe; ≤5, mild to moderate.