

Table S1: Relationship between the physical limitations dimension of the KDQOL-SF™ instrument and the social support dimensions of the MOS survey

KDQOL-SF™(physical limitations dimensions)	Emotional and informational support	<i>p</i>	Instrumental support and support material	<i>p</i>	Positive social interaction	<i>p</i>	Affective support	<i>p</i>
<i>Had to reduce the time dedicated to work or his or her daily activities</i>								
Yes (n:19)								
No (n:36)	4.03 (0.93)	0.337	4.26 (1.09)	0.088	3.71 (1.01)	0.662	4.22 (0.92)	0.508
	4.19 (0.91)		4.43 (1.10)		3.75 (1.19)		4.24 (1.14)	
<i>Did less than he or she would have liked</i>								
Yes (n:29)	3.87 (0.93)	0.011	4.03 (1.26)	0.001	3.44 (1.14)	0.033	3.93 (1.03)	0.001
No (n:26)	4.43 (0.80)		4.75 (0.73)		4.06 (1.02)		4.57 (1.02)	
<i>Had to stop doing some tasks in his or her work or daily activities</i>								
Yes (n:20)								
No (n:35)	3.79 (0.92)	0.013	3.77 (1.37)	<0.001	3.47 (0.98)	0.084	3.78 (1.09)	0.003
	4.33 (0.85)		4.71 (0.72)		3.89 (1.11)		4.49 (0.97)	
<i>Had difficulty in doing his or her work or daily activities (e.g. it took more effort than normal)</i>								
Yes (n:25)	3.78 (1)	0.010	4.07 (1.25)	0.008	3.25 (1.17)	0.004	3.84 (1.04)	0.001
No (n:30)	4.43 (0.72)		4.62 (0.88)		4.15 (0.91)		4.56 (0.99)	

Mann–Whitney U test *The quantitative variables are described with the mean and with the standard deviation in parentheses

Table S2: Relationship between the emotional limitation dimensions of the KDQOL-SF™ instrument and the social support dimensions of the MOS survey

KDQOL-SF™(emotional limitations dimension)	Emotional and informational support	<i>p</i>	Instrumental support and support material	<i>p</i>	Positive social interaction	<i>p</i>	Affective support	<i>p</i>
<i>Had to reduce the time dedicated to work or daily activities due to an emotional problem</i> Yes (n:13) No (n:42)	3.58 (0.83) 4.30 (0.87)	0.005	3.59 (1.50) 4.61 (0.81)	0.005	3.28 (0.97) 3.88 (1.13)	0.053	3.35 (1.10) 4.50 (0.91)	0.000
<i>Did less than he or she would have wanted due to an emotional problem</i> Yes (n:12) No (n:43)	3.77 (0.83) 4.24 (0.91)	0.043	3.68 (1.53) 4.56 (0.86)	0.018	3.37 (0.94) 3.84 (1.15)	0.116	3.58 (1.20) 4.41 (0.96)	0.013
<i>Had to stop doing some tasks at work or in his or her daily activities due to an emotional problem</i> Yes (n:13) No (n:42)	4.10 (0.83) 4.14 (0.94)	0.637	3.80 (1.55) 4.54 (0.85)	0.216	3.51 (1.06) 3.80 (1.14)	0.318	4.05 (1.10) 4.29 (1.06)	0.308

Mann–Whitney U test *The quantitative variables are described with the mean and with the standard deviation in parentheses

Table S3: Correlation between the physical and mental component of the SF-36, emotional support, instrumental support, affective support, cognitive function, sexual function, problems and symptoms, discomforting effects of the kidney disease, the burden of the kidney disease and social support

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.Physical comp.SF-36	1	0.6	0.284*	0.127	0.337*	-0.397**	0.107	0.437**	0.344*	0.288*	0.233
2.Mental comp. SF-36		1	0.388**	0.24	0.306*	-0.586**	0.25	0.364**	0.611**	0.649**	0.407**
3.Emocional support			1	0.367**	0.759**	-0.357**	0.26	0.155	0.389**	0.290*	0.599**
4. Instrumental support				1	0.479**	-0.262	0.276*	0.241	0.212	0.051	0.442**
5.Affective support					1	-0.417**	0.203	0.249	0.298*	0.268*	0.646**
6. Cognitive function						1	-0.332*	-0.595**	-0.579**	-0.463**	-0.386**
7.Sexual function							1	0.151	0.628**	0.194	0.277*
8.Problems and symptoms								1	0.477**	0.305*	0.26
9.Discomforting effects									1	0.602**	0.380**
10.Burden of kidney disease										1	0.235
11.Social support											1

Spearman's Rho test * Statistical significance $p < 0.05$; ** Statistical significance $p < 0.001$