

**Table S2:** Responses to the questions regarding the resignation to report to the Emergency Room due to the fear of COVID-19 infection in elderly patients and socio-demographic and clinical factors [in red =  $p < 0.005 \rightarrow$  significant correlation]

| Feature (variable)  | p value     |
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| Gender  | $p = 0.446$ |
| Age   | $p = 0.708$ |
| Place of residence  | $p = 0.857$ |
| Household size  | $p = 0.070$ |
| Education   | $p = 0.405$ |
| Household income per person per month   | $p = 0.062$ |
| Coronary Heart Disease  | $p = 0.014$ |
| Diabetes Mellitus   | $p = 0.694$ |
| Asthma  | $p = 0.255$ |
| COPD  | $p < 0.001$ |
| Heart failure   | $p = 0.009$ |
| Kidney failure  | $p = 1.000$ |
| Was vaccinated against influenza in 2019  | $p = 1.000$ |
| Was vaccinated against influenza in 2020  | $p = 0.177$ |
| Avoids vaccination because of possible complications  | $p = 0.437$ |
| Wants to be vaccinated against influenza but was unable due to lack of availability of vaccines | $p = 0.270$ |
| The GP doctor recommended vaccination against influenza and pneumococci                         | $p = 0.032$ |
| Knows about refund for seniors vaccinated against influenza and pneumococci                     | $p = 0.694$ |
| Number of drugs taken   | $p = 0.017$ |
| Cardiac drugs   | $p = 0.012$ |
| Antihypertensive drugs  | $p = 0.426$ |
| Diuretics   | $p = 0.207$ |
| Analgesics  | $p = 0.514$ |
| Digestive ailments drugs  | $p = 0.195$ |
| Anticoagulants  | $p = 0.352$ |
| Antidepressants   | $p = 0.448$ |
| Nootropics  | $p = 0.539$ |
| All drugs are prescribed by the same doctor   | $p = 0.681$ |
| The number of different doctors that have prescribed medications?                               | $p = 0.601$ |
| Informs the GP about all new medications  | $p = 0.514$ |
| Buys drugs and/or supplements without a prescription  | $p = 0.136$ |
| Analgesics  | $p = 0.963$ |
| For heartburn   | $p = 0.125$ |
| Herbal  | $p = 0.994$ |
| Vitamins (C, B, D)  | $p = 0.153$ |
| Other   | $p = 0.183$ |
| Physician diagnosed gastro-oesophageal reflux disease   | $p = 0.252$ |
| Activities of Daily Living (ADL)  | $p = 0.979$ |
| The Lawton Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)                                       | $p = 0.008$ |

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| Abbreviated Mental Test Score (AMTS)     | $p = 0.943$ |
| Geriatric depression scale (GDS-15)      | $p < 0.001$ |
| Gastric Anxiety Scale (GAS-10)           | $p < 0.001$ |
| Lubben Social Network Scale (LSNS-6)     | $p < 0.001$ |
| Social loneliness scale (Gierveld Scale) | $p = 0.066$ |
| Mini Nutritional Assessment (MNA)        | $p < 0.001$ |