



Figure S1: Change in physical performance tests - Gait Speed (GS) and Timed Up and Go (TUG) - from 2014 to 2019-20 of the older people in the COMO VAI? study.

Table S1: Mean Gait Speed (GS) in 2014 and 2019 according to sociodemographic, behavioral and health-related variables of the older adults in the COMO VAI? study. N=476. Pelotas, Brazil.

| Variables | GS in 2014 | GS in 2019 |
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| | p-value ^a | p-value ^a |
| | Mean (95%CI) | Mean (95%CI) |
| Sex | <i>p</i> =0.001 | <i>p</i> =0.025 |
| Male | 1.16 (1.12; 1.21) | 0.90 (0.85; 0.95) |
| Female | 1.03 (0.99; 1.06) | 0.83 (0.80; 0.8) |
| Age (completed years) | <i>p</i> <0.001 | <i>p</i> <0.001 |
| 60-69 | 1.13 (1.09; 1.16) | 0.91 (0.88; 0.95) |
| 70-79 | 1.03 (0.98; 1.08) | 0.80 (0.75; 0.85) |
| 80+ | 0.84 (0.74; 0.94) | 0.60 (0.50; 0.70) |
| Skin color | <i>p</i> =0.99 | <i>p</i> =0.69 |
| White | 1.08 (1.05; 1.11) | 0.86 (0.83; 0.89) |
| Other than white | 1.08 (1.01; 1.14) | 0.84 (0.78; 0.91) |
| Marital status | <i>p</i> =0.08 | <i>p</i> =0.11 |
| Married/with a partner | 1.10 (1.07; 1.14) | 0.87 (0.83; 0.91) |
| Without a partner/separated | 1.06 (0.99; 1.13) | 0.79 (0.72; 0.85) |
| Widow(er) | 1.03 (0.97; 1.08) | 0.86 (0.81; 0.92) |
| Economic level^b | <i>p</i> <0.01 | <i>p</i> =0.51 |
| A/B | 1.14 (1.09; 1.19) | 0.88 (0.83; 0.93) |
| C | 1.05 (1.01; 1.08) | 0.84 (0.80; 0.88) |
| D/E | 1.02 (0.93; 1.11) | 0.85 (0.76; 0.95) |
| Education level (completed years) | <i>p</i> <0.001 | <i>p</i> =0.016 |
| None | 1.00 (0.91; 1.08) | 0.78 (0.70; 0.87) |
| 1-7 | 1.03 (0.99; 1.06) | 0.83 (0.80; 0.87) |
| ≥8 | 1.20 (1.14; 1.25) | 0.92 (0.87; 0.97) |
| Current work situation | <i>p</i> =0.26 | <i>p</i> =0.30 |
| No (unemployed) | 1.07 (1.04; 1.10) | 0.85 (0.82; 0.88) |
| Yes (employed) | 1.11 (1.05; 1.17) | 0.88 (0.82; 0.94) |
| Diet quality^c | <i>p</i> =0.51 | <i>p</i> =0.22 |
| Low | 1.05 (1.00; 1.10) | 0.82 (0.77; 0.87) |
| Average | 1.09 (1.04; 1.13) | 0.87 (0.82; 0.91) |
| High | 1.09 (1.04; 1.14) | 0.88 (0.83; 0.93) |
| Leisure-time physical activity (>150 min/week)^d | <i>p</i> =0.06 | <i>p</i> =0.14 |
| No | 1.06 (1.03; 1.09) | 0.84 (0.81; 0.87) |

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| Yes | 1.13 (1.07; 1.19) | 0.90 (0.84; 0.96) |
| Smoking | <i>p=0.37</i> | <i>p=0.78</i> |
| Not a smoker | 1.06 (1.02; 1.10) | 0.85 (0.81; 0.88) |
| Smoker | 1.10 (1.02; 1.18) | 0.86 (0.78; 0.93) |
| Former smoker | 1.10 (1.05; 1.15) | 0.87 (0.82; 0.92) |
| Alcohol consumption^e | <i>p=0.027</i> | <i>p=0.79</i> |
| No | 1.06 (1.03; 1.09) | 0.85 (0.82; 0.88) |
| Yes | 1.13 (1.08; 1.19) | 0.86 (0.81; 0.92) |
| Multimorbidity | <i>p=0.37</i> | <i>p=0.20</i> |
| Up to 4 diseases | 1.10 (1.05; 1.15) | 0.88 (0.83; 0.93) |
| 5 or more diseases | 1.07 (1.03; 1.10) | 0.84 (0.81; 0.88) |
| Depression^f | <i>p=0.003</i> | <i>p=0.021</i> |
| No | 1.09 (1.06; 1.12) | 0.87 (0.84; 0.90) |
| Yes | 0.97 (0.90; 1.05) | 0.78 (0.70; 0.85) |
| Polypharmacy^g | <i>p<0.001</i> | <i>p=0.026</i> |
| No | 1.00 (0.95; 1.05) | 0.81 (0.76; 0.86) |
| Yes | 1.11 (1.08; 1.14) | 0.88 (0.84; 0.91) |
| Body Mass Index^h | <i>p=0.32</i> | <i>p=0.92</i> |
| Low weight | 1.05 (0.94; 1.16) | 0.87 (0.76; 0.98) |
| Normal | 1.11 (1.06; 1.16) | 0.86 (0.81; 0.91) |
| Overweight | 1.06 (1.03; 1.10) | 0.85 (0.82; 0.88) |

^a p value obtained through adjusted linear regression including variables according to hierarchical levels: 1st Level: sex, age, skin color, marital status, economic level, education, work status; 2nd Level: diet quality, physical activity, smoking, alcohol consumption; 3rd Level: multimorbidity, depression, polypharmacy and nutritional status.

^b according to *Associação Brasileira de Empresas de Pesquisa* (ABEP)[21]: category A/B indicating higher socioeconomic status;

^c assessed using the Diet Quality Index for the Elderly (*Índice de Qualidade da dieta do idoso - IDQ-I*)[22];

^d assessed by the International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ)[23];

^e alcohol consumption in the last month;

^f according to the Geriatric Depressive Scale (GDS-10)[25,26];

^g continuous use of five or more medications[27];

^h cutoffs recommended by Lipschitz et al[28].

Table S2: Mean Timed Up and Go (TUG) in 2014 and 2019 according to sociodemographic, behavioral and health-related variables of the older adults in the COMO VAI? study. N=476. Pelotas, Brazil.

| Variables | TUG in 2014 | | TUG in 2019 | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | <i>p</i> -value ^a | | <i>p</i> -value ^a | |
| | Mean (95%CI) | Mean (95%CI) | Mean (95%CI) | Mean (95%CI) |
| Sample | <i>Mean TUG 2014</i> | | <i>Mean TUG 2019</i> | |
| Sex | | <i>p</i> =0.018 | | <i>p</i> =0.21 |
| Male | 9.24 (7.95; 10.52) | | 11.86 (10.57; 13.14) | |
| Female | 11.19 (10.25; 12.13) | | 12.90 (11.97; 13.84) | |
| Age (completed years) | | <i>p</i> <0.001 | | <i>p</i> <0.001 |
| 60-69 | 9.80 (8.86; 10.74) | | 10.78 (9.84; 11.73) | |
| 70-79 | 10.51 (9.22; 11.81) | | 13.14 (11.85; 14.44) | |
| 80+ | 16.13 (13.42; 18.85) | | 24.08 (21.36; 26.80) | |
| Skin color | | <i>p</i> =0.40 | | <i>p</i> =0.55 |
| White | 10.68 (9.85; 11.52) | | 12.48 (11.65; 13.32) | |
| Other than white | 9.83 (8.05; 11.62) | | 13.09 (11.31; 14.87) | |
| Marital status | | <i>p</i> =0.13 | | <i>p</i> =0.42 |
| Married/with a partner | 9.91 (8.91; 10.91) | | 12.21 (11.21; 13.20) | |
| Without a partner/Separated | 10.78 (8.83; 12.73) | | 13.64 (11.69; 15.59) | |
| Widow(er) | 11.86 (10.29; 13.43) | | 12.88 (11.32; 14.45) | |
| Economic level^b | | <i>p</i> =0.029 | | <i>p</i> =0.60 |
| A/B | 11.85 (10.57; 13.13) | | 12.29 (11.01; 13.57) | |
| C | 9.68 (8.68; 10.67) | | 12.91 (11.91; 13.91) | |
| D/E | 9.19 (6.86; 11.52) | | 11.87 (9.54; 14.20) | |
| Education level (completed years) | | <i>p</i> =0.09 | | <i>p</i> <0.001 |
| None | 12.53 (10.31; 14.75) | | 16.40 (14.18; 18.62) | |
| 1-7 | 10.59 (9.60; 11.58) | | 12.82 (11.83; 13.80) | |
| ≥8 | 9.60 (8.27; 10.94) | | 10.61 (9.28; 11.95) | |
| Current work situation | | <i>p</i> =0.71 | | <i>p</i> =0.25 |
| No (unemployed) | 10.46 (9.58; 11.33) | | 12.75 (11.87; 13.62) | |
| Yes (employed) | 10.10 (8.47; 11.72) | | 11.64 (10.02; 13.27) | |
| Diet quality^c | | <i>p</i> =0.82 | | <i>p</i> =0.67 |
| Low | 10.78 (9.43; 12.12) | | 12.98 (11.64; 14.33) | |
| Average | 10.22 (9.05; 11.39) | | 12.61 (11.35; 13.88) | |
| Low | 10.32 (9.04; 11.61) | | 12.14 (10.85; 13.43) | |
| Leisure-time physical activity (>150 min/week)^d | | <i>p</i> =0.63 | | <i>p</i> =0.039 |

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| No | 10.35 (9.54; 11.16) | 13.02 (12.21; 13.83) |
| Yes | 10.81 (9.15; 12.46) | 11.07 (9.42; 12.73) |
| Smoking | <i>p=0.10</i> | <i>p=0.21</i> |
| Not a smoker | 11.29 (10.26; 12.32) | 13.22 (12.19; 14.25) |
| Smoker | 9.63 (7.43; 11.82) | 12.04 (9.85; 14.23) |
| Former smoker | 9.56 (8.21; 10.91) | 11.73 (10.38; 13.08) |
| Alcohol consumption^e | <i>p=0.04</i> | <i>p=0.77</i> |
| No | 10.05 (9.17; 10.93) | 12.53 (11.65; 13.40) |
| Yes | 11.93 (10.40; 13.46) | 12.79 (11.26; 14.32) |
| Multimorbidity | <i>p=0.82</i> | <i>p=0.12</i> |
| Up to 4 diseases | 10.55 (9.30; 11.80) | 11.76 (10.51; 13.01) |
| 5 or more diseases | 10.36 (9.41; 11.31) | 13.06 (12.11; 14.01) |
| Depression^f | <i>p=0.059</i> | <i>p=0.041</i> |
| No | 10.13 (9.36; 10.91) | 12.28 (11.50; 13.05) |
| Yes | 12.14 (10.21; 14.06) | 14.44 (12.52; 16.37) |
| Polipharmacy^g | <i>p=0.004</i> | <i>p=0.07</i> |
| No | 12.23 (10.86; 13.59) | 13.67 (12.30; 15.03) |
| Yes | 9.77 (8.86; 10.68) | 12.11 (11.21; 13.02) |
| Body Mass Index^h | <i>p=0.023</i> | <i>p=0.43</i> |
| Low weight | 14.81 (11.64; 17.99) | 11.67 (8.50; 14.84) |
| Normal | 10.29 (8.96; 11.62) | 11.94 (10.61; 13.27) |
| Overweight | 10.22 (9.27; 11.17) | 12.93 (11.98; 13.88) |

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