

Supplemental Material S1. Survey.

Demographic and hearing aid related information

How old are you (in years)?

Please indicate your gender:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary (or gender neutral)

Do you have any difficulty with your hearing (without hearing aids)?

- ☐ No, I always hear everything
- ☐ Yes, sometimes I do not hear what is being said
- ☐ Yes, I regularly do not hear what is being said
- ☐ Yes, I almost never hear what is being said

How long have you had hearing loss? Provide your answer in years.

Do you own a hearing aid for your:

- ☐ Right Ear
- ☐ Left Ear
- ☐ Both Ears

From the time you first learned you had a hearing problem how long did you wait before purchasing your first hearing aids?

Please provide your answer as a numerical value (e.g., 1, 3, 15).

- ☐ Year(s)
- ☐ Month(s)

What type of hearing aid do you use?

- ☐ In-the-ear (ITE) hearing aids (Hearing aid sits completely/entirely in the ear)



- ☐ Behind-the-ear (BTE) hearing aids (Hearing aid has 2 parts: One part, the mold, sits in the ear and the other part, the hearing aid, sits behind the ear)



Which brand of hearing aid do you currently use?

- ☐ Kirkland
☐ Oticon
☐ Phonak
☐ ReSound
☐ Signia / Siemens
☐ Starkey
☐ Unitron Widex
☐ Other, please specify

Hearing aid benefit/satisfaction

Think about how much you used your present hearing aid(s) over the past two weeks. On an average day, how many hours did you use the hearing aid(s)?

- ☐ None
- ☐ Less than 1 hour a day
- ☐ 1 to 4 hours a day
- ☐ 4 to 8 hours a day
- ☐ More than 8 hours a day

Think about the situation where you most wanted to hear better, before you got your present hearing aid(s). Over the past two weeks, how much has the hearing aid helped in that situation?

- ☐ Helped not at all
- ☐ Helped slightly
- ☐ Helped moderately
- ☐ Helped quite a lot
- ☐ Helped very much

Think again about the situation where you most wanted to hear better. When you use your present hearing aid(s), how much difficulty do you STILL have in that situation?

- ☐ Very much difficulty
- ☐ Quite a lot of difficulty
- ☐ Moderate difficulty
- ☐ Slight difficulty
- ☐ No difficulty

Considering everything, do you think your present hearing aid(s) is worth the trouble?

- ☐ Not at all worth it
- ☐ Slightly worth it
- ☐ Moderately worth it
- ☐ Quite a lot worth it
- ☐ Very much worth it

Over the past two weeks, with your present hearing aid(s), how much have your hearing difficulties affected the things you can do?

- ☐ Affected very much
- ☐ Affected quite a lot
- ☐ Affected moderately
- ☐ Affected slightly
- ☐ Affected not at all

Over the past two weeks, with your present hearing aid(s), how much do you think other people were bothered by your hearing difficulties?

- ☐ Bothered very much
- ☐ Bothered quite a lot
- ☐ Bothered moderately
- ☐ Bothered slightly
- ☐ Bothered not at all

Considering everything, how much has your present hearing aid(s) changed your enjoyment of life?

- ☐ Worse
- ☐ No change
- ☐ Slightly better
- ☐ Quite a lot better
- ☐ Very much better

General health and well-being & social network

In general, would you say your health is:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

In general, would you say your mental health is:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

How would you rate your quality of life?

- ☐ Very poor
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Neither poor nor good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good

Social Networks

For the following questions (questions 5 to 10), please provide your answer as a numerical value (e.g., 1, 3, 15).

How many people live in your household?

How many children do you have?

How many grandchildren do you have?

How many people do you know that you would call a close friend?

How many people do you know that have hearing loss but who do not have hearing aids?

How many people do you know that have hearing loss and have/wear hearing aids?

Additional demographic information

Which of the following options best describes your work situation?

- ☐ Employed or homemaker
- ☐ Out of work or looking for work
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Unable to work
- ☐ Retired

What is the highest level of schooling (education) you have completed?

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school
- ☐ Some college but not degree
- ☐ A university degree

Please select one of the following options that describe your living arrangement/ situation:

- ☐ I live with my family
- ☐ I live with my spouse/partner
- ☐ I live with a friend
- ☐ I live on my own

What is your ethnicity?

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Non-Hispanic or Latino

What is your race?

- ☐ American
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Alaska Native, Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ More than One Race

What is your pre-tax household income, approximately?

- ☐ Under \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,000
- ☐ \$150,000 or more

In a typical week, how much time do you spend in total on moderate and vigorous physical activities where your heartbeat increases and you breathe faster (e.g., brisk walking, cycling, heavy gardening, running, recreational sport):

- ☐ Less than ½ an hour (30 minutes)
- ☐ ½ an hour to 1½ hours (30-90 minutes)
- ☐ 1½ - 2½ hours (90-150 minutes)
- ☐ 2½ - 5 hours (150-300 minutes)
- ☐ More than 5 hours (more than 300 minutes)

How did you purchase your current hearing aids?

- ☐ From a hearing clinic (private or university)
- ☐ Discount Warehouse (Costco, Sams, etc.)
- ☐ Internet / Online
- ☐ Pharmacy Hearing Center (CVS)
- ☐ A hearing professional came to my residence
- ☐ Other, please specify: