

Supplementary Document S7. Generalizability of patient cohort composition

The cohort of people with multiple sclerosis (PwMS) who participated in this study corresponds to the expected composition of PwMS in Germany regarding socio-demographic and clinical parameters, except for the gender ratio [1,2]. The discrete excess of females in the present study (77.9%) compared with the gender ratio in the German MS Registry (between 71% and 72%), which was known from several studies [1,2], could be due to the current study design (voluntary participation in a structured survey) and has no fundamental impact on the main conclusions. The proportion of patients who reported to receive no disease-modifying drug was also representative as indicated by the analyses of two large German MS patient cohorts [1,3].

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