

S3 Table. Comparison of completer and non-completer characteristics.
Relative frequencies are given in percent.

Characteristic	Completer N=1,416	Non-Completer N=2,701
Age		
12–19	0.5	1.0
20–29	6.7	7.3
30–39	13.6	10.3
40–49	23.8	22.4
50–59	34.5	29.0
60–69	16.6	19.5
70–79	4.2	9.7
80–89	0.0	0.7
90	-	0.0
N/A	-	-
Gender		
female	50.9	42.0
male	49.1	50.0
N/A	-	8.0
Years since tinnitus onset		
≤ 0.5	13.7	22.5
0.5–1	20.5	17.8
1–2	15.7	13.1
2–5	16.7	13.4
> 5	33.3	25.1
N/A	-	8.0
Education level		
Abitur (general qualification for university entrance)	48.0	37.9
Fachabitur (qualification for university of applied sciences entrance)	11.6	8.3
Mittlere Reife (\approx high school)	28.9	29.4
Hauptschule (lower secondary education)	11.1	14.6
other	0.4	1.8
N/A	-	8.0