

Ergonomic Challenges of Working with Display Screen Equipment

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Challenge 1. Providing ergonomic equipment

Challenge 2. Applying theoretical knowledge in practice

Challenge 3. Reducing sedentary lifestyle

What should a computer workstation look like?



And what does it look like in reality?

Improper chair



Table too shallow



And what does it look like in reality?

Incorrect positioning in relation to the window

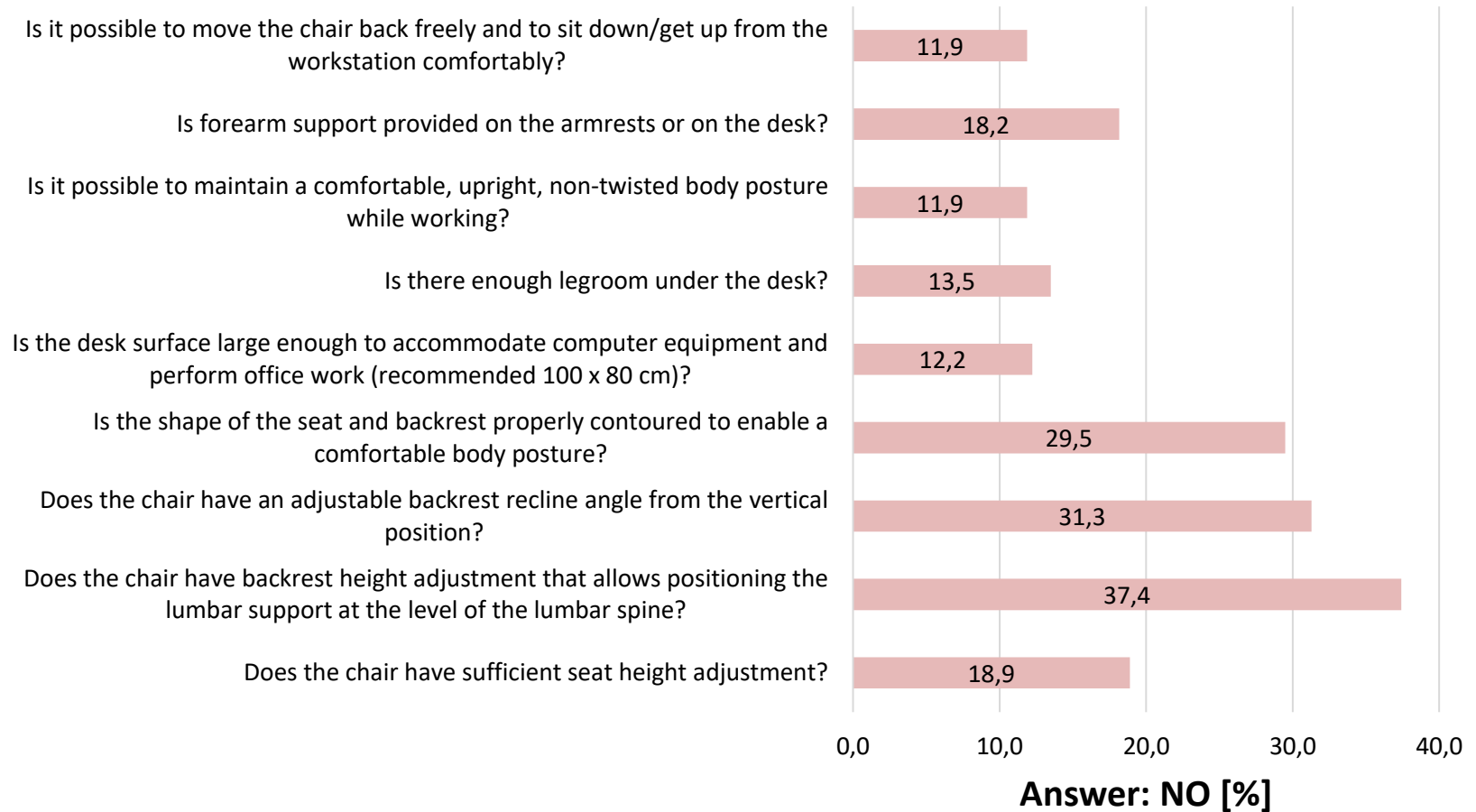


Monitor set too low



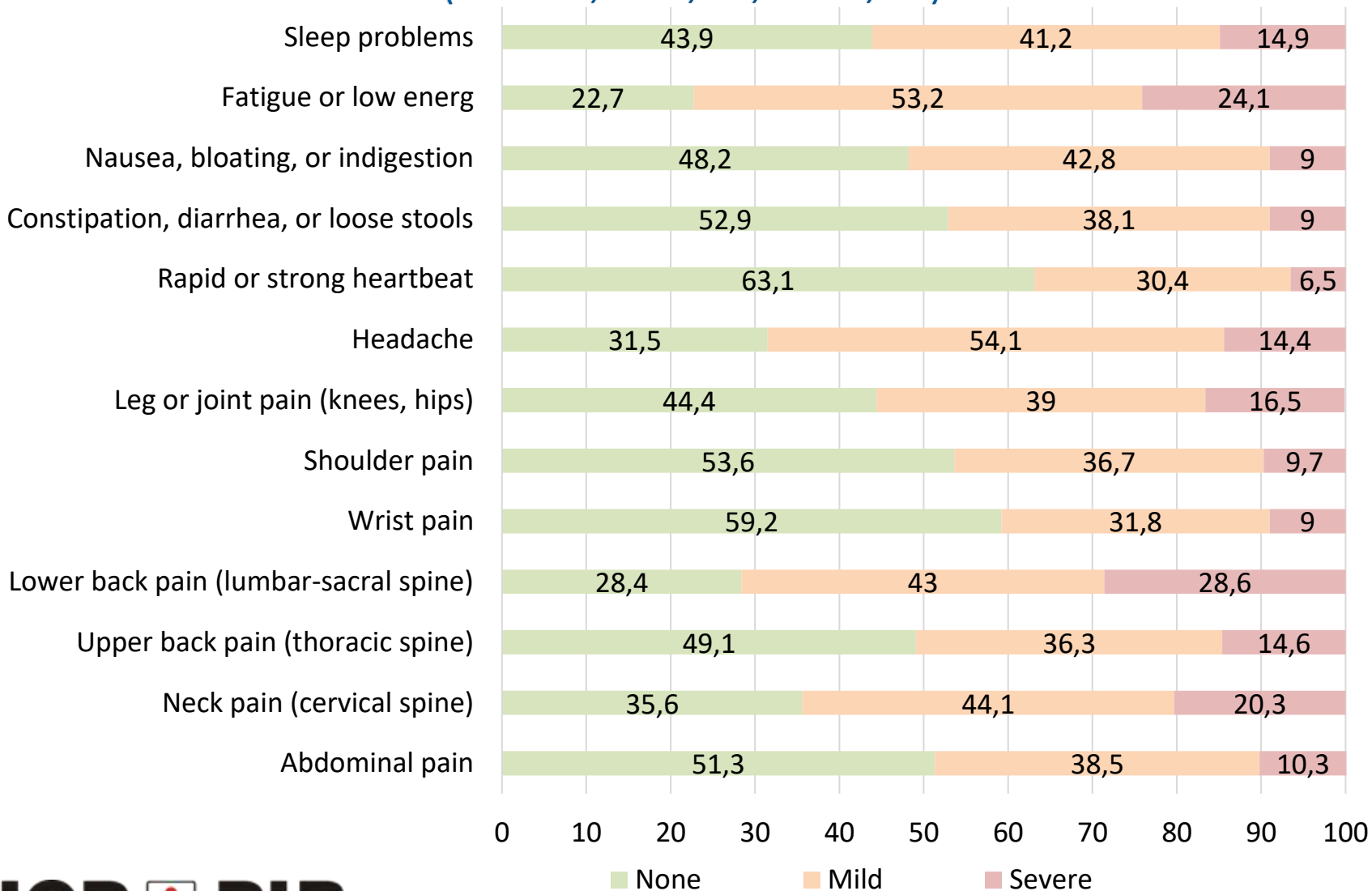
Computer workstation

(N = 556; F-51,1%, M-48,9%)



Symptoms experienced by computer users

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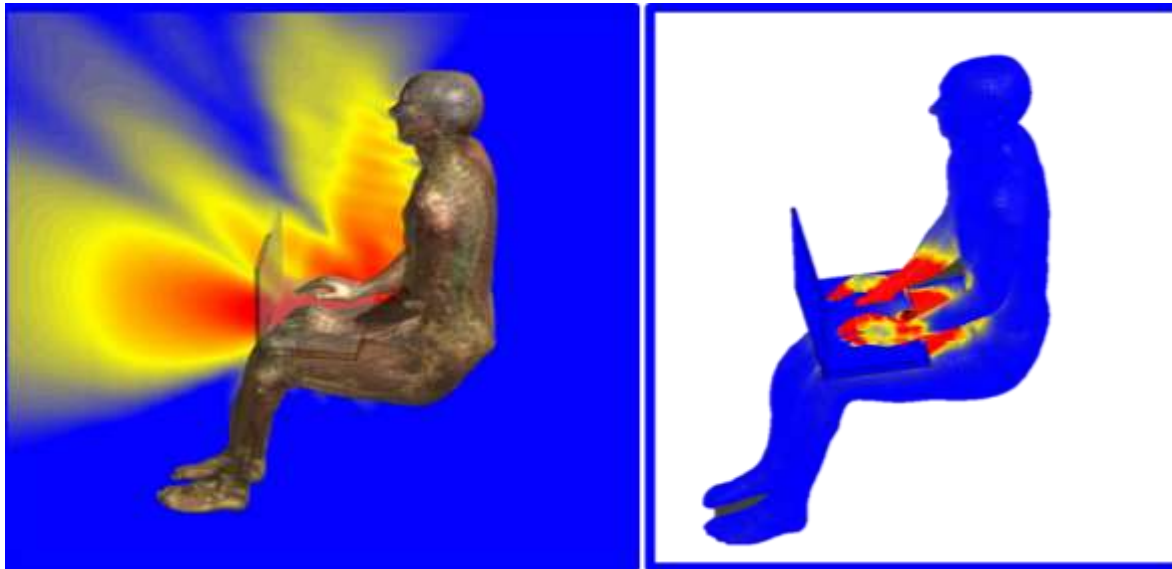


Placing a laptop on the lap (working on a sofa or in bed)

11.5% of users worked for more than 100 minutes a day

12.8% of users worked for 50–99 minutes

12.2% of users worked for 1–49 minutes



EMG and goniometers analysis

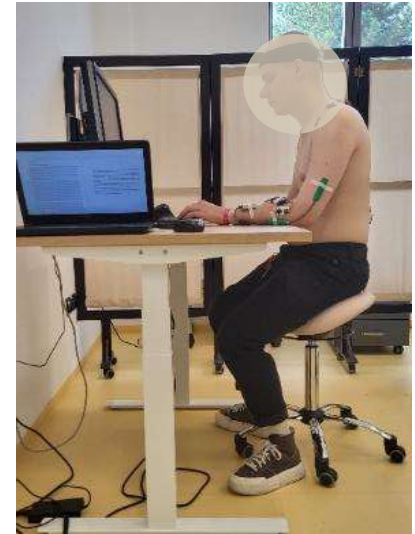
V1 - Free sitting position on an office chair



V2 - Sitting position on an office chair



V3 - Sitting position on a saddle chair



During variant V1 we observed:

- Greater tension in the right and left extensor carpi radialis muscles compared to the other variants
- Lower tension in the right and left trapezius muscles compared to variant V3 (with the use of a saddle chair)
- Greater forward head tilt angle compared to the other variants
- Smallest angles at the right and left elbow joints compared to the other variants

EMG and goniometers analysis

V1 – Free-standing position



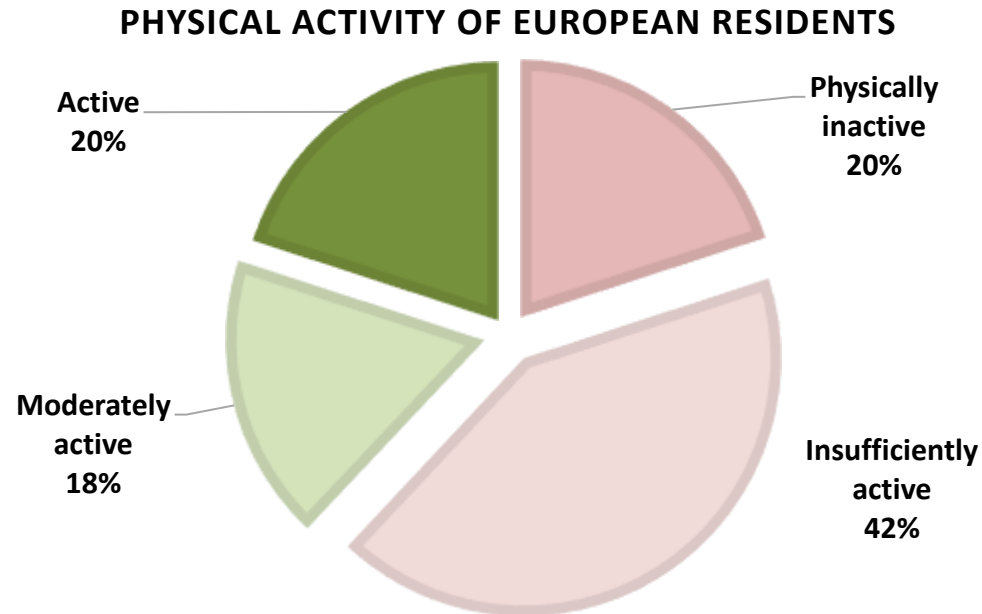
V2 – Standing position



During the free-standing position, we observed:

- Greater tension in the right trapezius muscle
- Lower tension in the right erector spinae muscle
- Reduced forward head tilt

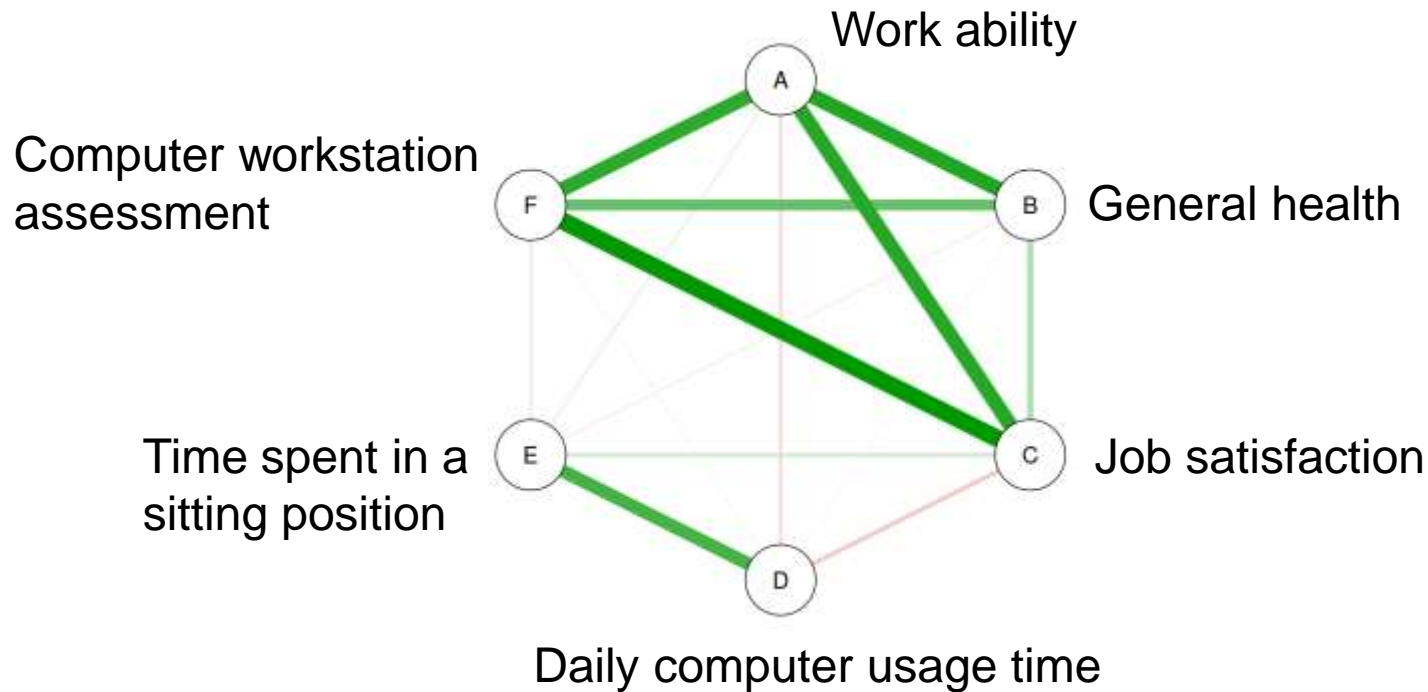
Reducing sedentary lifestyle



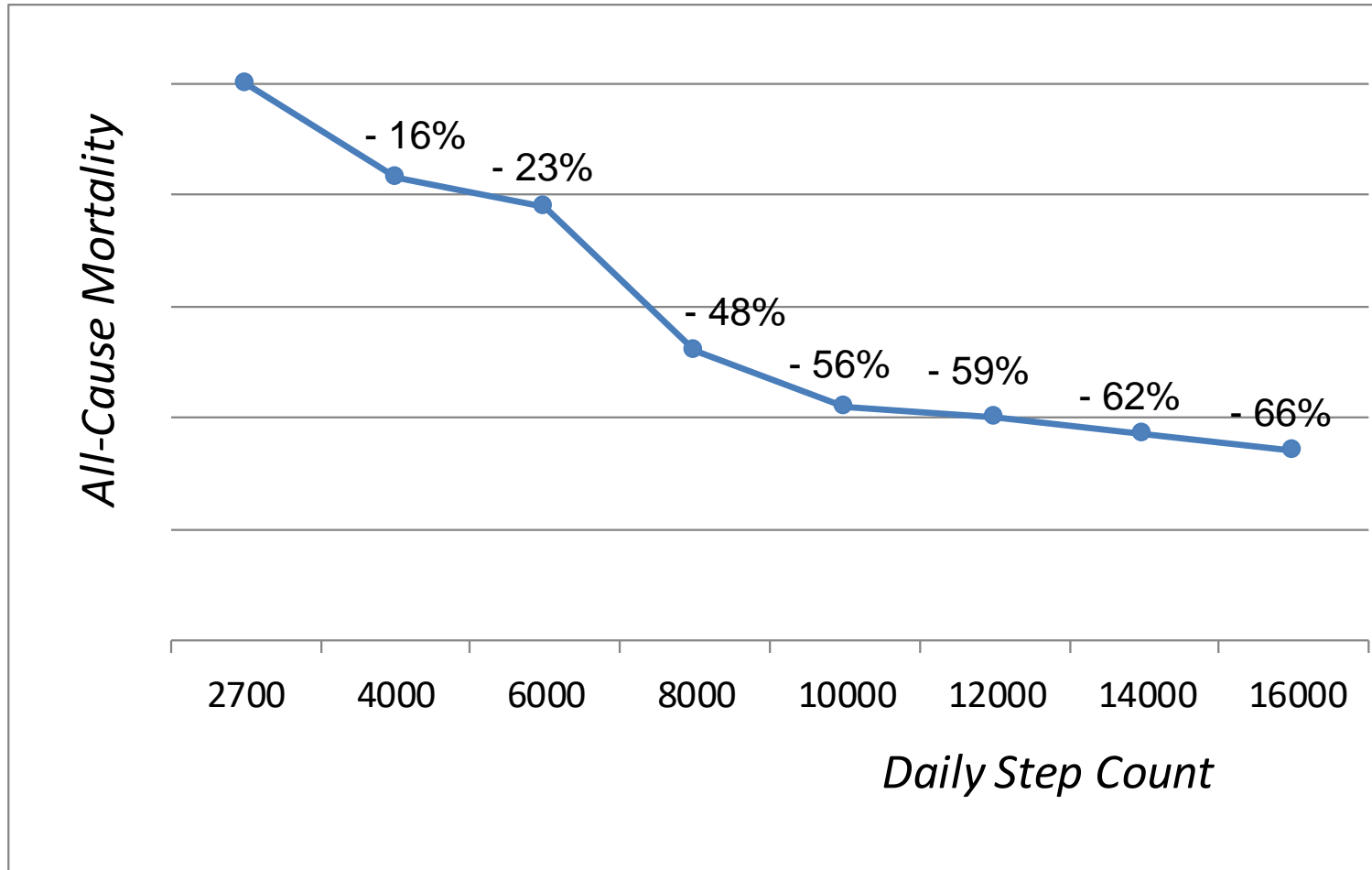
Low physical activity accounts for:

- 21–25% of the burden of breast and colon cancer
- 27% of the burden of type 2 diabetes
- 30% of the burden of ischemic heart disease

Spearman's correlations of selected ergonomic variables with health indicators



Daily Step Count and All-Cause Mortality



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Thank you for your attention

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