

TABLE 1 Cox proportional hazard model

Back pain	Hazard ratios (95% confidence intervals)		
	Crude analysis	Adjusted¹	Adjusted²
No back pain	1.0	1.0	1.0
Disabling back pain	1.4 (1.1-1.8)	1.5 (1.2-1.9)	1.3 (0.99-1.7)
Non-disabling back pain	0.9 (0.8-1.1)	1.0 (0.9-1.1)	0.9 (0.8-1.1)

¹ Adjusted for socio-demographic variables (age; sex; residence; social class; marital status)

² Further adjusted for health-related potential confounding variables (arthritis/rheumatism; use of medication; previous use of general anaesthetic; chest pain; shortness of breath; falls)