

Additional file 1 The assigned values of categorical variables.

| Categorical variables  | Value   |
|--|---------|
| <b>Gender</b>  |         |
| Male   | 0       |
| Female   | 1       |
| <b>Age group (year)</b>  |         |
| 18-30  | 0,0,0,0 |
| 31-45  | 1,0,0,0 |
| 46-60  | 0,1,0,0 |
| 61-75  | 0,0,1,0 |
| More than 75   | 0,0,0,1 |
| <b>Marital status</b>  |         |
| Unmarried  | 0,0     |
| Married or live together   | 1,0     |
| Divorced or widowed  | 0,1     |
| <b>Occupation</b>  |         |
| Large company managers, public institutions, or professional and technical personnel | 1       |
| Small company managers or assistive technicians                                      | 2       |
| Ordinary staff or clerks   | 3       |
| Skilled worker   | 4       |
| Farmers, temporary workers or unemployed individuals                                 | 5       |
| <b>Current residence</b>   |         |
| Urban  | 0       |
| Town or rural area   | 1       |
| <b>Educational attainment (year)</b>   |         |
| Less than or equal to 9  | 0       |
| More than 9  | 1       |
| <b>Are you a caregiver of people with mental illness?</b>                            |         |
| Yes  | 0       |

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|---|---|
| No  | 1 |
| Do you have a family member who has experienced mental illness? |   |
| Yes   | 0 |
| No  | 1 |
| Have you experienced a mental illness?                          |   |
| Yes   | 0 |
| No  | 1 |
| Socioeconomic status  |   |
| Low class   | 1 |
| Medium-low class  | 2 |
| Medium class  | 3 |
| Medium-high class and High class                                | 4 |
| Contact or familiarity with PWMI group                          |   |
| No-contact or familiarity with PWMI at all                      | 1 |
| Contact or familiarity with PWMI                                | 2 |
| All-contact or familiarity with PWMI                            | 3 |

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