**Appendix 1**: Preoperative data in patients who responded to both the preoperative and the one-year postoperative questionnaire (responders) and in those who answered the preoperative but not the one-year postoperative questionnaire (non-responders). Data are shown as means ± SD or proportions (%).

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|  | **Responders** | **Non-Responders** |
|  | n = 9979 | n = 4162 |
| Age (years) | 43.6 ± 10.6 | 40.9 ± 10.1 |
| Body Mass Index (kg/m2) | 26.4 ± 4.2 | 26.8 ± 4.5 |
| Men/Women (%) | 54/46 | 61/39 |
| Smokers (%) | 15 | 22 |
| Numeric Rating Scale (NRS) leg pain | 6.7 ± 2.4 | 6.8 ± 2.4 |
| Numeric Rating Scale (NRS) back pain | 4.7 ± 2.9 | 5.1 ± 2.9 |
| Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) | 48 ± 18 | 49 ± 18 |