

## Additional file 2 Answers to the closed questions of the evaluative questionnaire

**Additional table 1** Results of the evaluative questions about the conference procedure

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly agree	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>I was able to introduce my perspective into the discussion.</b>	0	0.0 %	1	4.2 %	4	16.7 %	9	37.5 %	10	41.7 %
<b>Participants responded to statements of others.</b>	0	0.0 %	0	0.0 %	5	20.8 %	13	54.2 %	6	25.0 %
<b>Participants interrupted each other often.</b>	11	45.8 %	11	45.8 %	2	8.3 %	0	0.0 %	0	0.0 %
<b>Participants constructively worked towards achieving consensus.</b>	0	0.0 %	3	12.5 %	4	16.7 %	13	54.2 %	4	16.7 %
<b>I am satisfied with the result achieved in the small group session.</b>	0	0.0 %	0	0.0 %	2	8.3 %	3	12.5 %	19	79.2 %
<b>I am satisfied with the result achieved in the plenary session.</b>	1	4.2 %	11	45.8 %	4	16.7 %	6	25.0 %	2	8.3 %
<b>The provided information was understandable and helpful.</b>	0	0.0 %	1	4.2 %	4	16.7 %	7	29.2 %	12	50.0 %
<b>After the introduction, content and objectives of the conference were clear to me.</b>	0	0.0 %	3	12.5 %	1	4.2 %	11	45.8 %	9	37.5 %
<b>There was sufficient room for questions.</b>	1	4.2 %	0	0.0 %	0	0.0 %	6	25.0 %	17	70.8 %

**Additional table 2** Results of the questions on the Perspective Taking Scale

	Does not describe me well		Rather does not describe me well		Neutral		Describes me rather well		Describes me well	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
<b>Before criticizing somebody, I try to imagine how I would feel if I were in their place.</b>	0	0.0 %	1	4.2 %	8	33.3 %	5	20.8 %	10	41.7 %
<b>If I'm sure I'm right about something, I don't waste much time listening to other people's arguments.</b>	3	12.5 %	12	50.0 %	4	16.7 %	5	20.8 %	0	0.0 %
<b>I sometimes try to understand my fellows better by imagining how things look from their perspective.</b>	0	0.0 %	3	12.5 %	2	8.3 %	10	41.7 %	9	37.5 %
<b>I believe that there are two sides to every question and try to look at them both.</b>	1	4.2 %	2	8.3 %	4	16.7 %	12	50.0 %	5	20.8 %
<b>I sometimes find it difficult to see things from the "other guy's" point of view.</b>	2	8.3 %	8	33.3 %	5	20.8 %	6	25.0 %	3	12.5 %
<b>I try to look at everybody's side of a disagreement before I make a decision.</b>	0	0.0 %	3	12.5 %	1	4.2 %	9	37.5 %	11	45.8 %
<b>When I'm upset at someone, I usually try to "put myself in his shoes" for a while.</b>	1	4.2 %	7	29.2 %	8	33.3 %	7	29.2 %	1	4.2 %