Table 1. Characteristics of the study participants (N=206)

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Characteristic N %

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Age mean: 33.7 (SD = 4.3), median: 34.5 (range, 22-39)

Gender Female 180 87.4

Male 26 12.6

Education <12 y 86 41.7

>12 y 120 58.3

Marital status Married 102 49.5

Single or divorced 104 50.5

Household size Living alone 45 21.8

Two or more 161 78.2

Having children None 128 62.1

Age < 20 76 36.9

Age > 20 3 1.5

Occupational status Full-time 65 31.6

Part-time 51 24.8

Absence from work 16 7.8

Housemaker 46 22.3

Unemployed 23 11.2

Student 1 0.5

Others 4 1.9

Change in income status after a cancer diagnosis

No change 103 50.0

Decreased 86 41.7

Increased 17 8.3

Change in work and school life after a cancer diagnosis

No change 91 44.2

Work/study hour decreased 20 9.7

Absence from work/school 50 24.3

Left work/school 58 28.1

Changed jobs/schools 22 10.7

Firing 2 1.0

Other 5 2.4

Caring for parents No 192 93.2

Yes 14 6.8

Performance status\* 0 147 71.4

1 52 25.2

2 4 1.9

3 2 1.0

4 1 0.5

Cancer site Uterus 84 40.8

Breast 25 12.1

Thyroid 23 11.2

Ovary 17 8.3

Lymphoma 15 7.3

Leukemia 13 6.3

Intestine/rectum 13 6.3

Other 16 7.8

Age of the first diagnosis <30 111 53.9

>30 95 46.1

Years since diagnosis <1 years 33 16.0

1-5 years 105 51.0

5-10 years 47 22.8

>10 years 21 10.2

Recurrence/metastasis No 164 79.6

Yes 15 7.3

Unknown 27 13.1

Chemotherapy Never 116 56.3

Yes (under/before) 90 43.7

\*Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group criteria