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