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| **Parameter** | **Initial response categories** | **Final response categories** |
| Housing status (Q6) | 1= Owner2= Renter3= With friends / relatives4= Temporary accommodation5= Other (specify) | -> 1= stable-> 1= stable-> 0= unstable-> 0= unstable-> 0 or 1 depending on the participant’s specification |
| Readiness to try XR-BUP (Q40) | 1= Yes, definitely 2= Yes, possibly3= I cannot say at this time4= No, probably not5= No, certainly not | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No, or do not know->0= No, or do not know->0= No, or do not know |
| No longer having to take any tablets (or capsules/syrup) every day (Q38a) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| No longer forgetting to take the tablets (or capsules/syrup) (Q38b) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| The option of taking the medication only once a week/month (Q38c) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| The fact that a subcutaneous injection is involved (only slightly painful) (Q38d) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| No longer having to use heroin/morphine (Q38e) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| Avoiding having to share (or resell) all or part of my prescribed treatment (Q38f) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| No longer worrying about feeling ill if I forget my treatment for a few hours, or if I am unable to take it at the usual time (Q38g) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| No longer feeling the effect of heroin / morphine if I take more of this treatment than I should (Q38h) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| No longer having the option of injecting, snorting or inhaling my treatment (Q38i) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |
| The option of a more "discreet" treatment (one injection a week / month by going to my doctor/ to the centre) as compared to tablets (or capsules, syrup) to be taken at home, with me, every day (Q38j) | 1= Very important2= Important3= Not very important4= Not at all important | ->1= Yes->1= Yes->0= No->0= No |

**Supplemental table= binarization of categorical variables included in the analyses**