**Supplementary material 1:**

**Frailty Index (44-item)**

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| **Demographics-Social** |
| 1. Marital Status
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| 1. VA Service Period
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| 1. VA Service Connection
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| 1. Religion
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| **Medical Conditions** |
| 1. Congestive heart failure
 |
| 1. Peripheral vascular disease
 |
| 1. Coronary disease
 |
| 1. COPD
 |
| 1. Stroke
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| 1. Hypertension
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| 1. Atrial Fibrillation
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| 1. Arthritis
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| 1. Osteoporosis
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| 1. Cancer
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| 1. OSA
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| **N of Medications** |
| 1. > 5
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| **Psychological** |
| 1. Dementia
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| 1. Depression
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| 1. Psychosis
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| 1. Anxiety
 |
| 1. PTSD
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| 1. Alcohol abuse
 |
| 1. Smoking
 |
| 1. Substance Abuse
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| **Laboratories** |
| 1. White blood cells
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| 1. Hemoglobin
 |
| 1. Platelets
 |
| 1. Sodium
 |
| 1. Potassium
 |
| 1. Chloride
 |
| 1. BUN
 |
| 1. GFR
 |
| 1. Glucose
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| 1. CO2
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| **Vitals and Measures** |
| 1. BMI
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| 1. SBP
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| 1. DBP
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| **Functional** |
| 1. Bathing
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| 1. Toileting
 |
| 1. Feeding
 |
| 1. Dressing
 |
| 1. Transferring
 |
| 1. Incontinence
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| **Sensory problems** |
| 1. Hearing loss
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**Supplementary material 2:**

**Table. Patients characteristics stratified by age:**

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|  | **<75 y (n=533)** | **≥75y (n=230)** | **P value** |
| **Age, mean (SD)** | 69.2 (2.6) | 81.5 (5.6) | <.0001 |
| **White, n (%)** | 289 (54.2%) | 144 (62.6%) | .032 |
| **Median Household Income, $ (SD)** | 50,937 (22,792) | 55,877 (26,398) | .009 |
| **BMI, mean (SD)** | 30.8 (5.5) | 27.9 (5.3) | <.0001 |
| **Diabetes with end organ damage, n (%)** | 192 (36.0%) | 55 (23.9%) | .001 |
| **Duration of Diabetes, y (SD)** | 8.3 (5.2) | 10.6 (5.2) | <.0001 |
| **Charlson CI, mean (SD)** | 5.9 (1.8) | 7.2 (1.8) | <.0001 |