

**Supplementary Table 2.** Factors related to attitudes toward withdrawal of nasogastric tube in the clinician

Characteristics	Able to withdraw (N=78)	Unable to withdraw (N=122)	p*
Age distribution (yr)			0.792
20–29 (N=33)	13 (39.4)	20 (60.6)	
30–39 (N=129)	50 (38.8)	79 (61.2)	
40–49 (N=28)	11 (39.3)	17 (60.7)	
50–59 (N=9)	3 (33.3)	6 (66.7)	
≥60 (N=1)	1 (100.0)	0 (0.0)	
Sex			0.664
Male (N=109)	44 (40.4)	65 (59.6)	
Female (N=91)	34 (37.4)	57 (62.6)	
Presence of spouse			0.749
Yes (N=110)	44 (40.0)	66 (60.0)	
No (N=90)	34 (37.8)	56 (62.2)	
Living with older adults (≥65 years)			0.659
Yes (N=23)	8 (34.8)	15 (65.2)	
No (N=177)	70 (39.6)	107 (60.4)	
Living with a person with disability or having disability			0.854
Yes (N=11)	4 (36.4)	7 (63.6)	
No (N=189)	74 (39.2)	115 (60.8)	
Experience of suffering from a disease or an accident (>1 month)			0.045
Yes (N=16)	10 (62.5)	6 (37.5)	
No (N=184)	68 (37.0)	116 (63.0)	
Experience of the household member's suffering from a disease or an accident (>1 month)			0.319
Yes (N=32)	15 (46.9)	17 (53.1)	
No (N=168)	63 (37.5)	105 (62.5)	
Experience of bereavement			0.873
Yes (N=73)	29 (39.7)	44 (60.3)	
No (N=127)	49 (38.6)	78 (61.4)	
Completion of AD (of myself or household member)			0.131
Yes (N=18)	10 (55.6)	8 (44.4)	
No (N=182)	68 (37.4)	114 (62.6)	
Experience of participating in decision making on LST of family member(s)			0.316
Yes (N=18)	9 (50.0)	9 (50.0)	
No (N=182)	69 (37.9)	113 (62.1)	
Clinical position			0.624
Professor (N=70)	30 (42.9)	40 (57.1)	
Fellow (N=36)	12 (33.3)	24 (66.7)	
Resident (N=94)	36 (38.3)	58 (61.7)	
Experience of care for patients with dementia			0.310
Yes (N=109)	46 (42.2)	63 (57.8)	
No (N=91)	32 (35.2)	59 (64.8)	
Experience of care for patients on mechanical ventilator			0.899
Yes (N=140)	55 (39.3)	85 (60.7)	
No (N=60)	23 (38.3)	37 (61.7)	
Experience of care for patients at the intensive care unit			0.287
Yes (N=122)	44 (36.1)	78 (63.9)	
No (N=78)	34 (43.6)	44 (56.4)	
Experience of decision making on LST			0.132
Yes (N=150)	63 (42.0)	87 (58.0)	
No (N=50)	15 (30.0)	35 (70.0)	

Values are presented as number (%). \*Fisher's exact test or Pearson's  $\chi^2$  test for proportions of able to withdraw and unable to withdraw within each characteristics group. AD, Advanced directives; LST, life-sustaining treatment