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**Table SI.** Characteristics for those achieving and not achieving sustainable return-to-work (defined as one month without receiving any medical benefits)

	<b>Return-to work (n=80)</b>	<b>Do not return-to-work (n=81)</b>
<b>Age</b> mean (SD)	44.7 (9.7)	47.0 (9.3)
<b>Women</b> n (%)	63 (79)	63 (78)
<b>Higher education<sup>a</sup></b> n (%)	32 (41)	32 (40)
<b>Main diagnoses for sick-leave (ICPC-2)<sup>b</sup></b> n (%)		
A- general and unspecified	8 (10)	4 (5)
L- musculoskeletal	47 (59)	46 (57)
P- psychological	25 (31)	31 (38)
<b>Length of sick leave at inclusion<sup>b,c</sup></b>		
median days (IQR)	201 (162-251)	224 (177-281)
<b>Pain level, mean (SD)</b>		
Baseline	5.0 (2.1)	4.8 (2.1)
End of program	3.5 (1.6)	4.9 (1.9)
<b>HADS (0-21) mean (SD)</b>		
Baseline		
Anxiety	7.3 (3.8)	8.6 (4.1)
Depression	5.3 (3.8)	6.8 (4.1)
End of program		
Anxiety	6.1 (3.6)	8.3 (3.9)
Depression	4.3 (3.7)	6.4 (3.3)

HADS: hospital anxiety and depression scale

<sup>a</sup> Higher (tertiary) education (College or university)

<sup>b</sup> Based on data in the medical certificate from the National Social Security System Registry

<sup>c</sup> Number of days on sick leave during the last 12 months prior to inclusion. Measured as calendar days, not adjusted for graded sick- leave or part time job