

**ESM Table 1** Characteristics of survey samples

	FEND	PCDE	JENA	Total group
<b>Participation</b>				
Questionnaires distributed	162	49	101	312
Questionnaires returned	162	49	100	311
Questionnaires not filled in	6	4	2	12
Questionnaires analysed	156	45	98	299
<b>Profession</b>				
Nurses	148 (94.9)	4 (8.9)	8 (8.2)	160 (53.5)
Physicians	2 (1.3)	35 (77.8)	75 (76.5)	112 (37.5)
Others	6 (3.8)	6 (13.3)	15 (15.3)	27 (9.0)
<b>Educational background</b>				
Non-university vocational training	57 (37.7)	2 (4.5)	7 (7.3)	66 (22.7)
Bachelor degree	50 (33.1)	10 (22.7)	0	60 (20.6)
Masters degree	17 (11.3)	7 (15.9)	3 (3.1)	27 (9.3)
PhD, MD, etc.	10 (6.6)	25 (56.8)	74 (77.1)	109 (37.5)
Others	17 (13.3)	0	12 (12.5)	29 (10.0)
Age	44.8 (7.5)	47.6 (8.4)	42.9 (9.3)	44.6 (8.4)
Females	142 (92.2)	20 (44.4)	53 (55.8)	215 (73.1)
<b>Country</b>				
Germany	7 (5.6)	0	94 (95.9)	102 (39.2)
Great Britain	21 (16.7)	12 (33.3)	0	33 (12.7)
Netherlands	28 (22.2)	2 (5.6)	0	30 (11.5)
Denmark	21 (16.7)	0	0	21 (8.1)
Norway	12 (9.5)	0	0	12 (4.6)
Sweden	8 (6.3)	2 (5.6)	0	10 (3.8)
Belgium	6 (4.8)	4 (11.1)	0	10 (3.8)

Croatia	3 (2.4)	6 (16.7)	0	9 (3.5)
Others	20 (15.9)	10 (27.8)	4 (4.1)	72 (24.1)
<b>Institution</b>				
Primary-care centre	20 (13.1)	28 (62.2)	39 (40.2)	87 (29.5)
Non-university hospital	62 (40.5)	4 (8.9)	18 (18.6)	84 (28.5)
University or research institution	53 (34.6)	5 (11.1)	26 (26.8)	84 (28.5)
Others	18 (11.8)	0	14 (14.4)	40 (13.6)
Years worked in clinical diabetology	11.2 (7.1)	14.1 (9.3)	8.7 (6.6)	10.7 (7.5)
Course in evidence-based medicine/nursing/healthcare	62 (40.3)	21 (47.7)	56 (57.1)	139 (47.6)

Values are numbers (percentages of respondents) or means (SD). Numbers may not add up to total numbers analysed because of missing values.

FEND = Federation of European Nurses in Diabetes, Annual Conference 2005, PCDE = Primary Care Diabetes Europe, Annual Conference 2005, JENA = Postgraduate Course in Clinical Diabetology at the University of Jena, Germany, 2005.