

**Supplemental Table 1.** Quality of Life Themes and Subthemes

Themes and Subthemes	Illustrative Quotations
<b>Facilitators of Quality of Life</b>	
<i>Faith</i>	"But, thanks to my Lord who lifts me up. I know that one day, my Father will give things again so that I be who I was before. In addition, with the Lord, I feel very different, very happy. Because I do believe in Him. Faith – I never accepted and I know that one day...He will lift me up, slowly, but He will lift me up."/ "Pero gracias a mi Señor que me está levantando. Yo sé que un día mi Padre me da de nuevo las cosas pa'que yo sea lo que era antes. Y con el Señor me siento muy aparte, muy feliz. Porque yo sí creo en El. La fe yo -- yo nunca la quise y yo sé que algún día... Él me va a levantar. Despacio, pero me va a levantar." (P161, male, severe TBI, 11 months post)
<i>Hopeful in Recovery</i>	"I feel good, what they have done to me in the hospital, everything has been successful and will always be...will continue to be that way."/ "me siento bien, lo que me han hecho en el hospital todo ha salido como un éxito y siempre va a ser -- va a seguir siendo así." (P575, male, severe TBI, 7 months post)
<i>Empathy for Others</i>	"We give life and things more importance. Everything around us ...and to better understand the pain of others. Because we already lived it."/ "Le damos más importancia a la vida y a las cosas. Todo lo que nos rodea. Y entender más el dolor de los demás. Porque ya lo hemos vivido." (P343, male, mild TBI, 21 months post)
<i>Support from Others</i>	"I'm in a group of people with disabilities, and we support each other. All Mexican and we don't receive any help. We do everything for each other. That's how we all move forward."/ "Estoy en grupo de incapacitados y nos apoyamos mutuamente. Puro mexicano y que no nos recibimos ayuda en nada. Todo lo hacemos por nosotros. Así salimos adelante entre todos." (P261, male, moderate TBI, 19 months post)
<b>Barriers to Quality of Life</b>	
<i>Symptoms/ Consequences of Injury</i>	"Memory. That's where I think it most affected me. Because I do one thing or I am in a place and awhile later I don't remember what I did or where I was. That's where I believe I was most affected."/ "la memoria. Eso es donde -- yo creo me afecto más. Porque hago una cosa o estoy en un lugar y al rato ya no me acuerdo en donde que hice o en donde estuve. En eso fue en donde me afecto yo creo más." (P050, male, moderate TBI, 11 months post)
<i>Employment/ Financial Changes</i>	"My economic situation...is what I feel bad about...it change my entire life."/ "En la economía, en lo que me siento mal...cambio mi vida completa." (P605, male, mild TBI, 6 months post)
<i>Loss of Independence</i>	"I used to do my things, I fixed my suitcase, I went out, I went in, I went, I came, I was independent and now I don't...It's serious because now I depend [on others]"/ "yo solía hacer mis cosas, yo arreglaba mi maleta, yo salía, yo entraba, yo iba, yo venía, era independiente y ahora no...es grave eso porque ahora dependo." (P335, female, mild TBI, 20 months post)
<i>Fear/ Uncertainty</i>	"I worry more than before."/ "me preocupo más... que antes." (P515, male, mild TBI, 6 months post)
<i>Stigma and Shame</i>	"I have more shame, right, since the people who knew me since they saw me. It has affected me a little. "/ "Como que ya tengo más vergüenza, verdad, desde que gente que me conocía desde que me ven. En eso un poco me ha afectado." (P154, male, moderate TBI, 7 months post)
<i>Lack of Medical Care</i>	"I need another surgery and I'm not 100%. But if I had another surgery, I would already feel 100%."/ "Me falta otra cirugía y digo que no estoy al 100% pero si me hicieran otra cirugía, si ya me sentiría al 100%." (P575, male, severe TBI, 7 months post)
<i>Decreased Social Integration</i>	"I don't go out, I don't do anything. I'm only in the house."/ "no salgo, no hago nada. Solo estoy en la casa." (P616, male, moderate TBI, 6 months post)

**Supplemental Table2.** Self-Concept Themes and Subthemes

Themes and Subthemes	Illustrative Quotations
<b>Maintained Self</b>	
<i>Same Person</i>	"Nothing has changed, as I see myself. Nothing has changed. Well, I feel that I see myself the same. I feel the same."/ "Nada ha cambiado. Ya como me ve. Nada ha cambiado. Pues yo me siento que me miro igual. Me siento igual." (P423, male, mild TBI, 8 months post)
<i>Same Person despite physical changes</i>	"I am the same person as before. I see myself like before. I see myself walking but with a wheelchair."/ "Yo soy la misma persona como antes. Me miro como antes. Me miro caminando, pero en cuatro llantas." (P261, male, moderate TBI, 19 months post)
<b>Loss of Self</b>	
<i>Different Person – % different</i>	"I feel different. Yes, like before [I was] 100%, now I feel like 70% - 80%."/ "Me siento diferente. Sí, como antes un cien por ciento, ahora me siento como un setenta por ciento y ochenta por ciento." (P515, male, mild TBI, 6 months post)
<i>Different Person – physically different</i>	"It [the TBI] has affected....I can't walk very fast. I'm also getting fat."/ "Me ha afectado en como le digo ya que... me -- no puedo caminar bien rápido. también estoy engordando." (P557, male, severe TBI, 6 months post)
<i>Different Person – cognitively/ emotionally different</i>	"Emotionally. Yes, I am different because something will affect me emotionally fast. For example, when I am here I want to cry or something. Quickly it makes things worse for myself. I quickly feel very sensitive....very sensitive."/ "Emocionalmente. Sí, soy diferente porque emocionalmente rápido - me afecta alguna cosa...Por ejemplo cuando estoy aquí, hay que yo quiero llorar o algo. Sí, yo rapidito...Me perjudica emocionalmente. Rápido me siento muy sensible. Muy sensible." (P217, female, mild TBI, 6 months post)
<i>Gender Role Conflict</i>	"I'm not the man I was before. Waiting for my wife to take care of me because it has 100% affected my life."/ "No soy hombre que era antes. Esperando a que mi mujer me mantenga porque...afecto a mi vida un 100%." (P161, male, severe TBI, 11 months post)
<i>Loss of Self-Worth</i>	"Like right now...I don't feel like I'm anything. I feel, who knows, like I'm worthless." / "Como que ahorita ya no -- pos como que no soy nada, no. Me siento, quien sabe, como que no valgo nada." (P050, male, moderate TBI, 11 months post)
<i>Total Loss</i>	"A great loss."/ "Una gran pérdida." (P615, male, mild TBI, 12 months post)