**S2 Table. Numbers and percentages to responses and scored components of the modified Vulnerable Elders Survey [15]**

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| **Question** | **Response** | **N (%)** | **Score component** | **Scoring algorithm** | **Scores** | **N (%)** |
| Age  | 65-7475-84>85 | 383 (67)164 (28)33 (5) | Age | 1 point for age 75-843 points for age >85 | 0 13 | 384 (67)164 (28)33 (5) |
| Health self-assessment | PoorFairGoodVery good or ExcellentDon’t know | 44 (7)183 (32)213 (38)92 (15)49 (7) | Health(Missing=49) | 1 point for ‘fair’ or ‘poor’ | 0 1 | 305 (57)227 (43) |
| What is your average difficulty with the following activities: | Physical activity(Missing=3) | 1 point each for ‘a lot’ or ‘unable to do’; maximum of 2 points | 012 | 418 (73)68 (12)92 (15) |
| Stooping, crouching or kneeling | NoneA little SomeA lotUnable to doNo answer | 255 (44)156 (27)100 (18)52 (8)18 (3)0 (0) |
| Lifting or carrying objects as heavy as 5 kilos? | NoneA little SomeA lotUnable to doNo answer | 329 (57)79 (13)60 (11)49 (8)60 (10)4 (1) |
| Writing or handling and grasping small objects? | NoneA little SomeA lotUnable to doNo answer | 463 (81)76 (12)21 (4)16 (3)5 (1)0 (0) |
| Walking a half of a kilometer | NoneA little SomeA lotUnable to doNo answer | 368 (62)75 (14)46 (9)60 (11)31 (4)1 (0) |
| Heavy housework such as scrubbing floors or washing windows | NoneA little SomeA lotUnable to doNo answer | 351 (59)101 (18)39 (7)35 (7)34 (5)21 (4) |
| Because of your health or a physical condition, do you have any difficulty: | Needing help | 4 points for one or more responses indicating either ‘help’ with the activity or the activity was not done because of health reasons. | 04 | 478 (84)103 (16) |
| Shopping for personal items (like medications or toilet items)?  | YesNoDon’t doDeclined to answer | 61 (10)390 (67)130 (23)0 (0) |
| If yes, do you get help with shopping? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 59 (94)2 (6)0 (0) |
| If you don’t shop, is that because of your health? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 37 (26)93 (74)0 (0) |
| Managing money (like keeping track of expenses or paying bills)?  | YesNoDon’t doDeclined to answer | 33 (4)475 (83)73 (13)0 (0) |
| If yes, do you get help with managing money? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 30 (87)3 (13)0 (0) |
| If you don’t manage your money, is that because of your health? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 18 (19)55 (81)0 (0) |
| Walking across the room? *Use of cane or walker is okay.* | YesNoDon’t doDeclined to answer | 19 (2)562 (98)0 (0)0 (0) |
| If yes, do you get help with walking? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 13 (60)6 (40)0 (0) |
| If you can’t walk across the room, is that because of your health? | YesNoDeclined to answer | N/A |
| Bathing or showering?  | YesNoDon’t doDeclined to answer | 15 (2)565 (98)1 (0)0 (0) |
| If yes, do you get help with bathing or showering? | YesNoDeclined to answer | 15 (100)0 (0)0 (0) |
| If you can’t bathe or shower, is that because of your health?  | YesNoDeclined to answer | 1 (100)0 (0)0 (0) |