**Supplementary Table 6.** Arguments in support of prioritising those with a pre-existing illness or disability

(group B) and dividing the budget equally between this group and another group that will be left chronically

ill/disabled after treatment (group C), by questionnaire version: Percentages agreeing and 95% confidence

intervals.

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| Arguments comparing groups B and C (Scenario 2) | Percentage scoring the argument 5-7 (persuasive) | | Diff(V1-V2)  (95% CI) |
| V1 (*n* = 34) | V2 (*n* = 32) |
| *Argument in favour of group B* |  |  |  |
| (r) Group B will be returned to what is ‘normal health’ for them - what they are used to. | 0.18 | 0.44 | 0.261  (0.0175 to 0.4714) |
| *Arguments in favour of equal division* |  |  |  |
| (s) In both groups, treatment will prevent people from dying and allow them to live for another 55 years with a quality of life at 55% of full health. Therefore both groups should be treated equally. | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.0055  (-0.1687 to 0.1856) |
| (t) The past cannot be changed. We should focus on preventing present and future suffering. Since present and future suffering is the same for the two groups they should be treated equally. | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.0055  (-0.1687 to 0.1856) |