Table 1

*Distribution of participants according to the significance attributed to work*

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| Significance accorded to work | % |
| *Definition of work (1 item)* |  |
| Feeling of belonging and social usefulness | 54.7 |
| Enjoyable activity | 35.8 |
| Inconvenient and rather disagreeable activity | 9.5 |
| *Representation of work (5 profiles)* |  |
| Contribution to the community, feeling of belonging, chance to learn and evolve | 37.8 |
| Carried out in a precise and stable context | 27.6 |
| Mentally demanding | 12.2 |
| Carried out under someone else’s supervision | 12.2 |
| Being accountable | 10.2 |
| *Disagreeable aspects of work (4 profiles)* |  |
| Feeling useless | 38.0 |
| Working under pressure | 26.0 |
| Not having a feeling of belonging | 18.0 |
| Feeling incompetent | 18.0 |
| *Meaningless work (3 profiles)* |  |
| Precarious work conditions | 48.0 |
| No demands made on their skills | 29.0 |
| Useless and repetitive, with no effort required | 23.0 |

Note. For the six definitions of work, seldom chosen answers were grouped with other answers that they resembled.