Argentina



Country report card - children

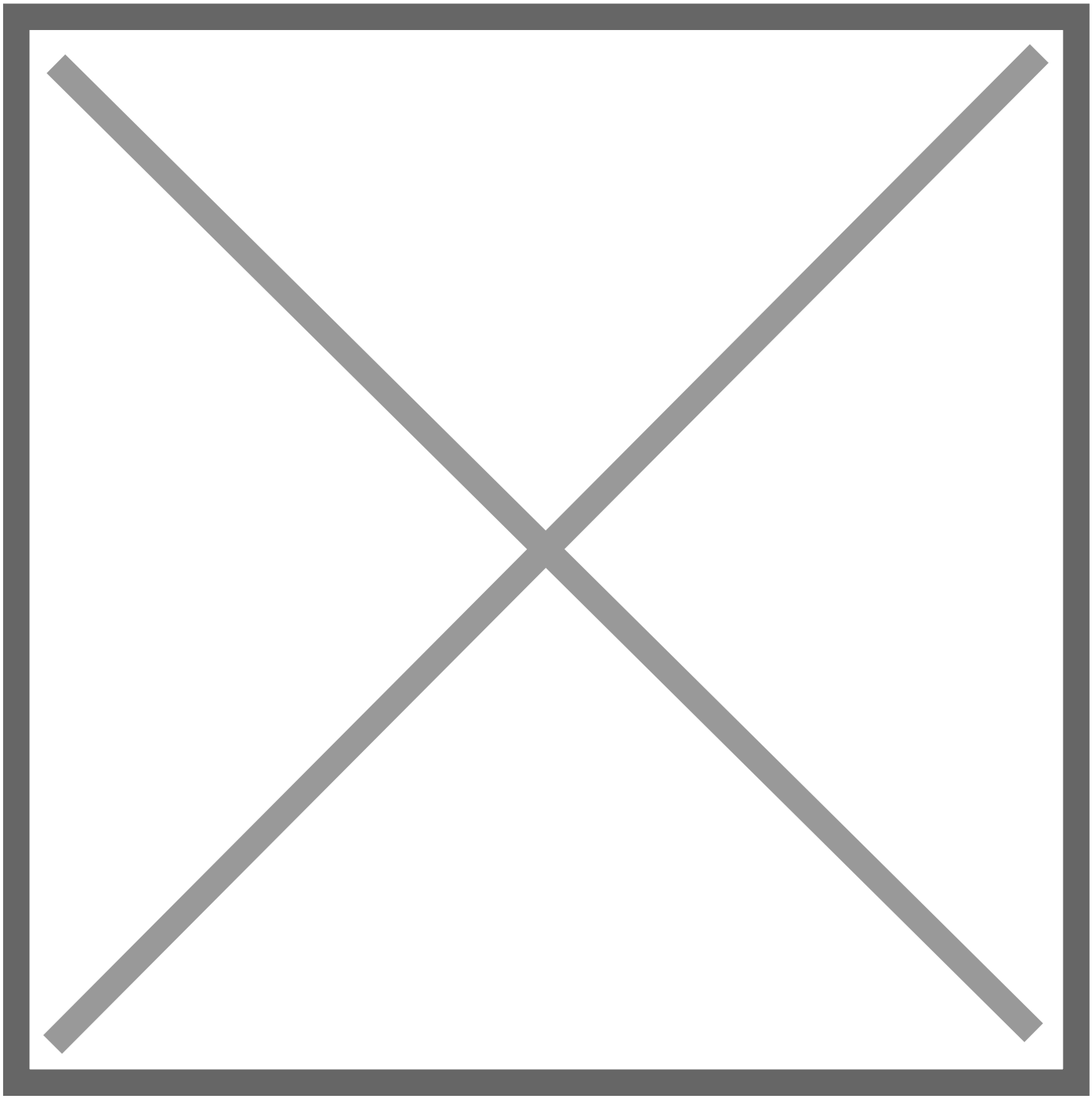
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children, including adolescents (aged 5 to 18 years). Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at https://data.worldobesity.org/country/argentina-7/.

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Obesity prevalence

Children, 2018-2019

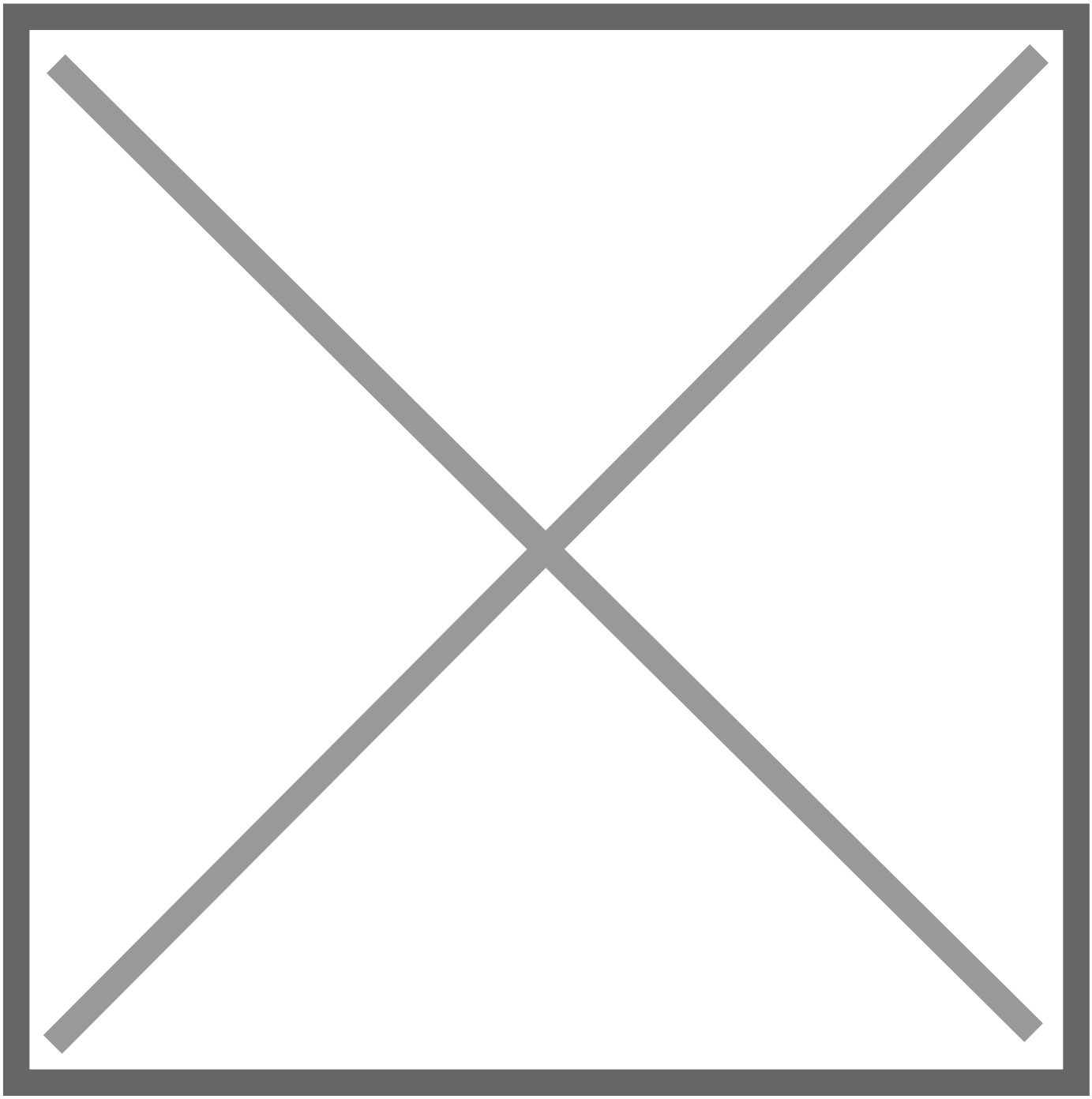


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% Children (aged 13-15) living with overweight or obesity 2007-2018

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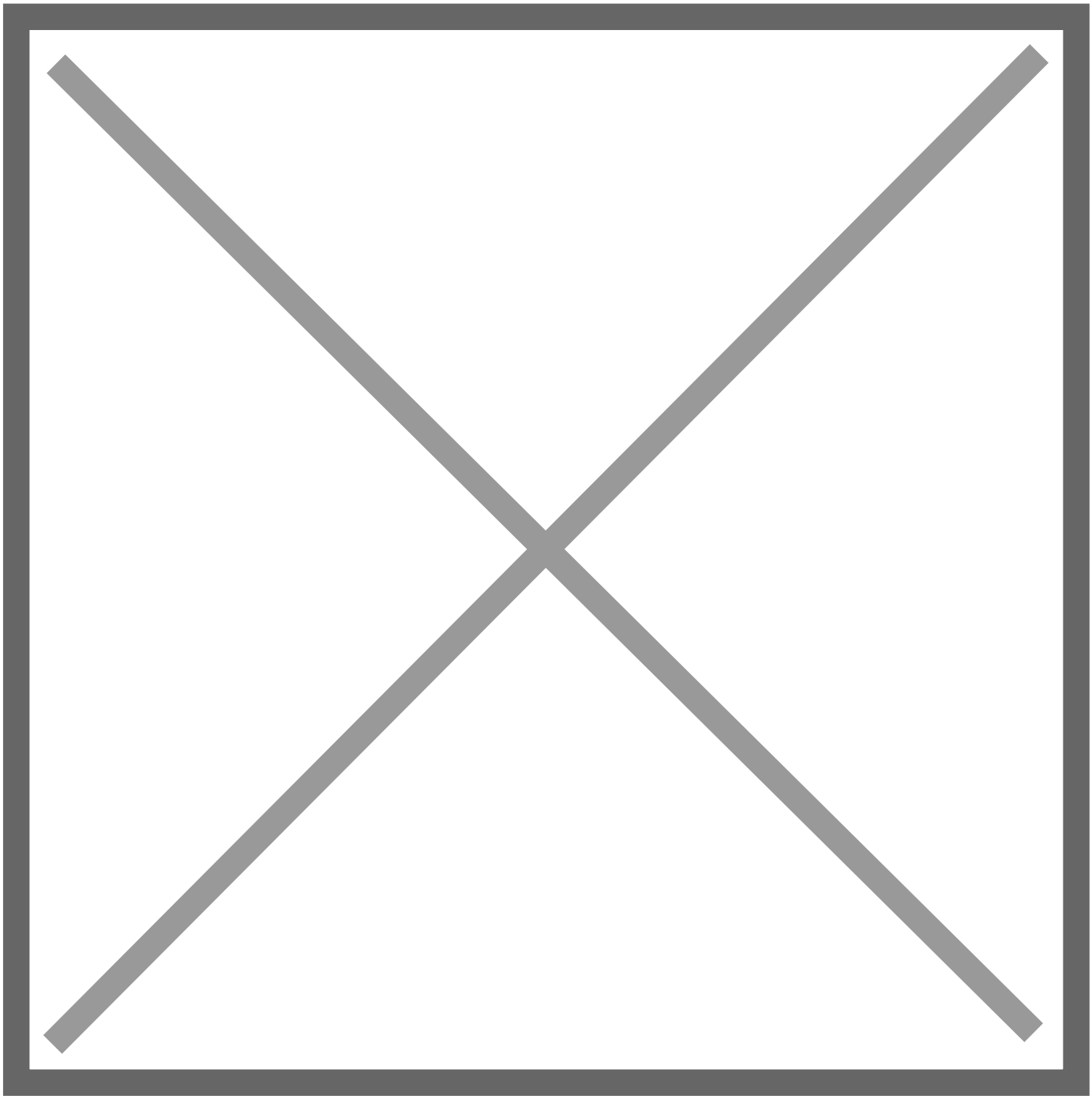


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Girls

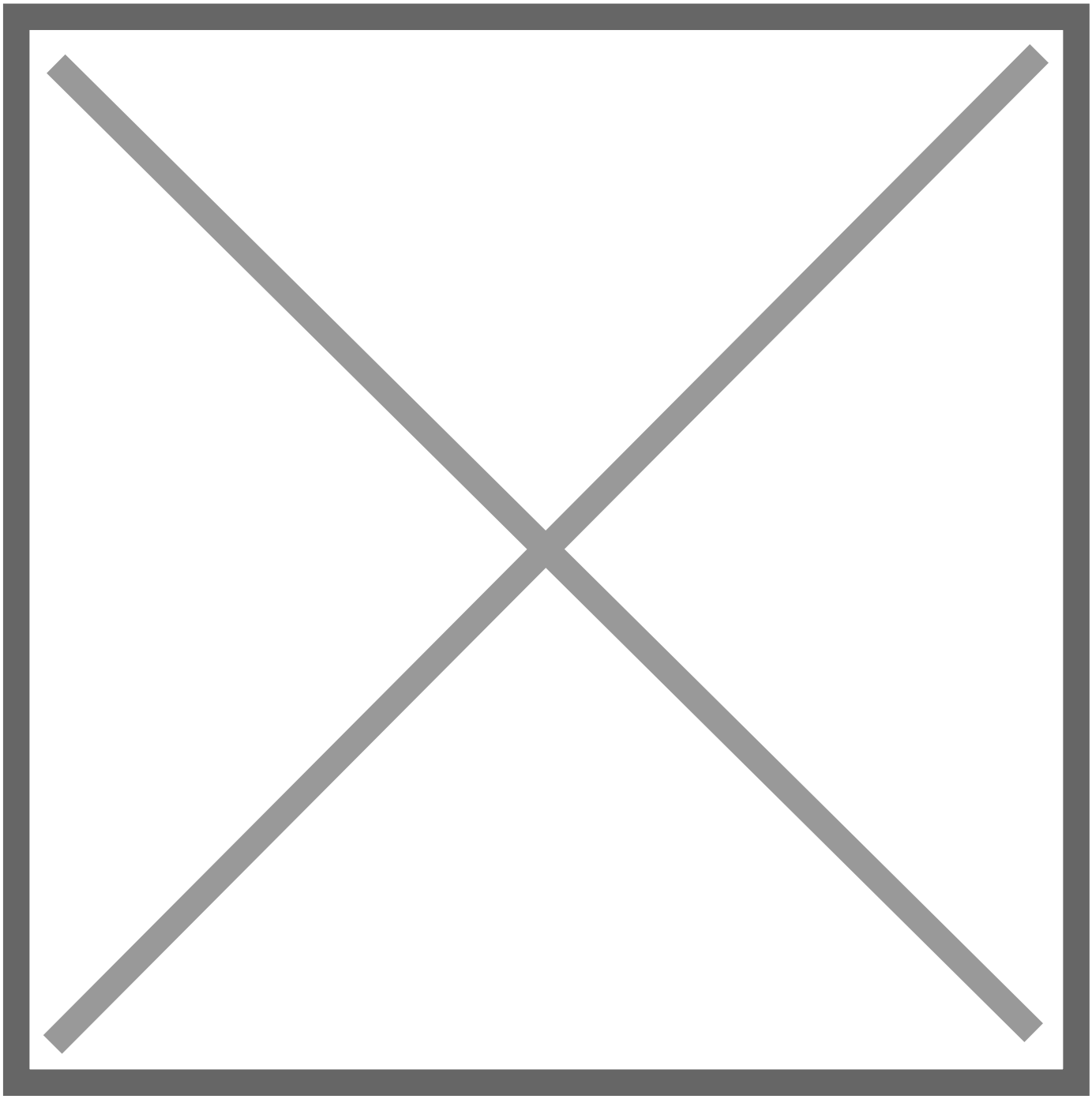


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Boys and girls



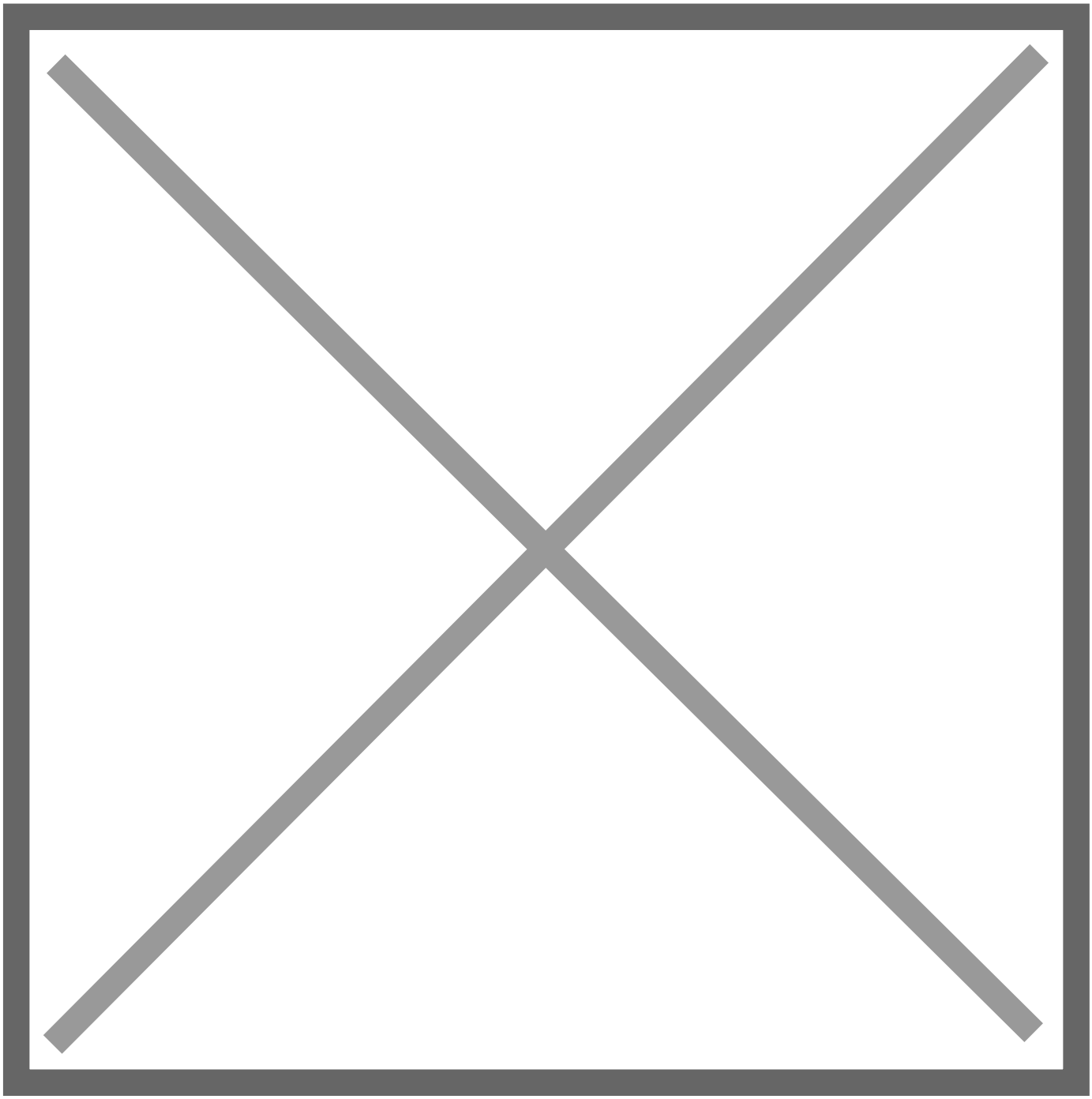
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Overweight/obesity by education

Children, 2018-2019

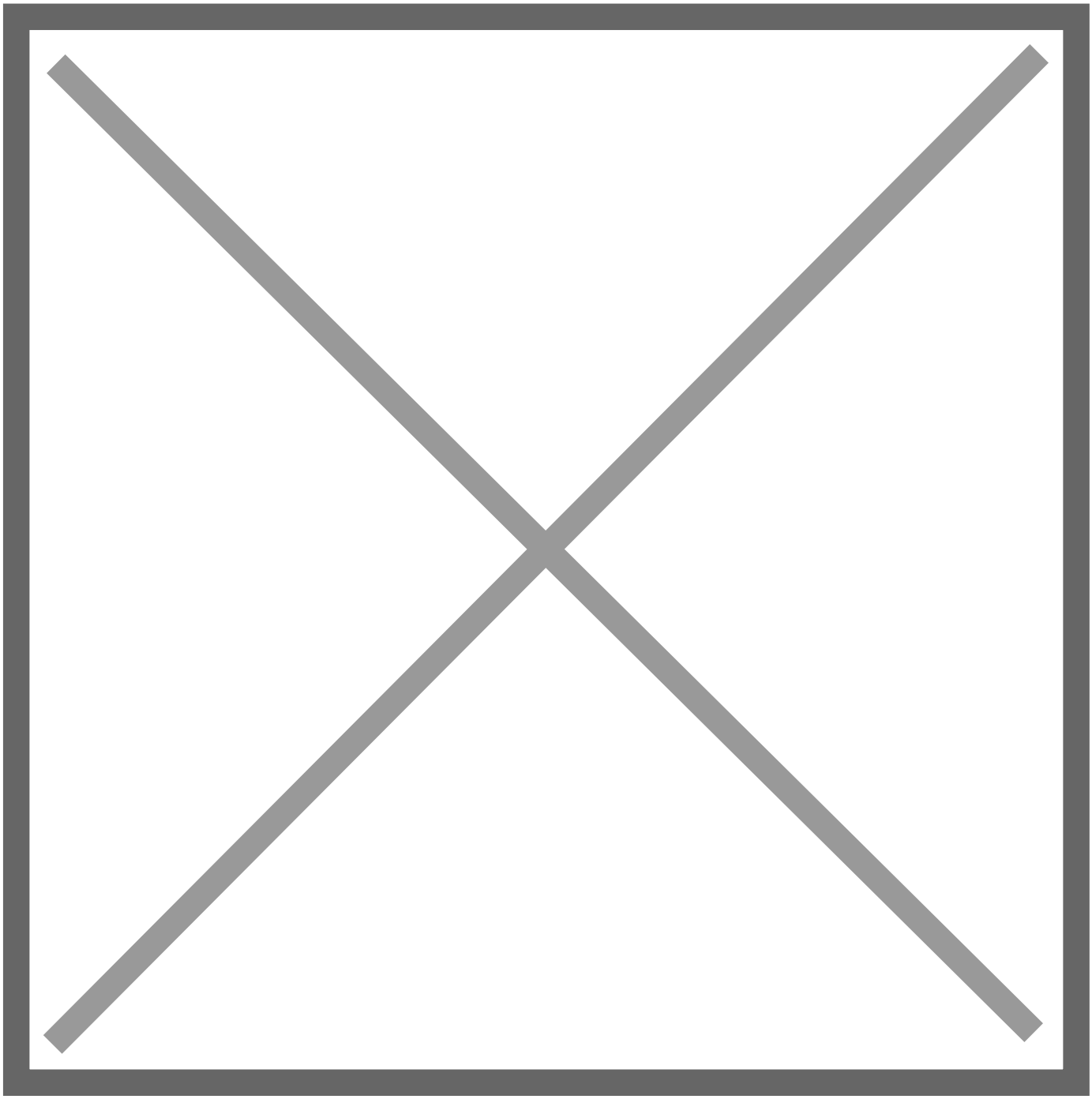


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Definitions:	Education level of the head of household
Cutoffs:	WHO 2007

Overweight/obesity by age

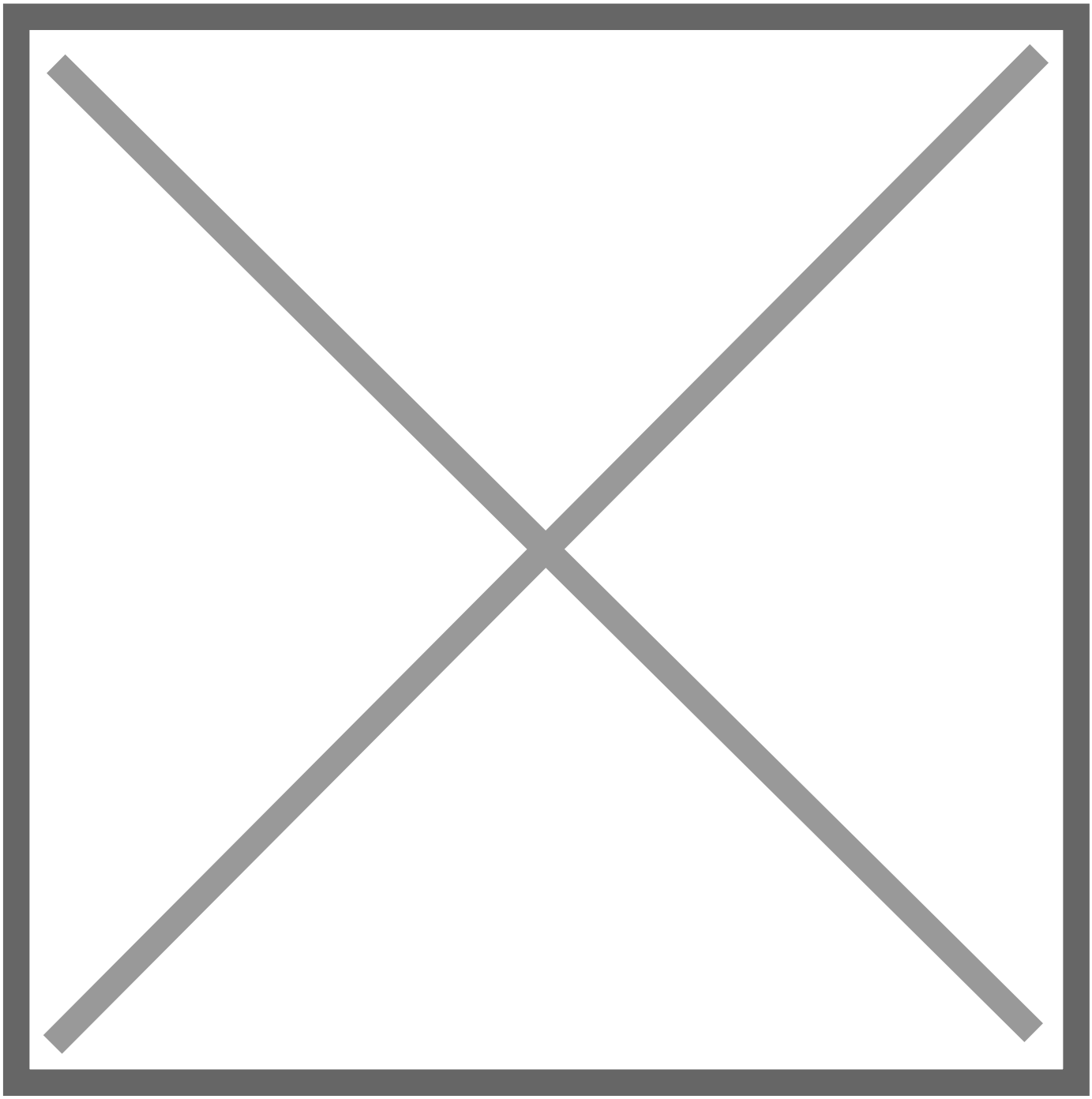
Children, 2018



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Cutoffs:	WHO 2007

Overweight/obesity by region

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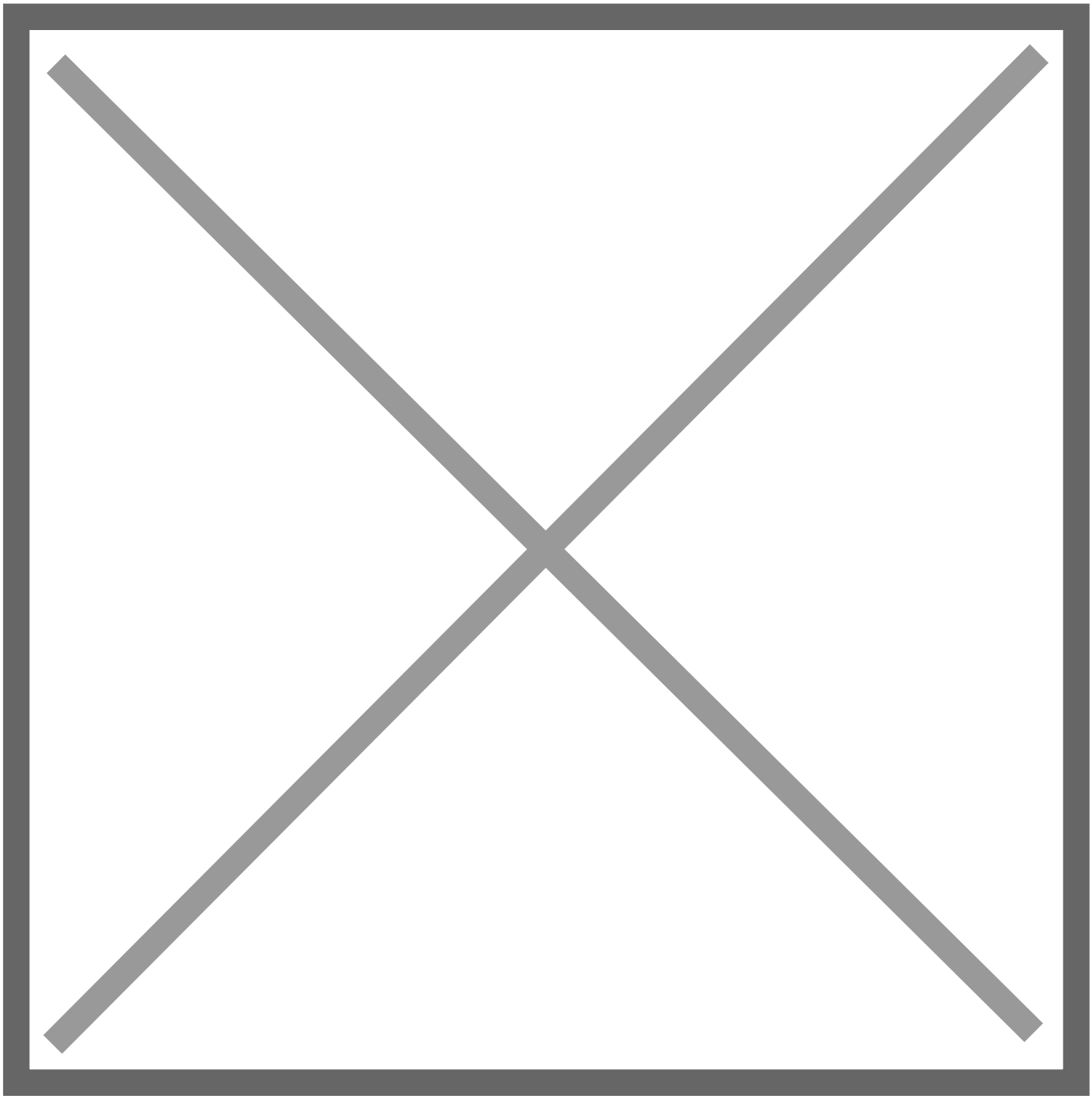


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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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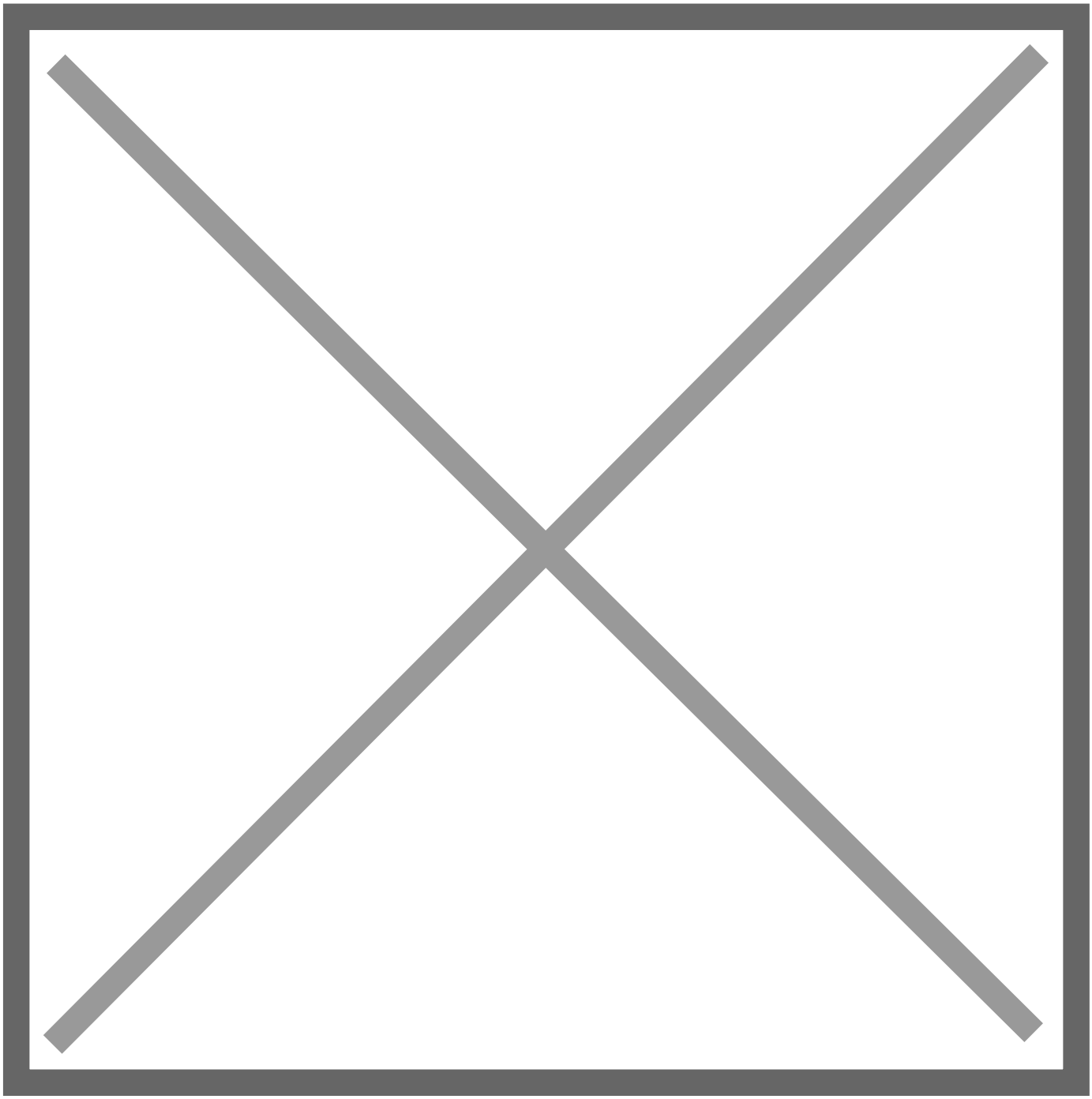


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Double burden of underweight & obesity

Children, 2022

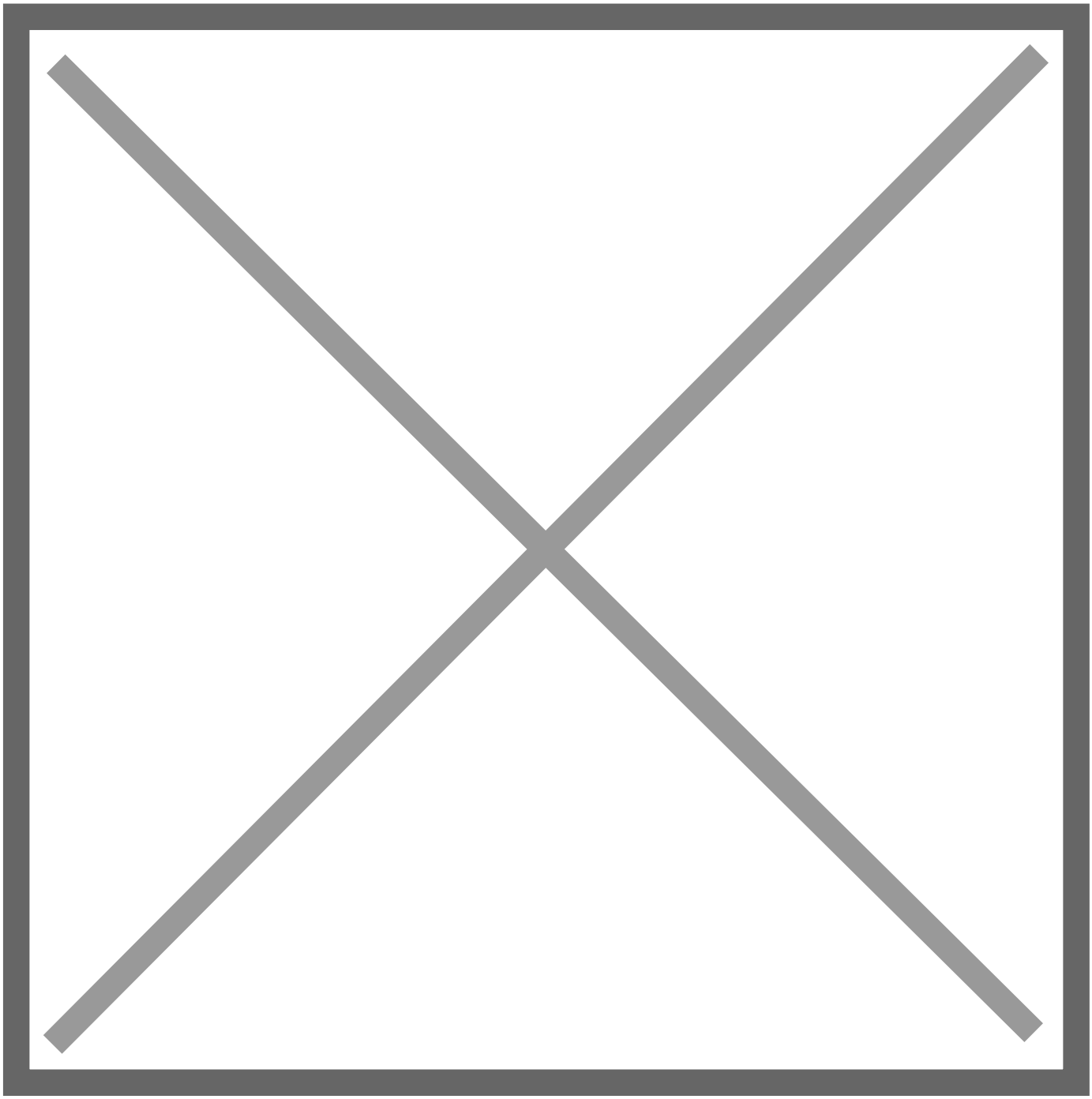


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Notes:	Age standardised estimates

Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD (double burden of thinness and obesity)
Cutoffs:	BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD

Insufficient physical activity

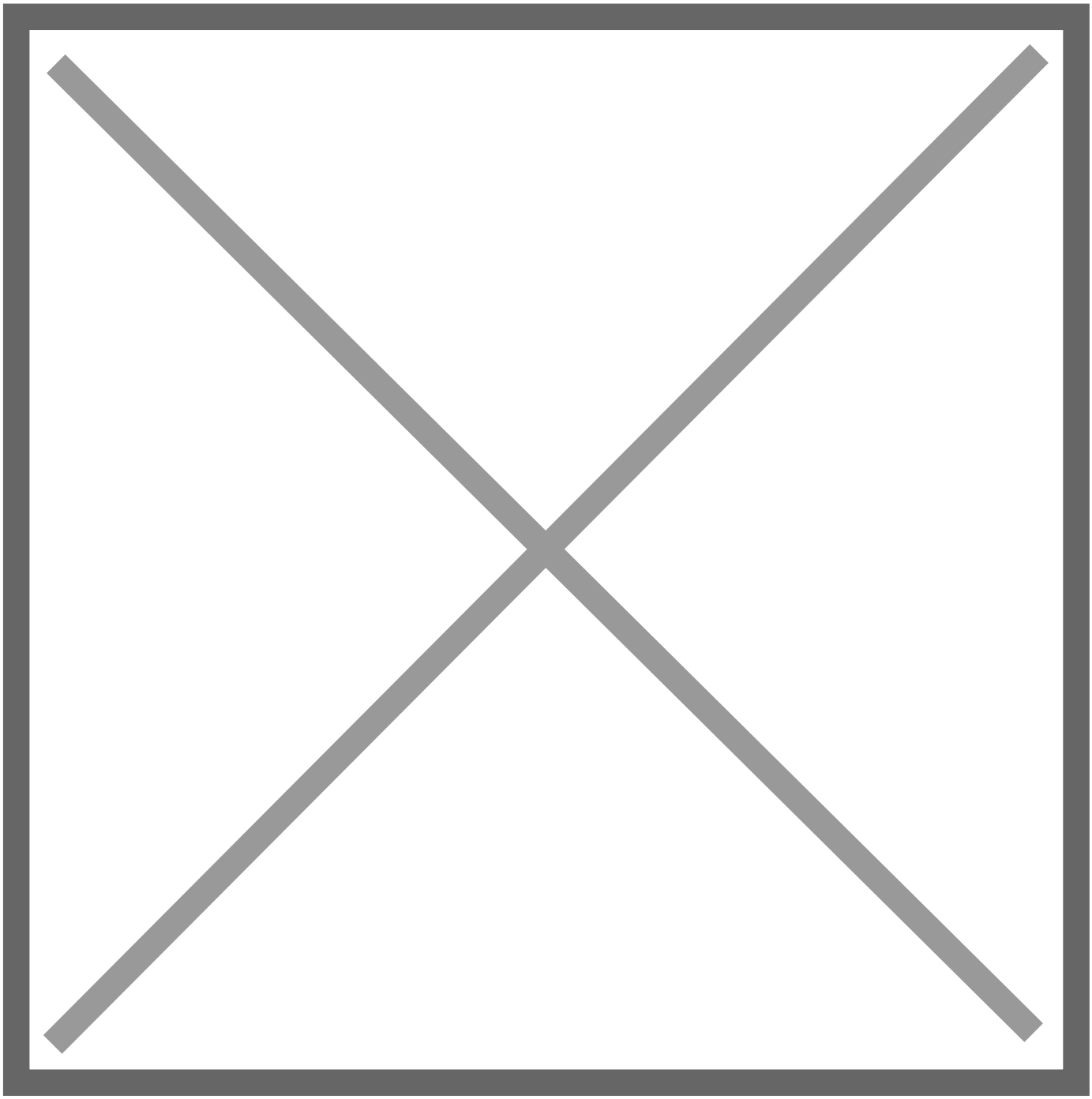
Children, 2016



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	11-17
References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en (last accessed 16.03.21)
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Definitions:	% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

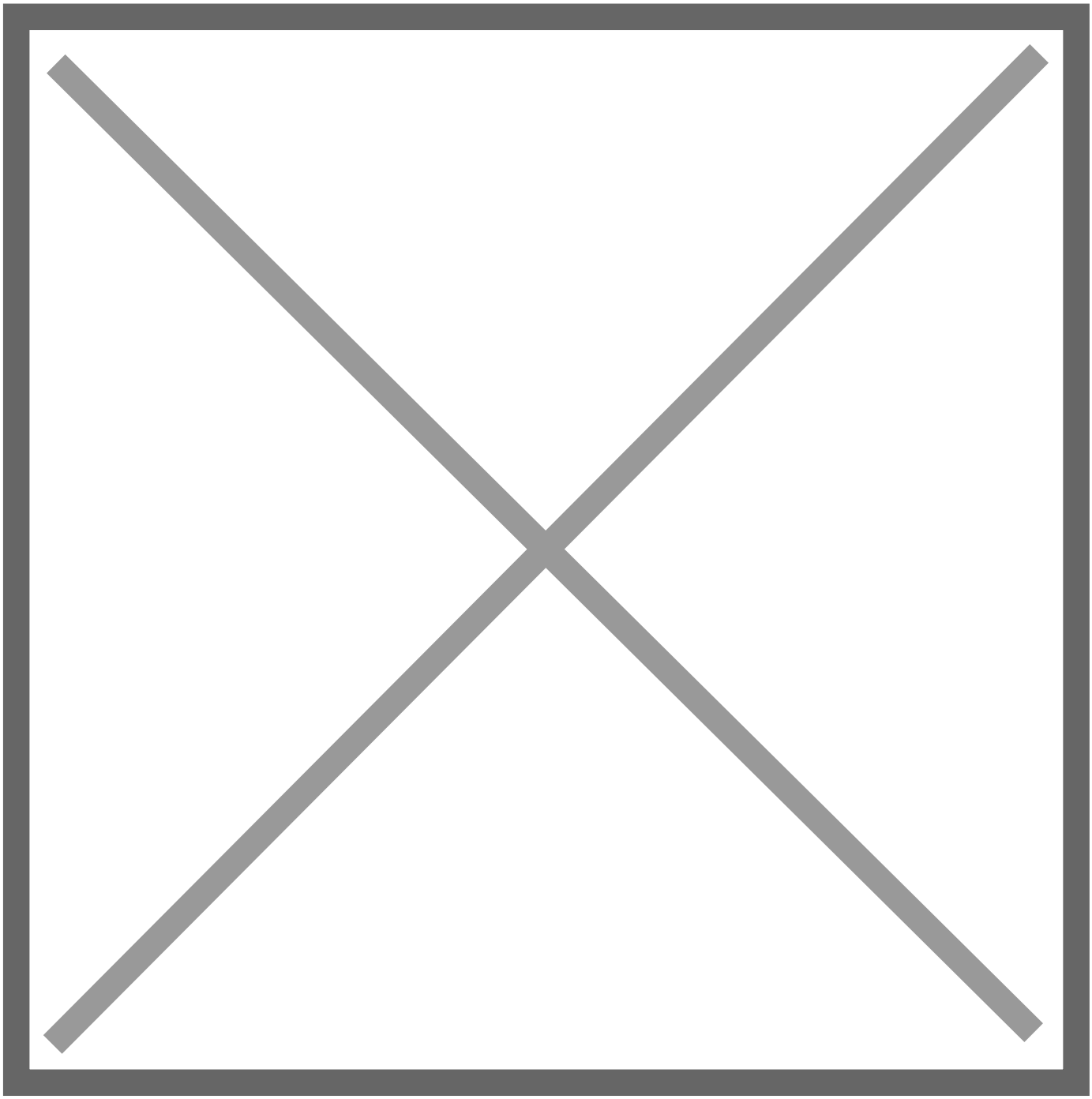
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Girls, 2016

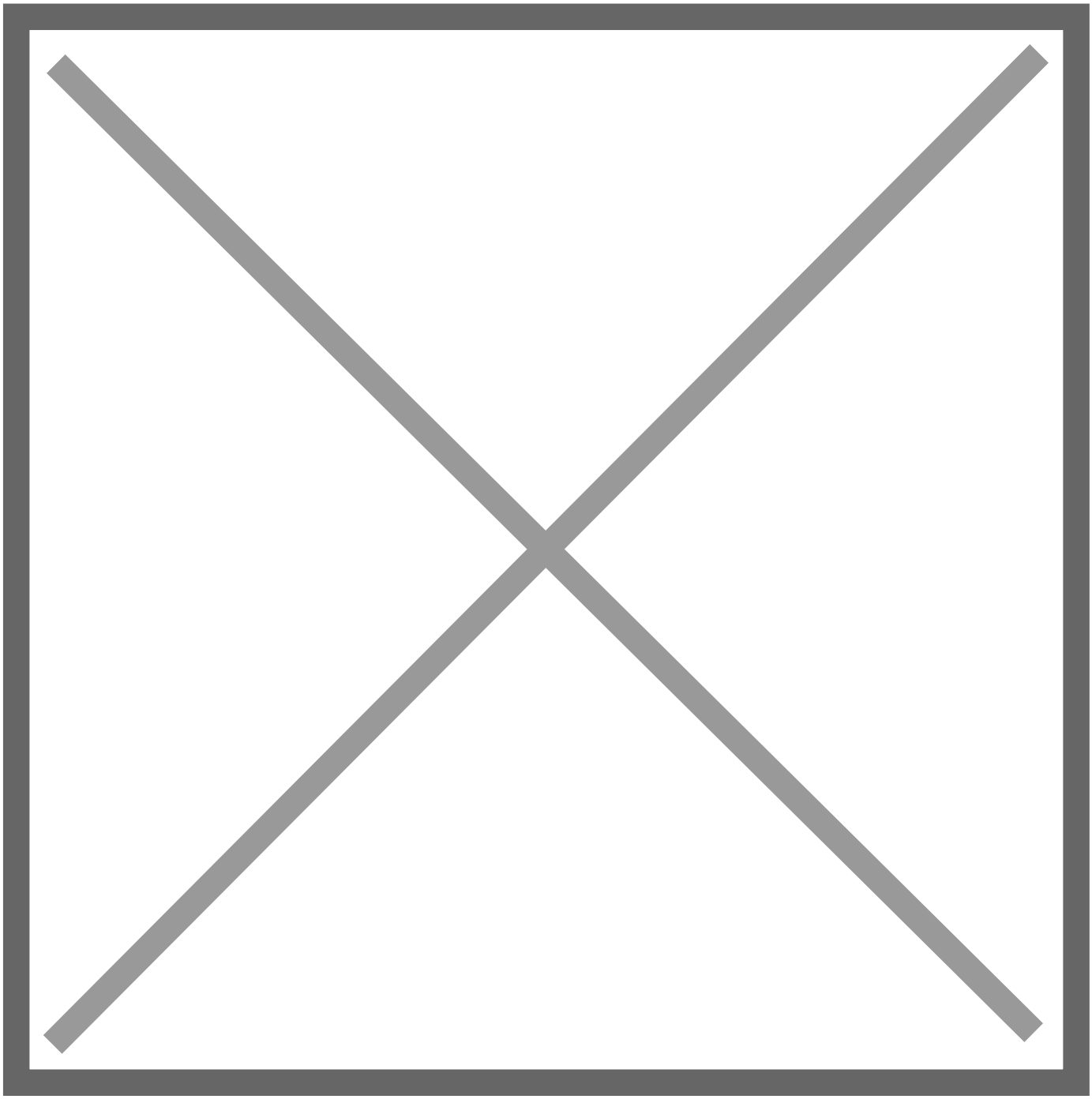


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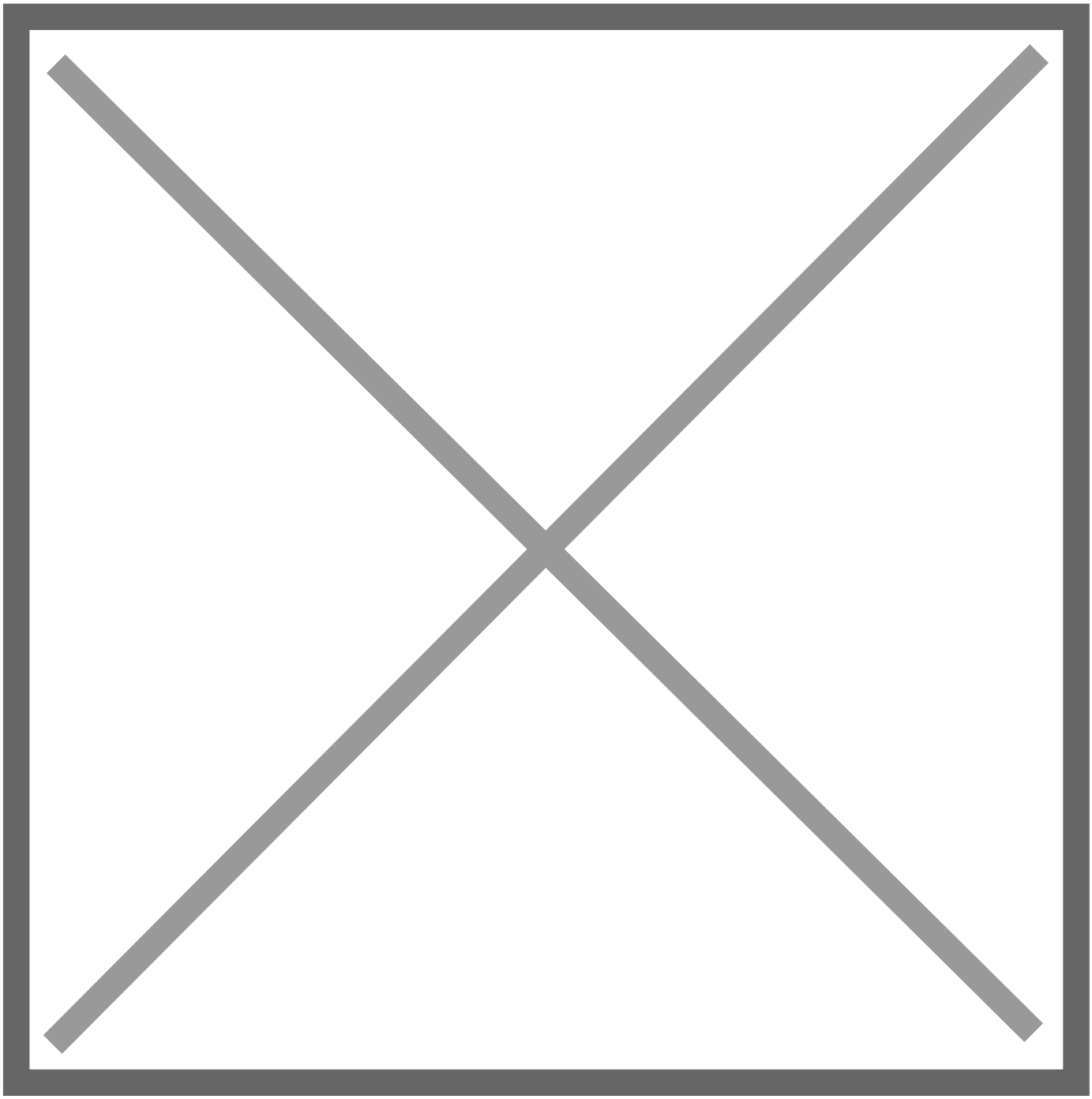
Children, 2009-2015



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Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2012

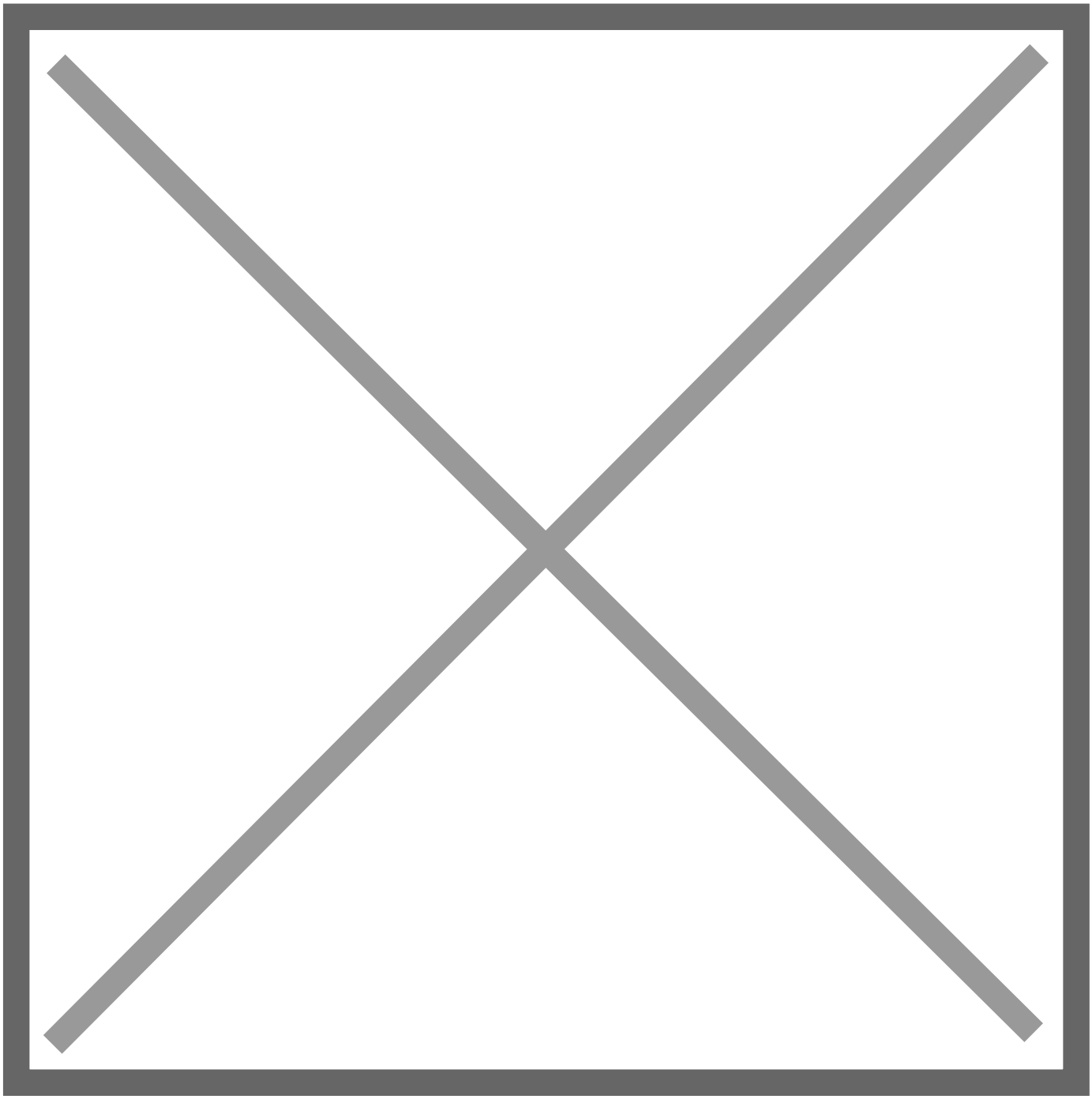


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Definitions:	Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)

Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

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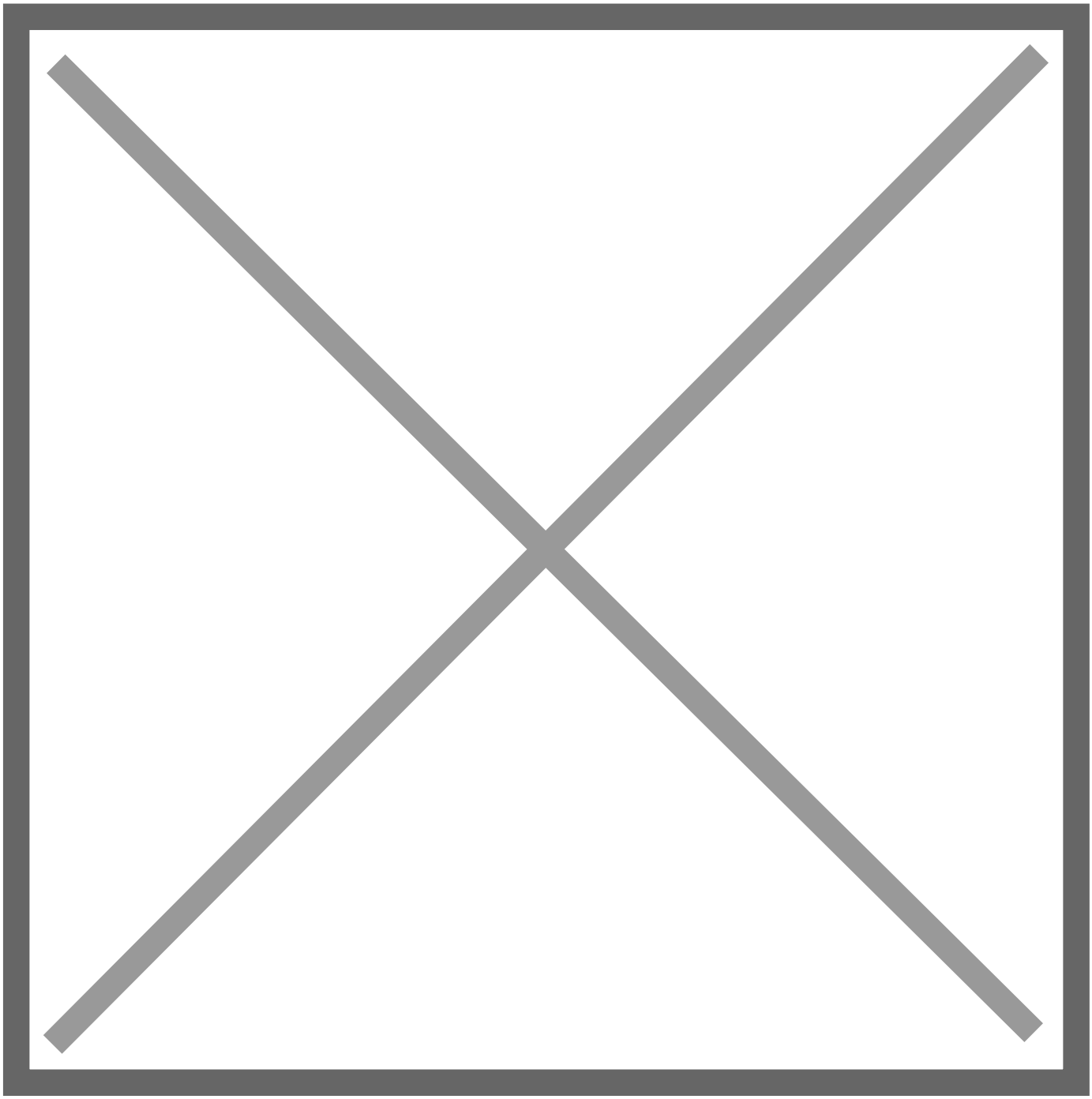


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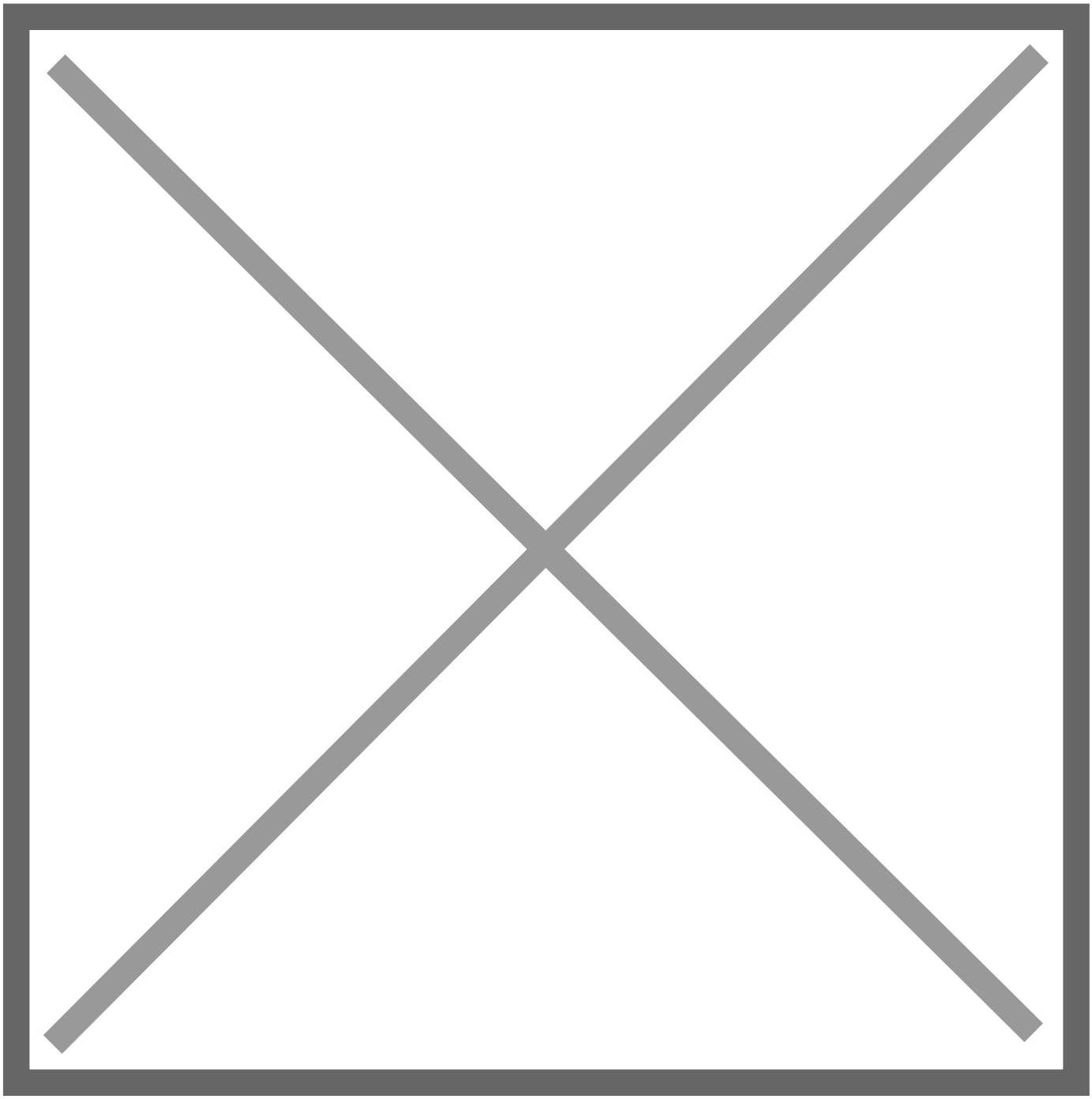
Mental health - depression disorders

Children, 2023



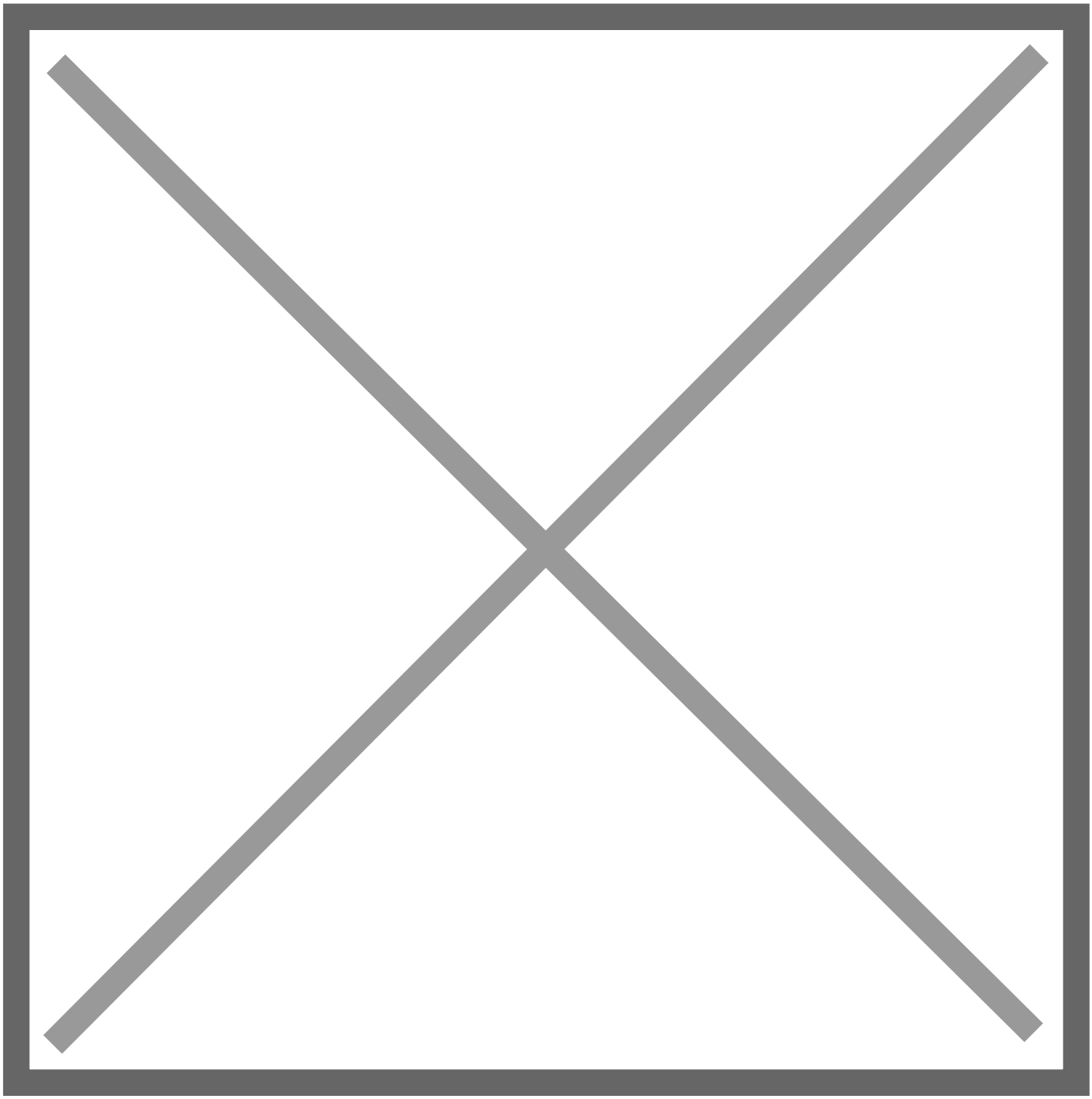
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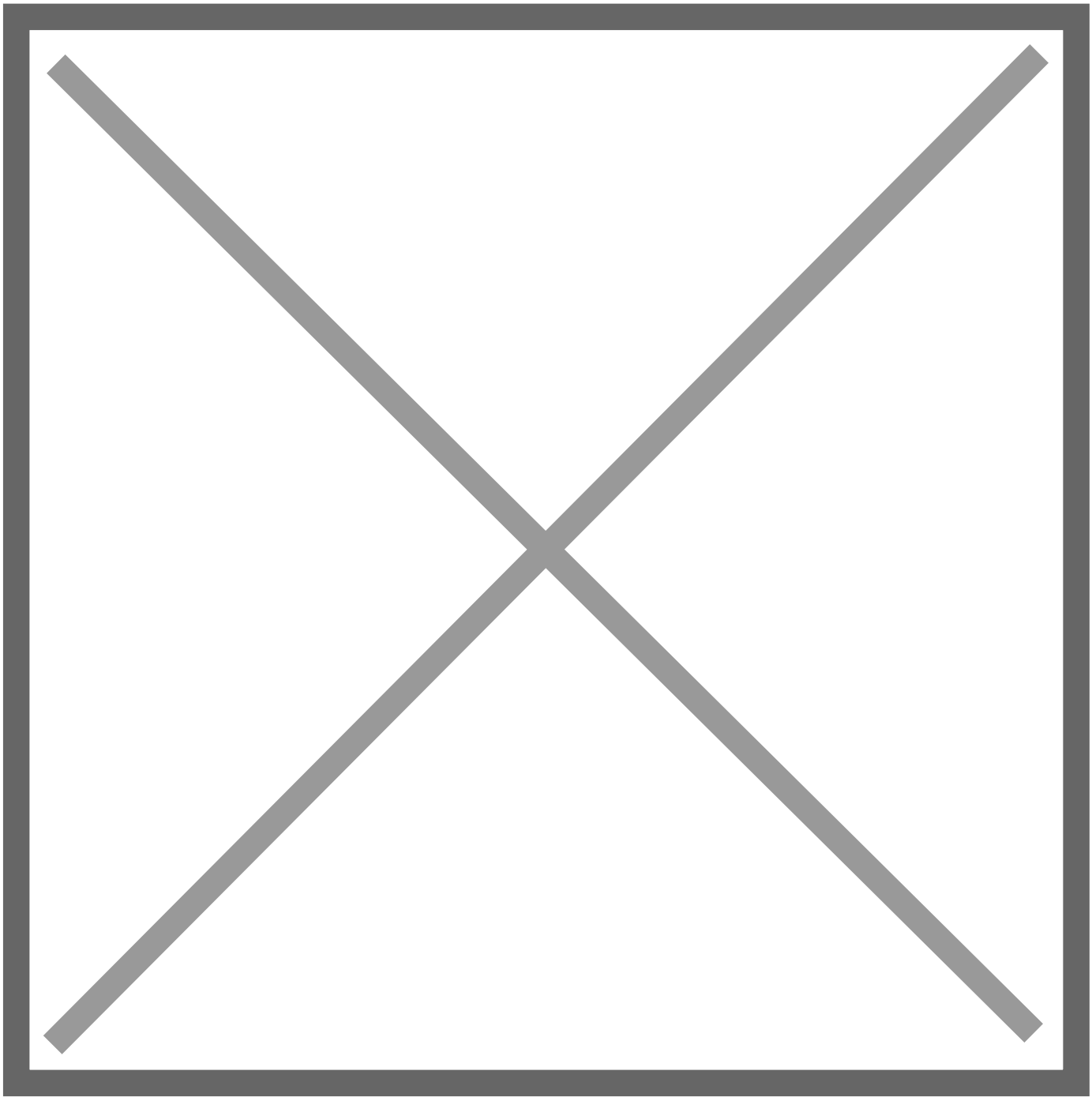
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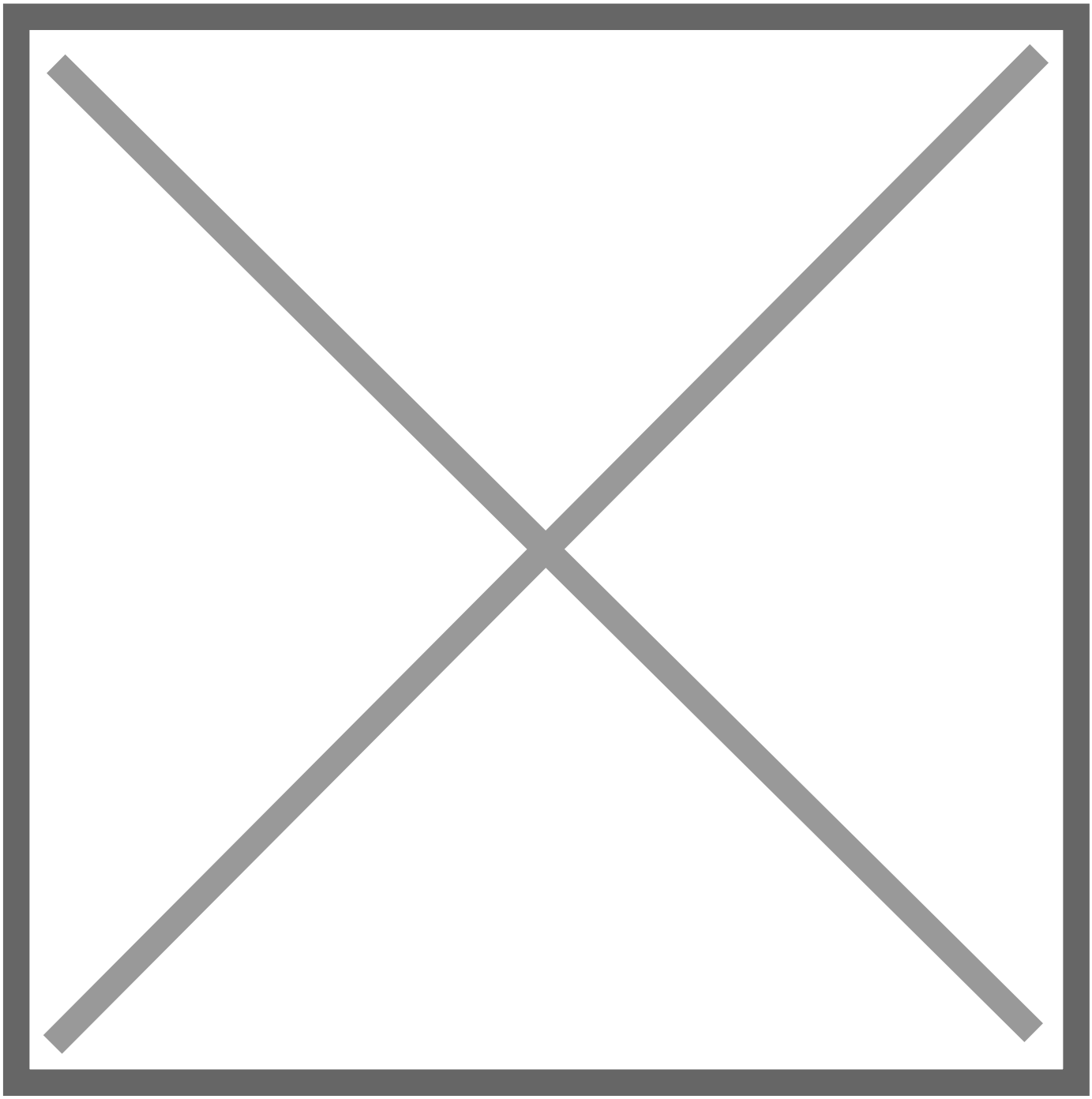
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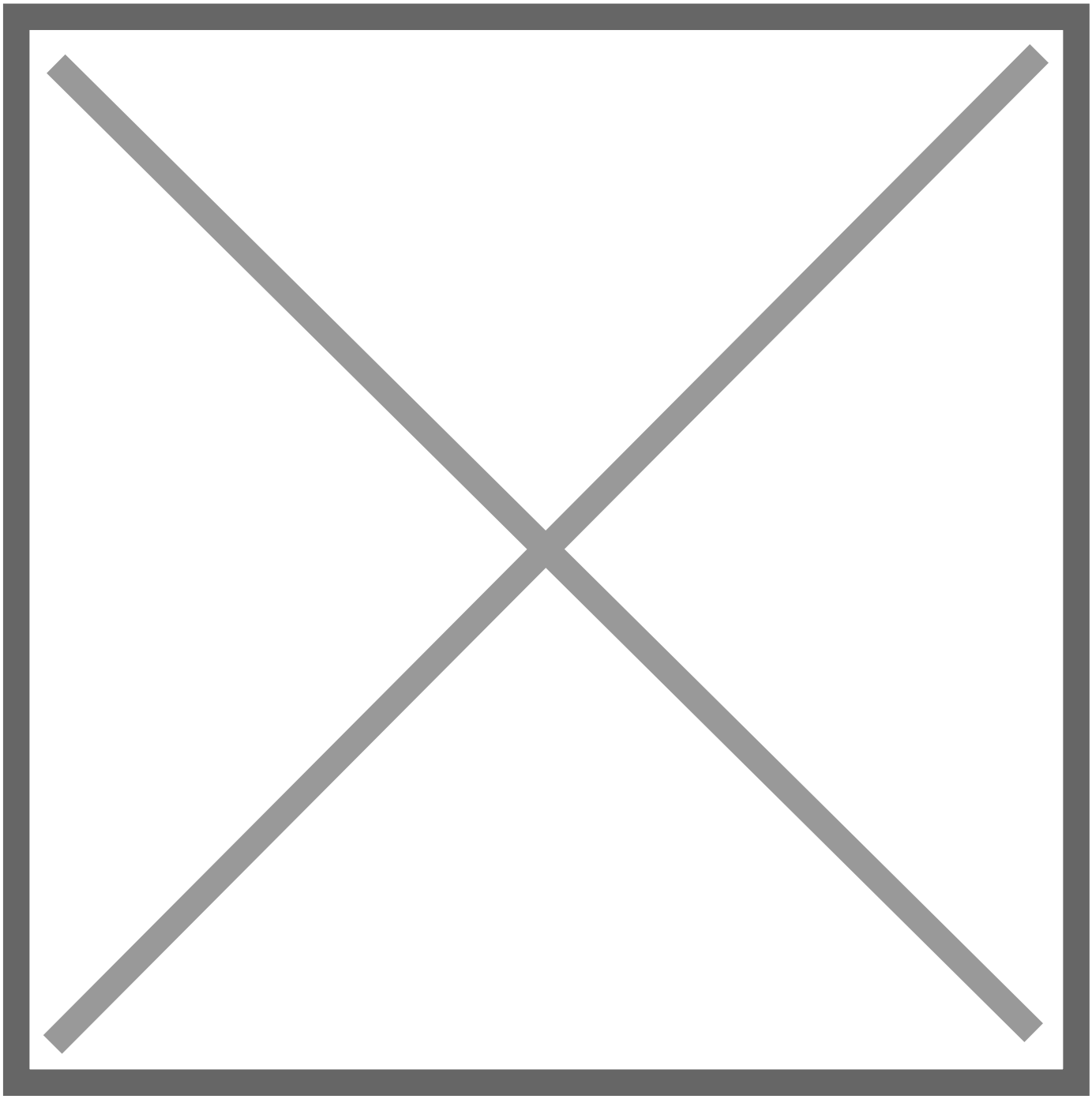
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