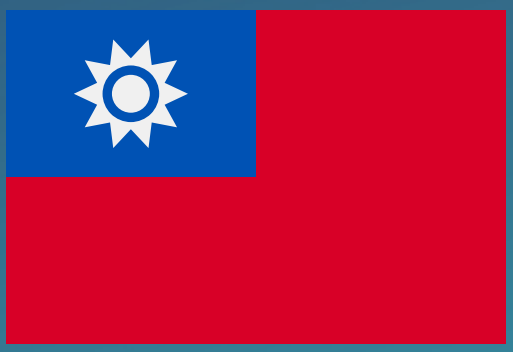
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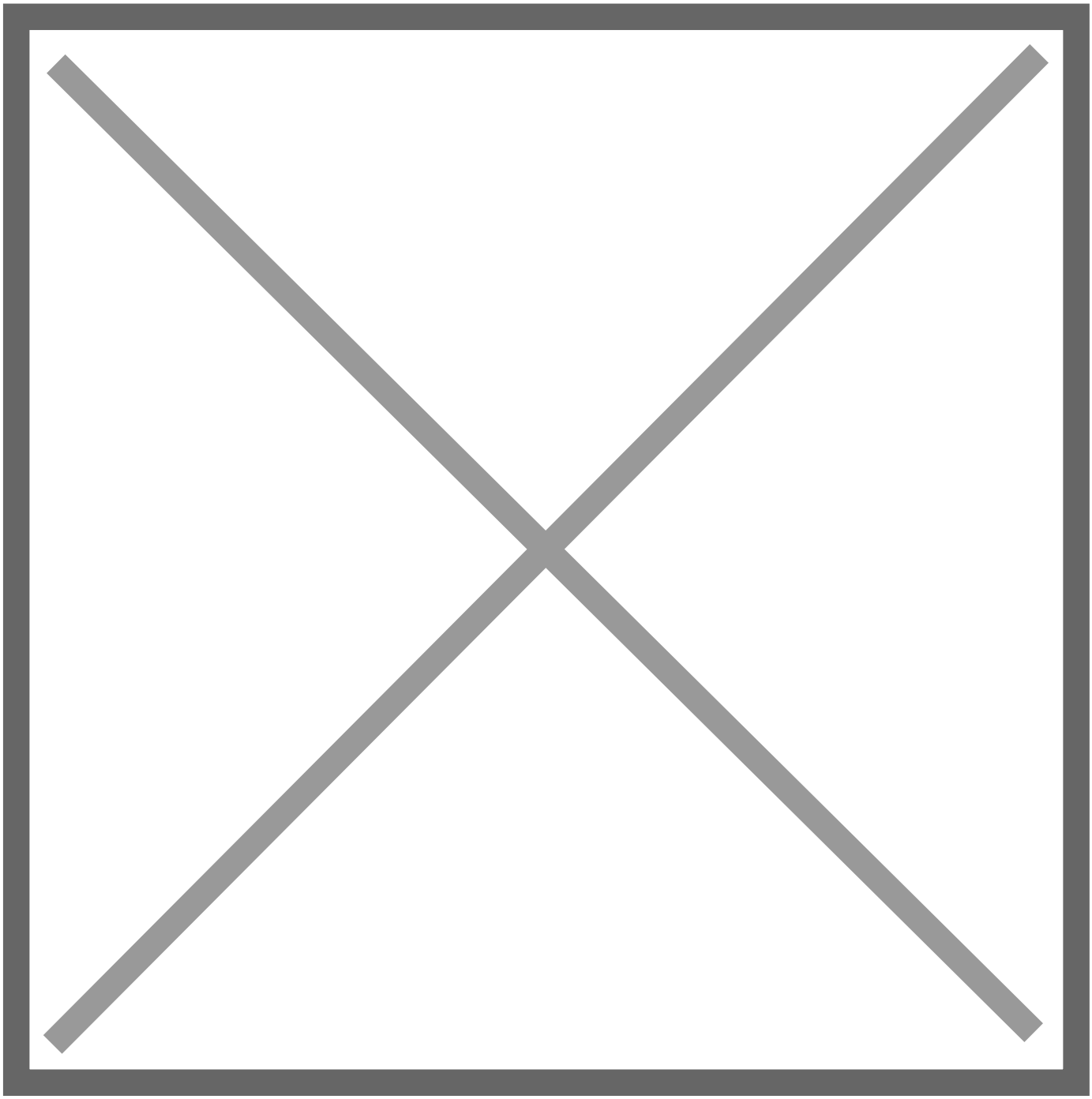
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity . Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at https://data.worldobesity.org/country/chinese-taipei-211/.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2018-2022

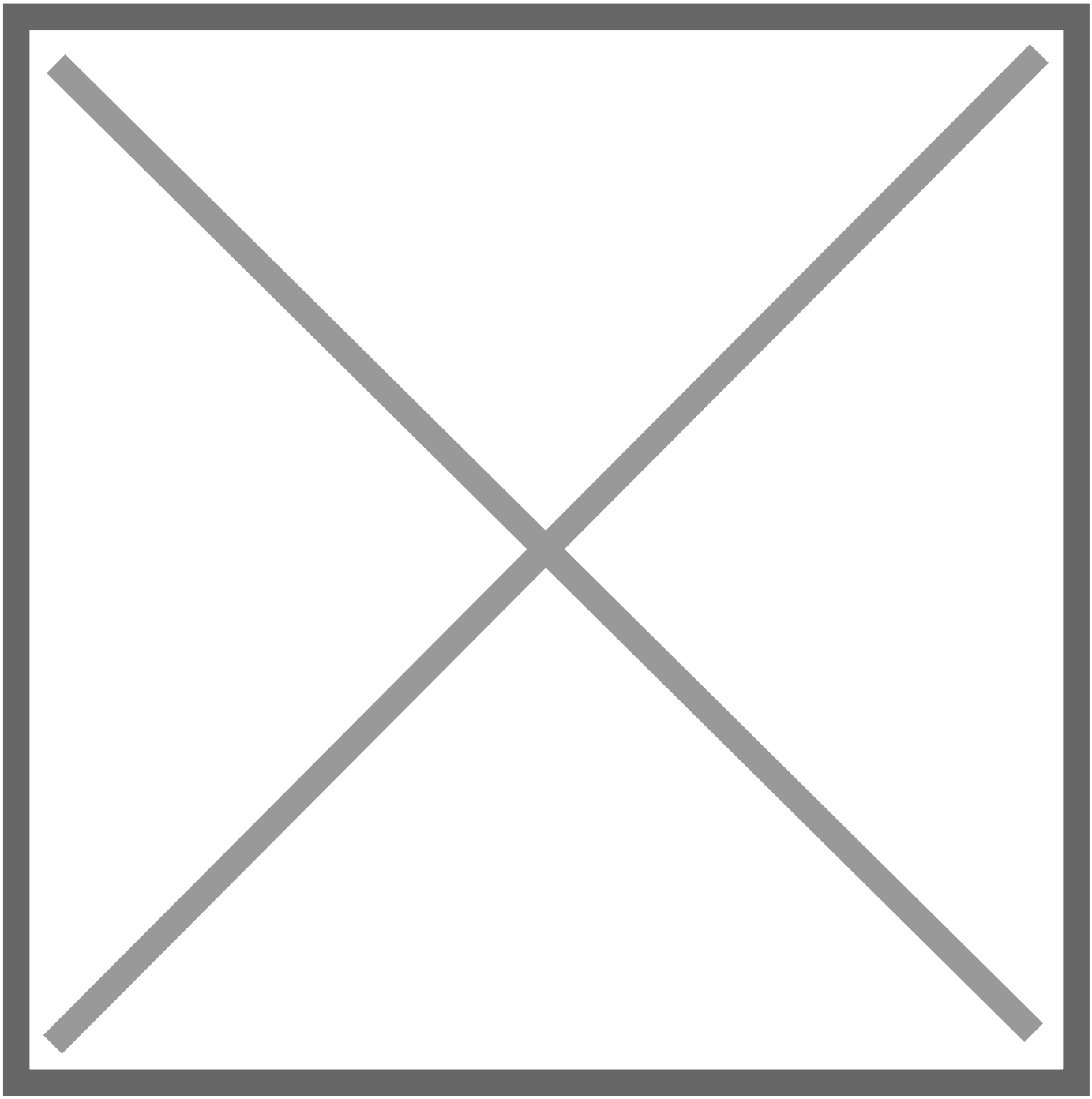


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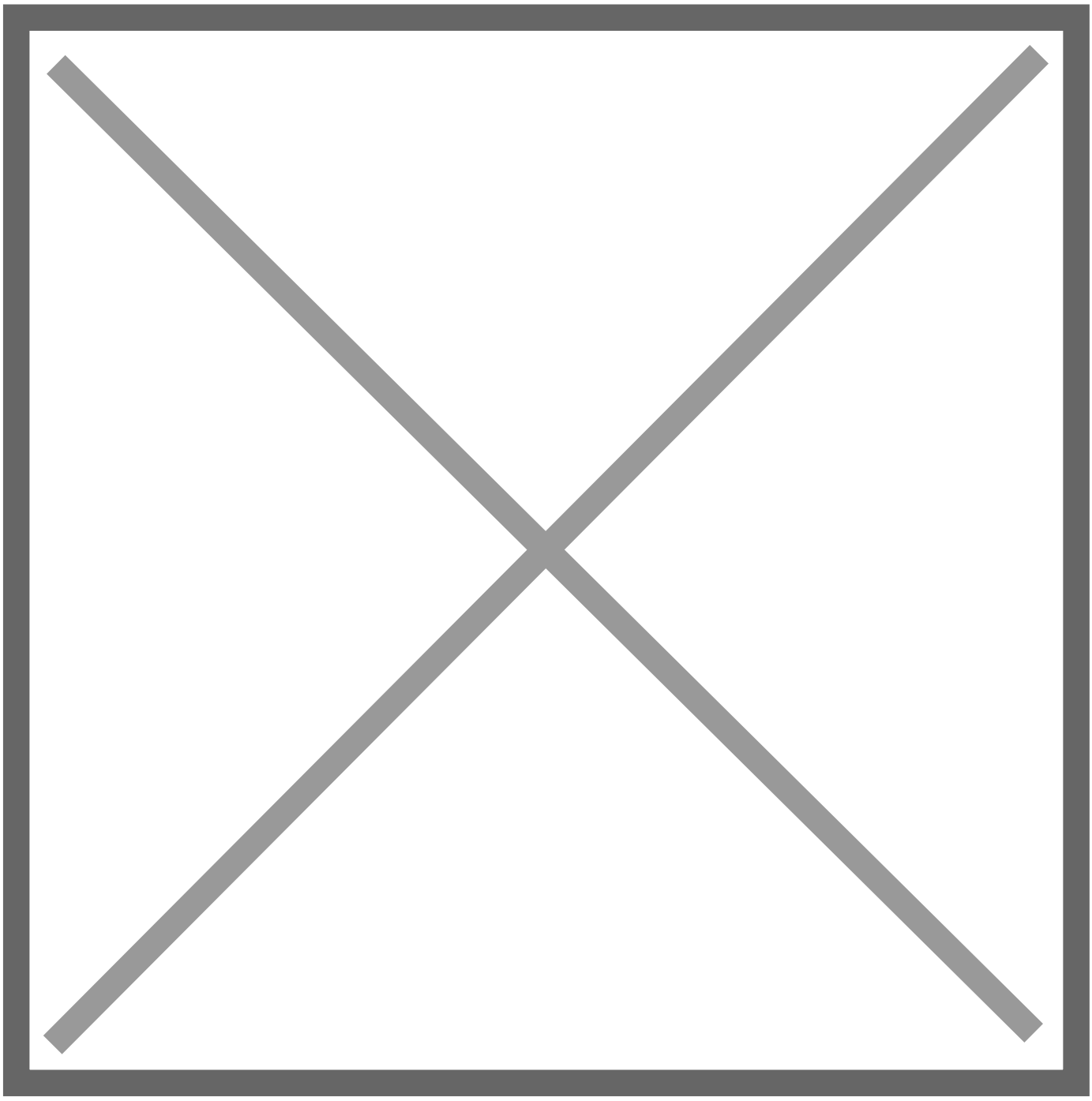
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Cutoffs:	Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare

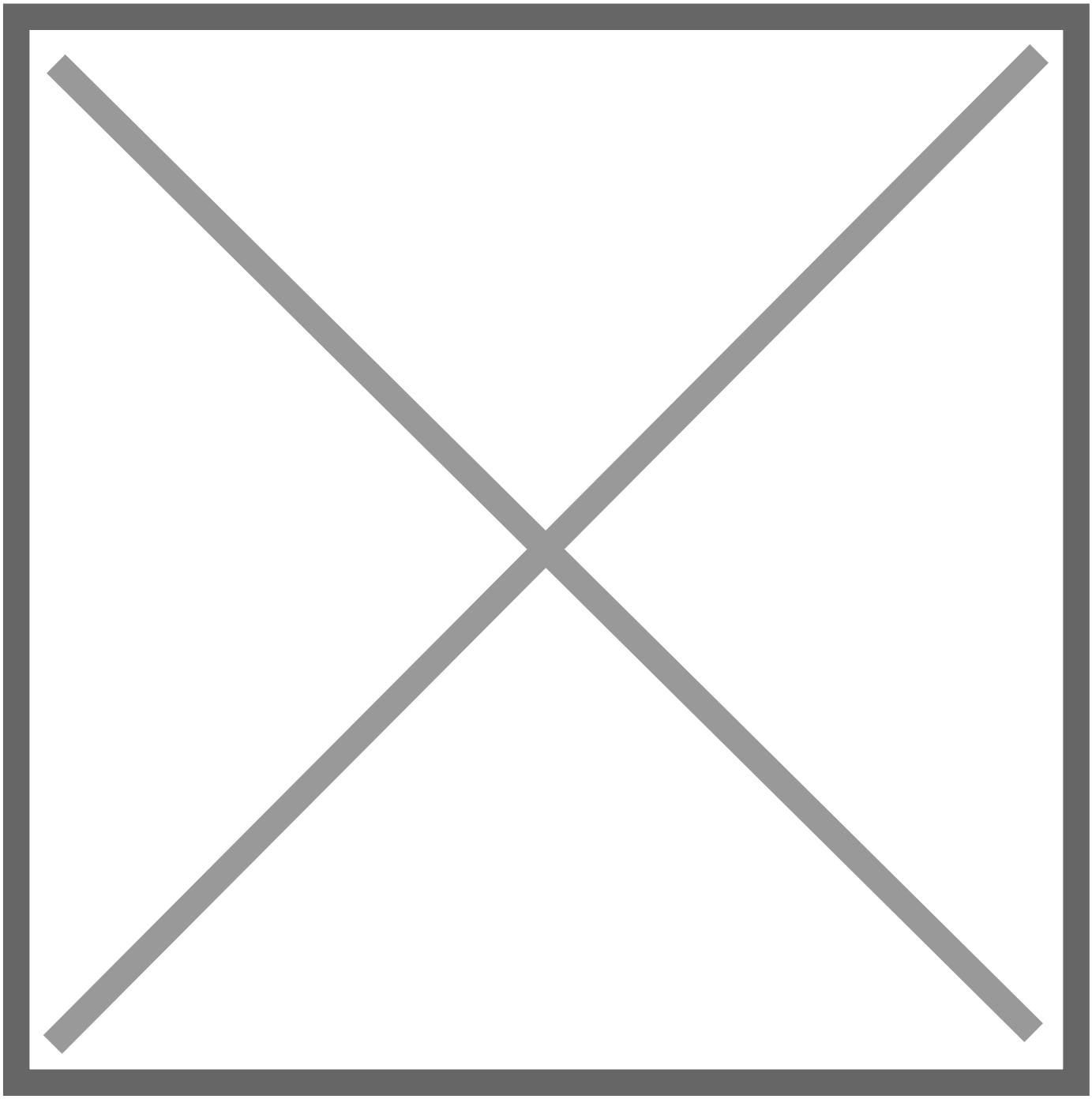
% Adults living with obesity in Taiwan 1993-2013



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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Taiwan, 2013-2022 (Taiwanese cutoffs)

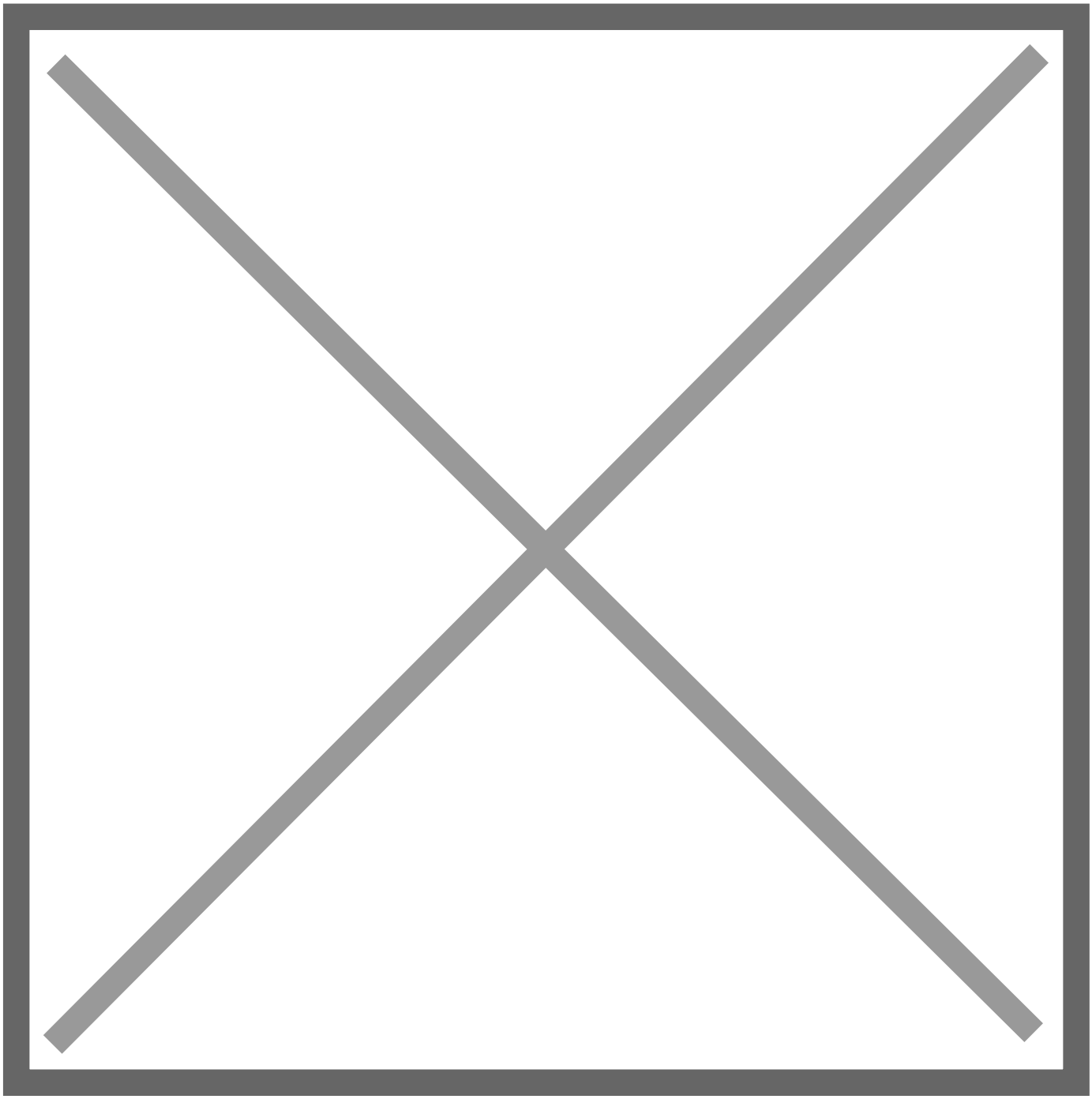
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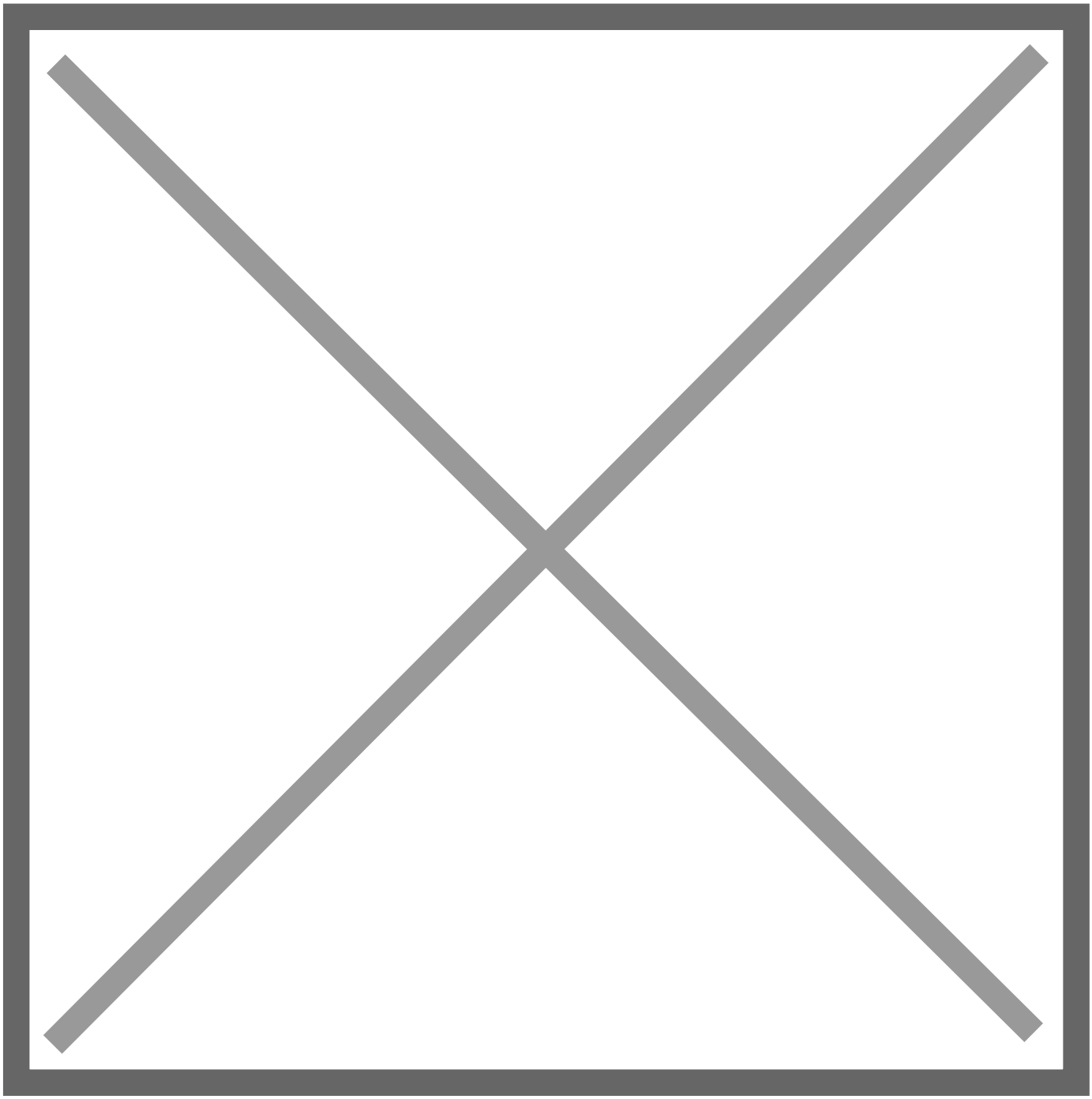
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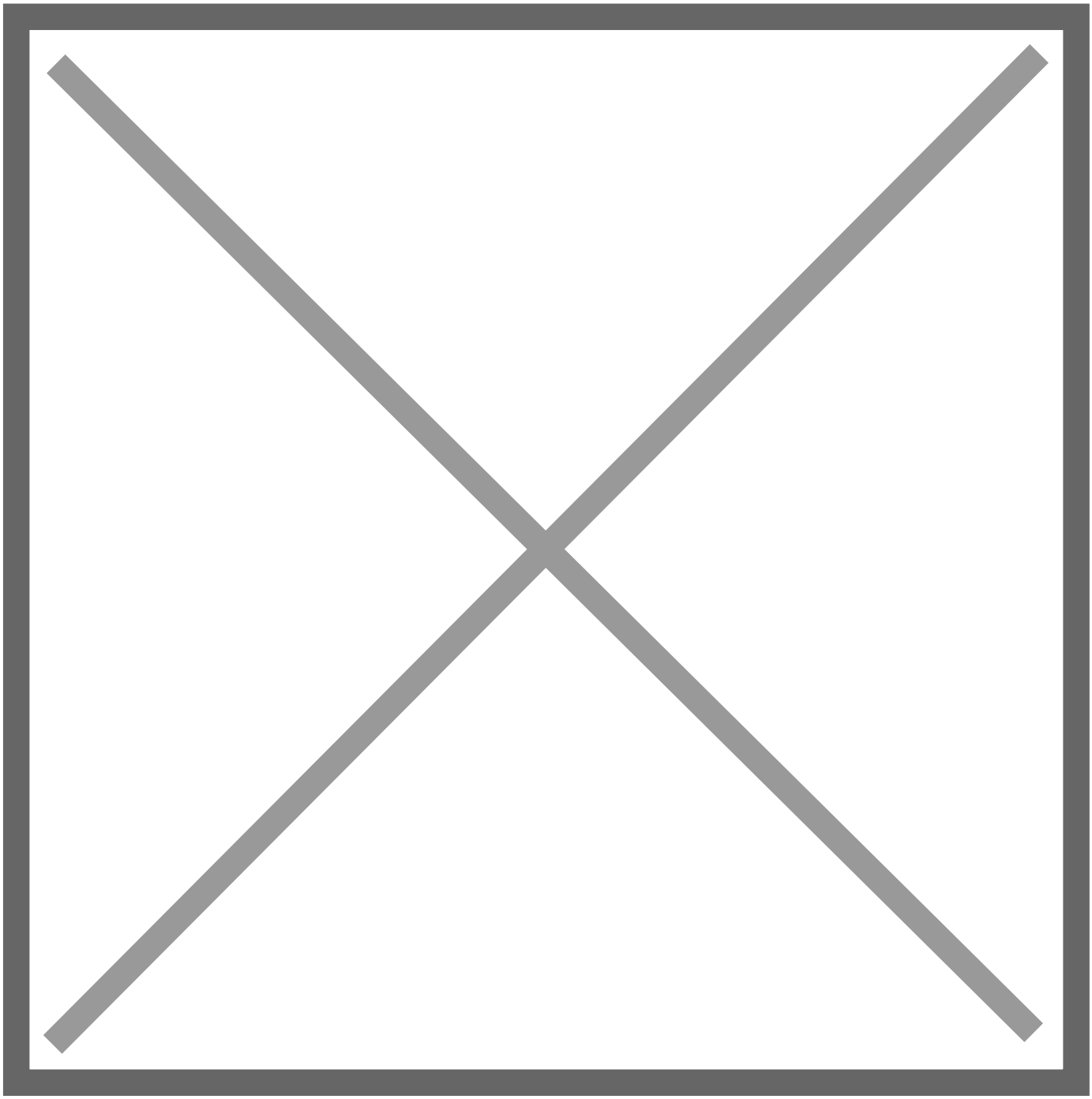


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% Adults living with obesity in selected countries in the Asia/Oceania Region 1975-2019, selected countries

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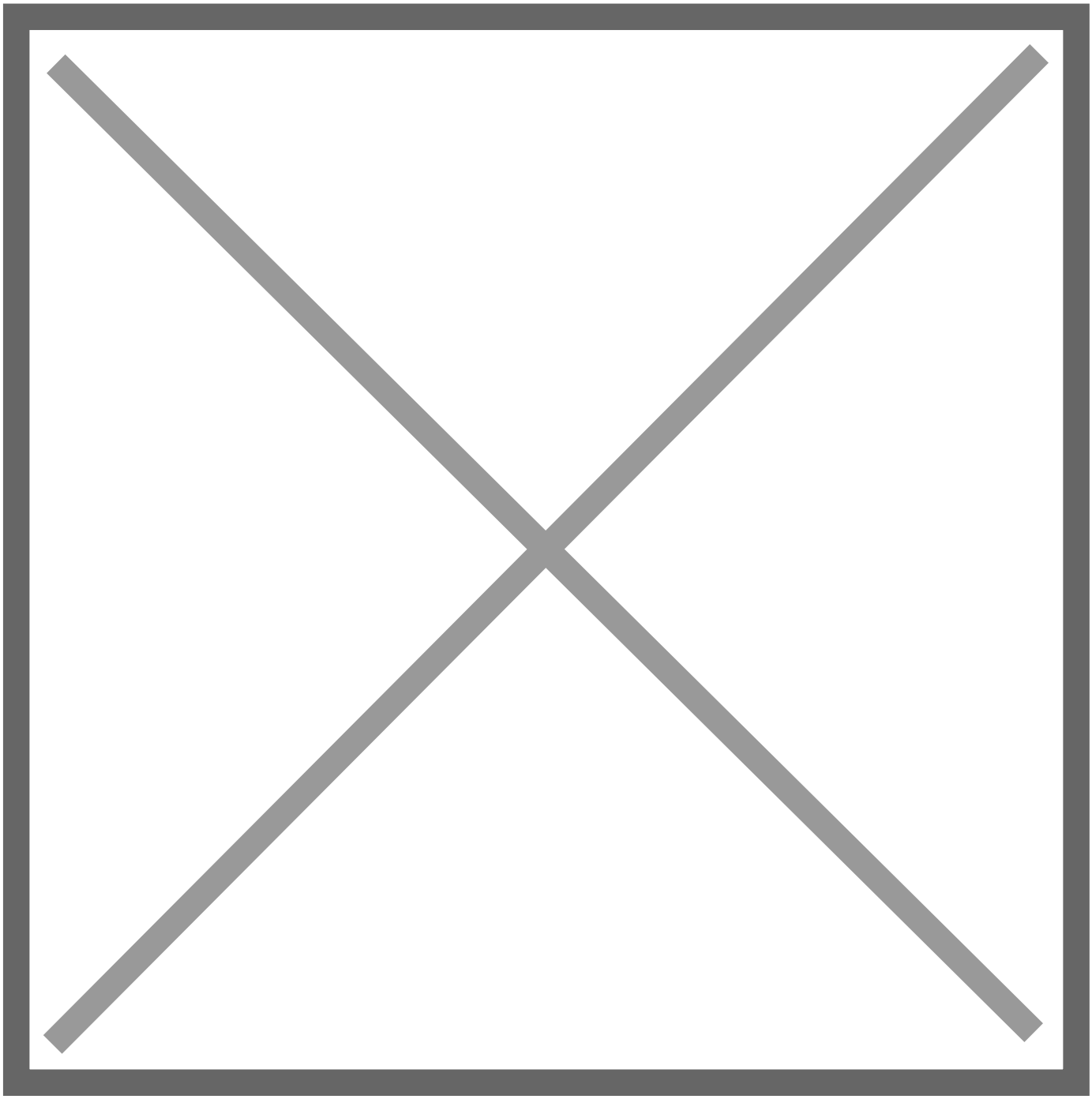
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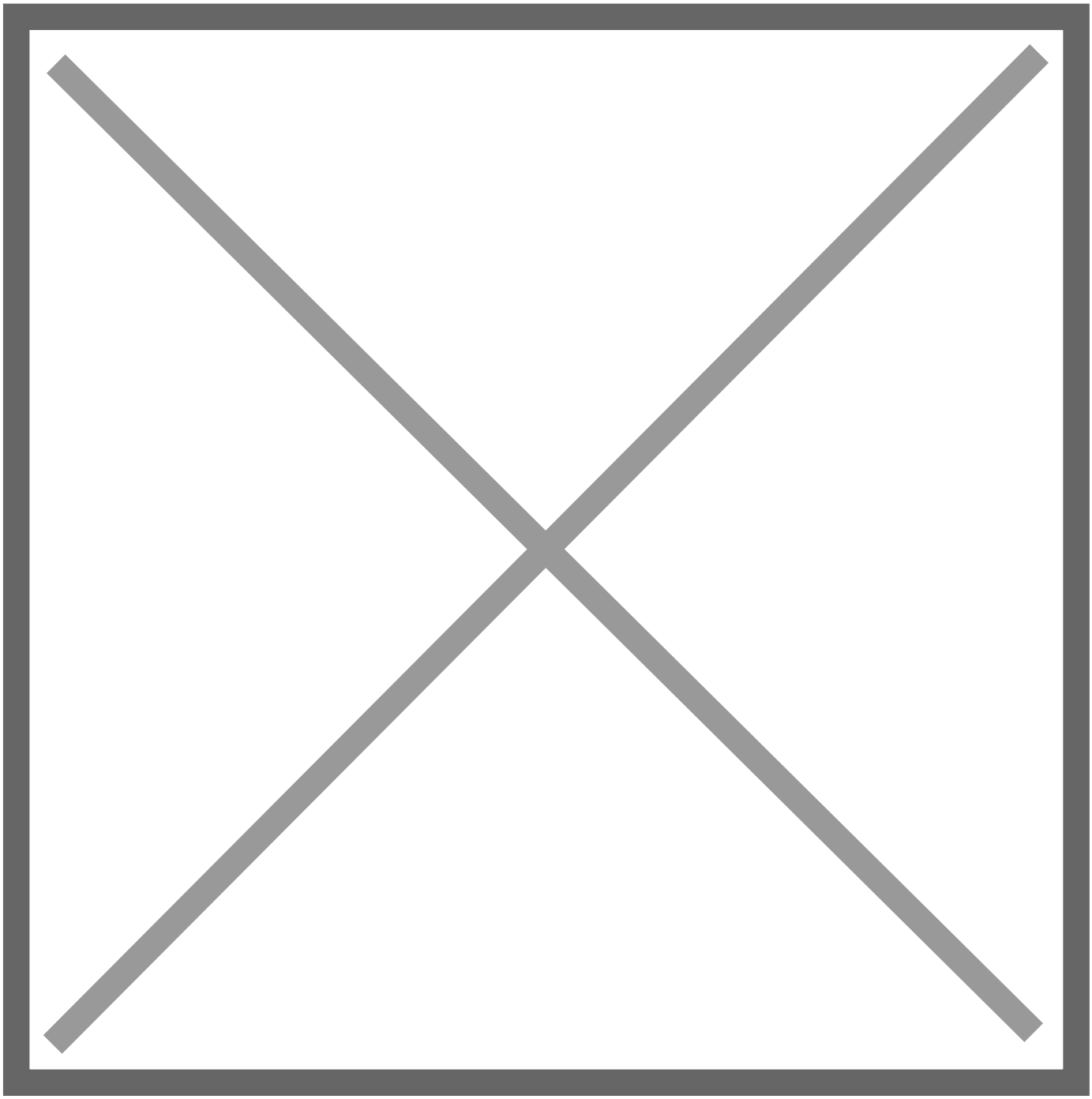
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Overweight/obesity by age

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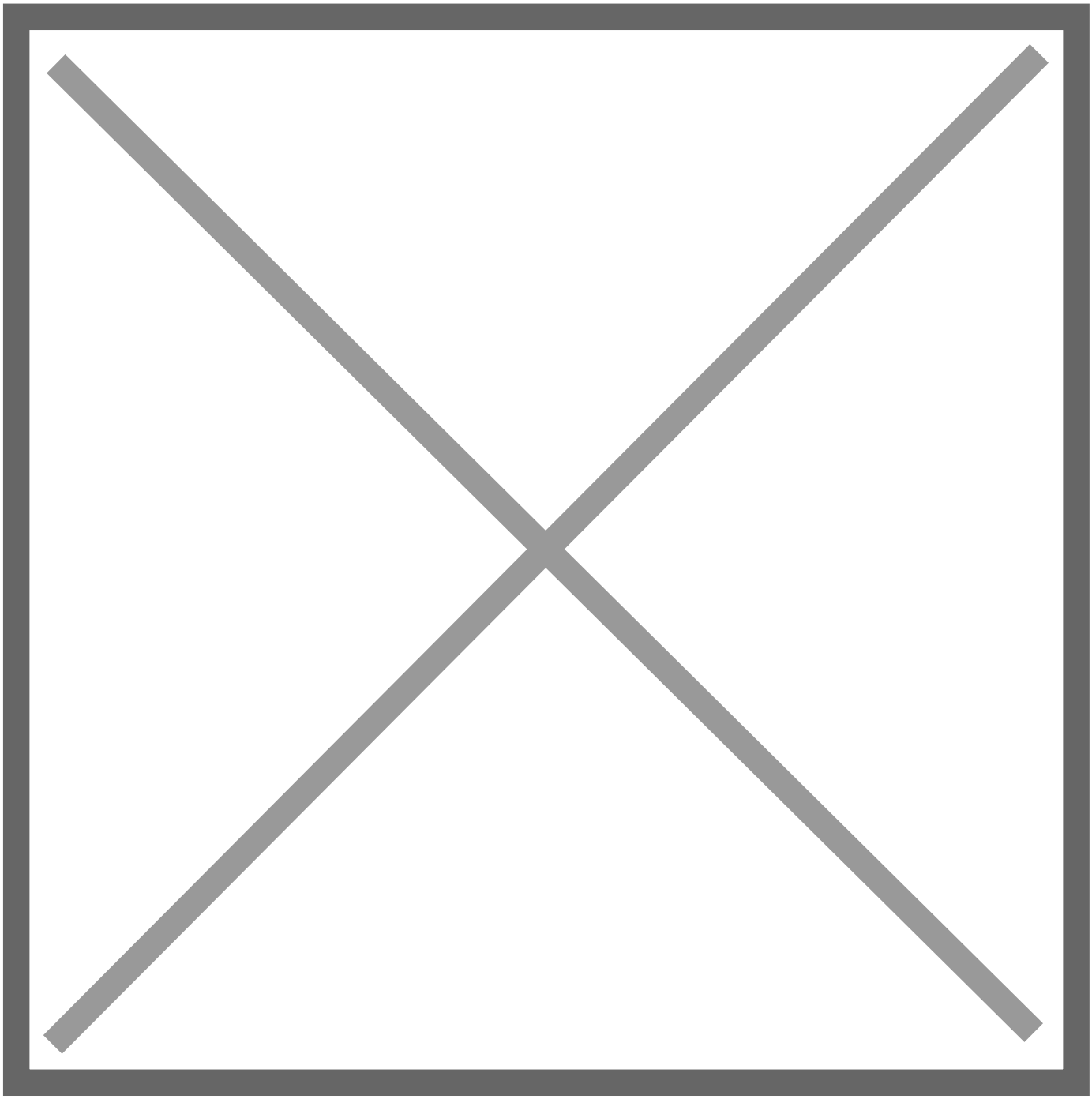


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Cutoffs:	Taiwanese cutoffs

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Children, 2017-2020

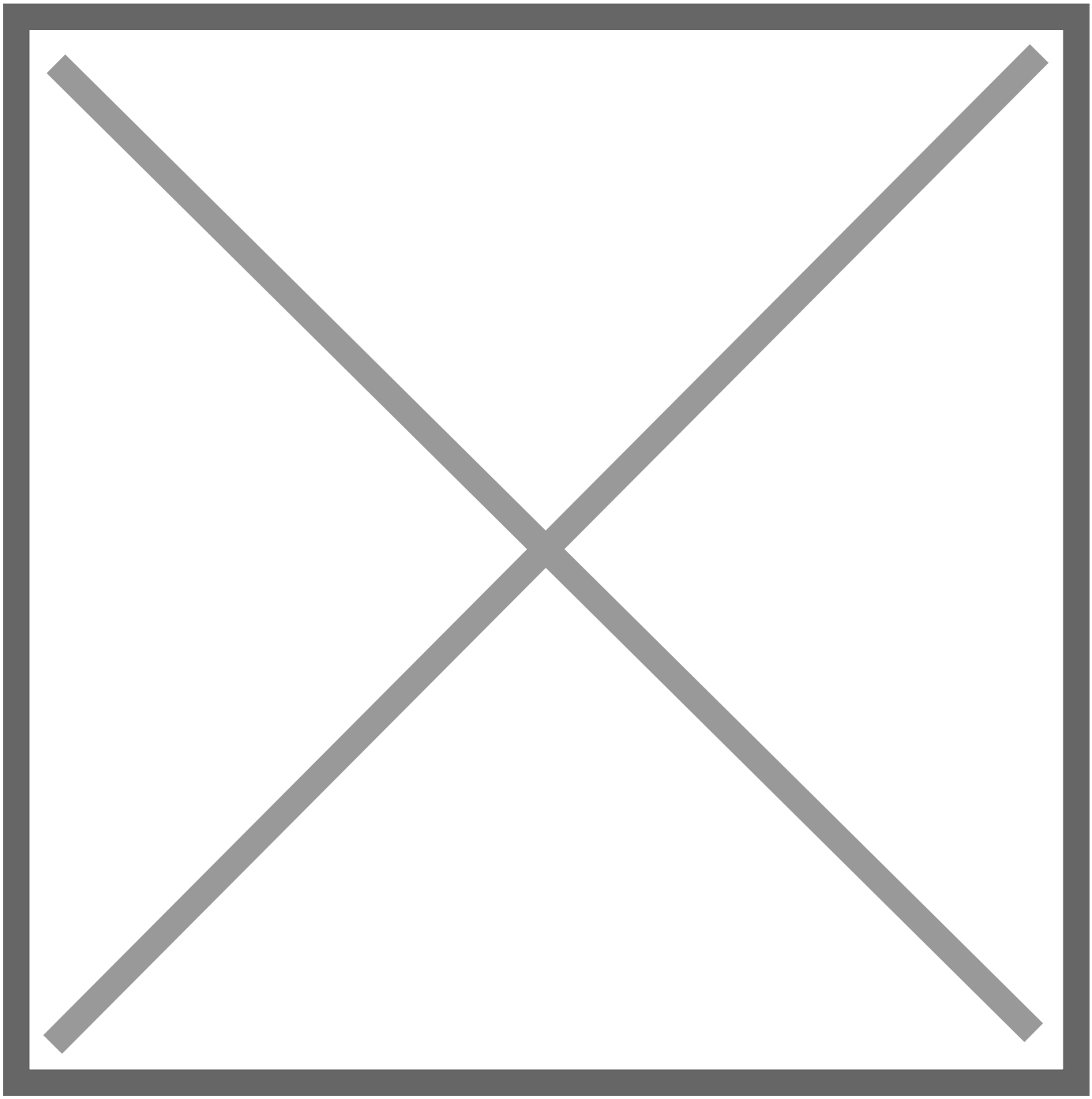


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Cutoffs:	Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare

Double burden of underweight & obesity

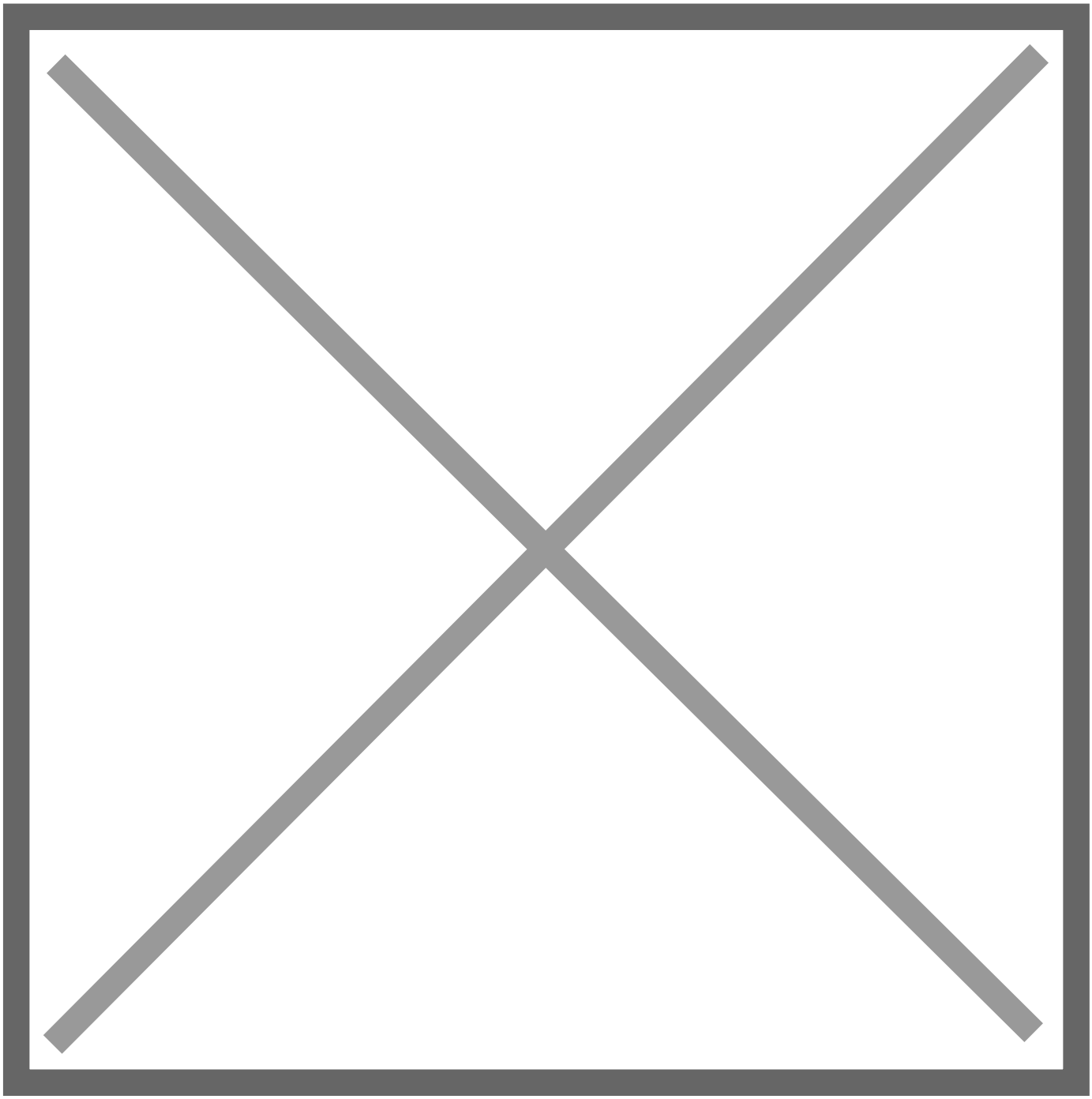
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Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m² and BMI>=30 kg/m² (double burden of underweight and obesity)

Children, 2022

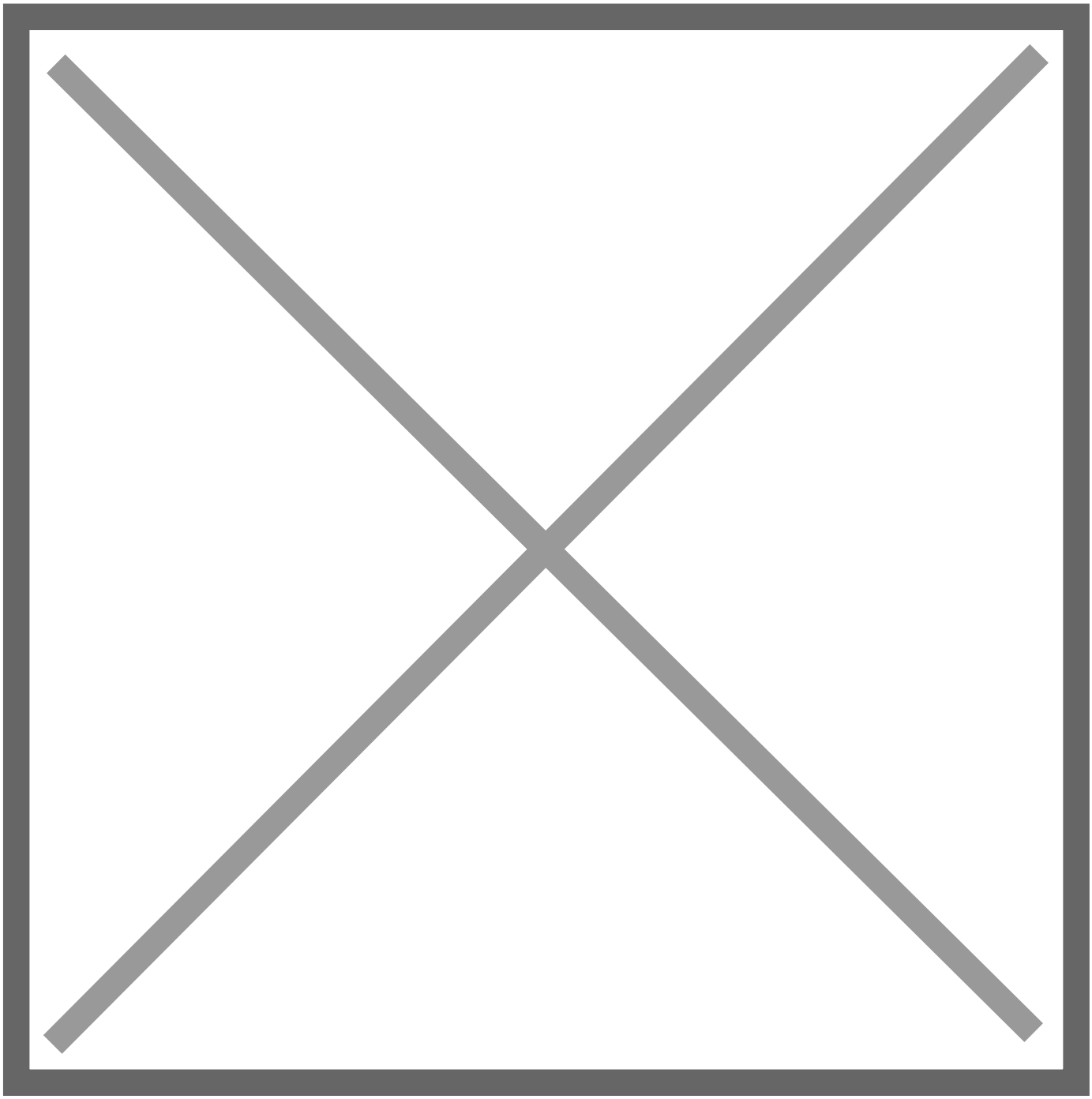


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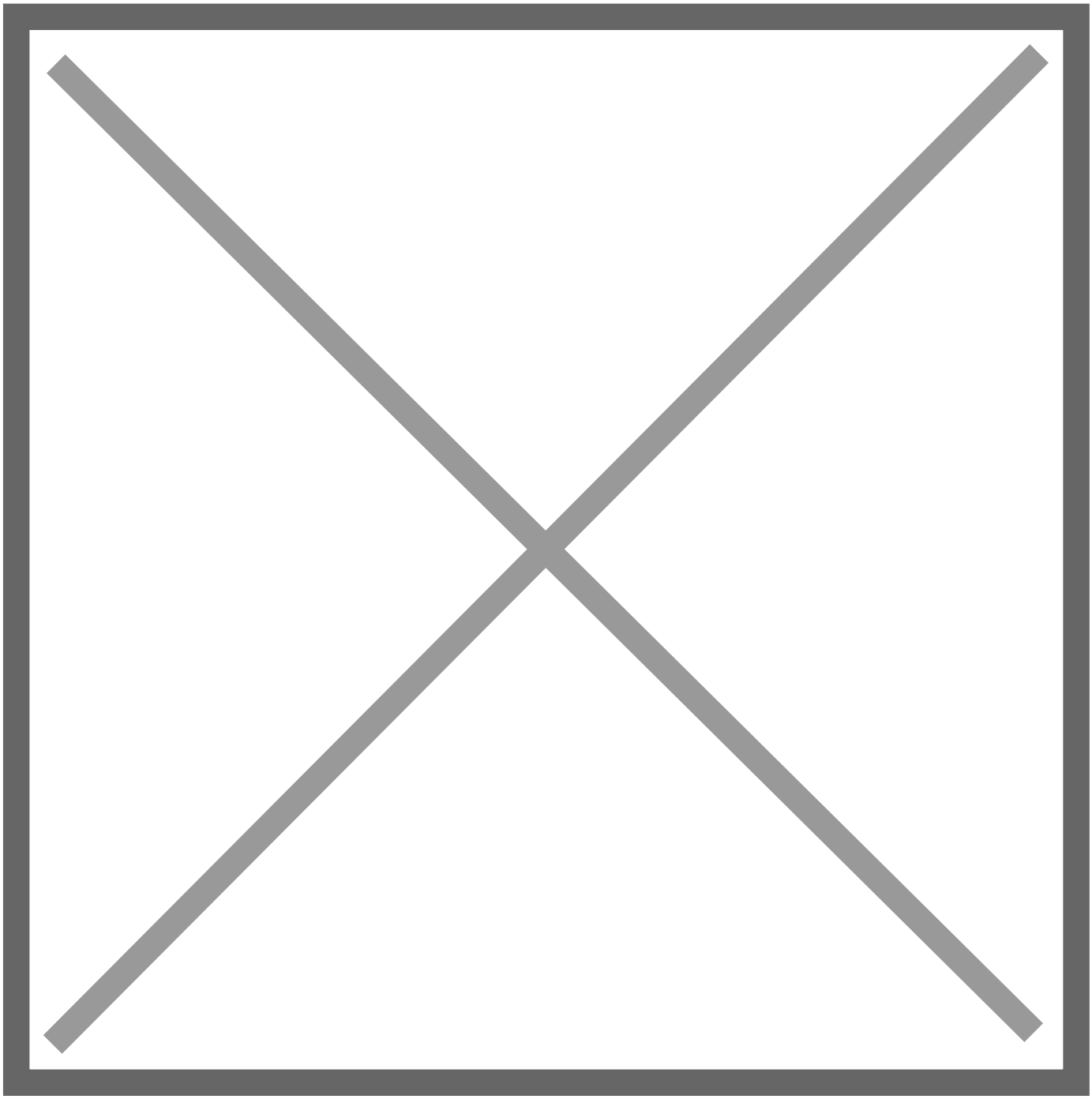
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2023



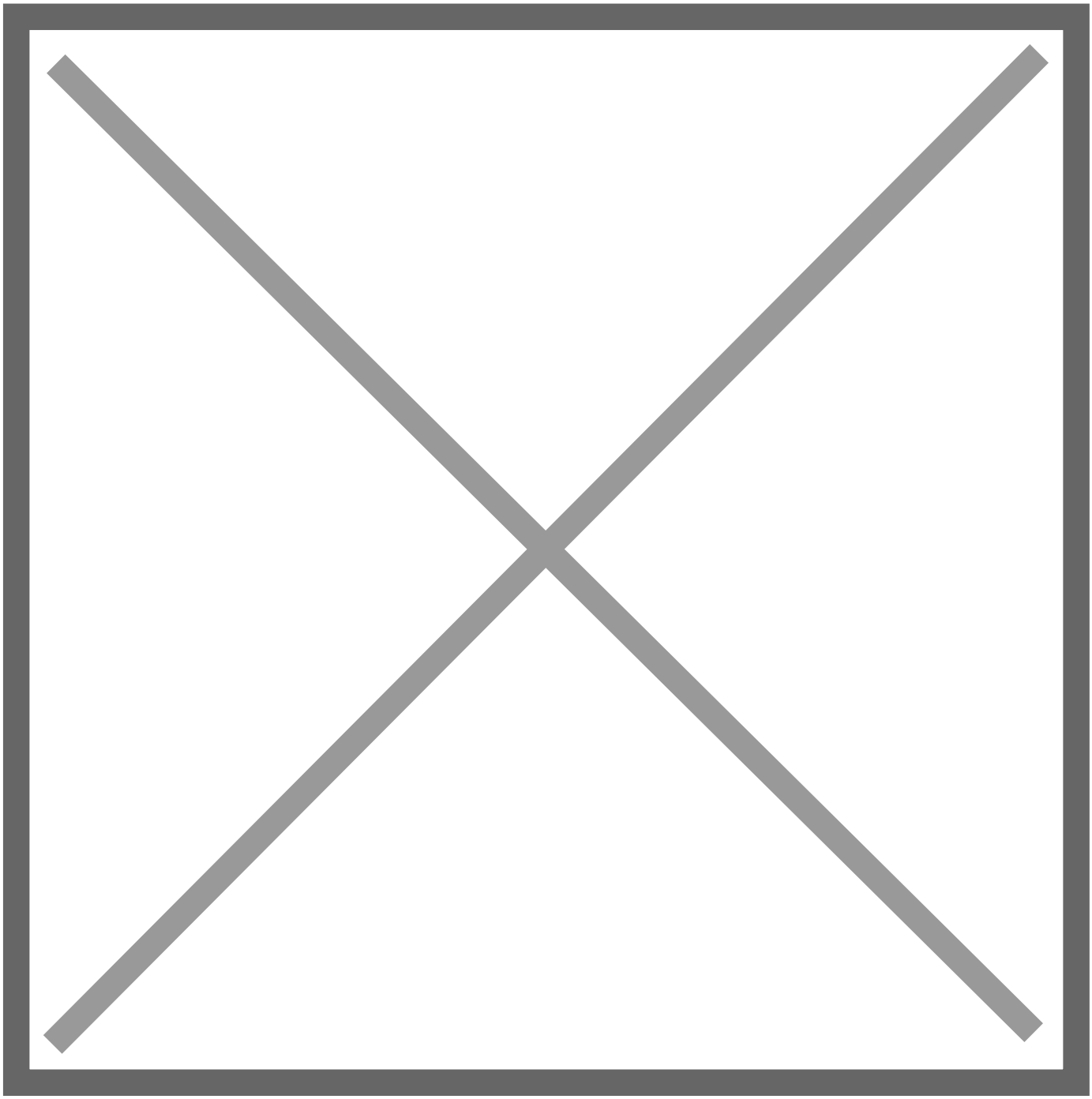
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Men, 2023



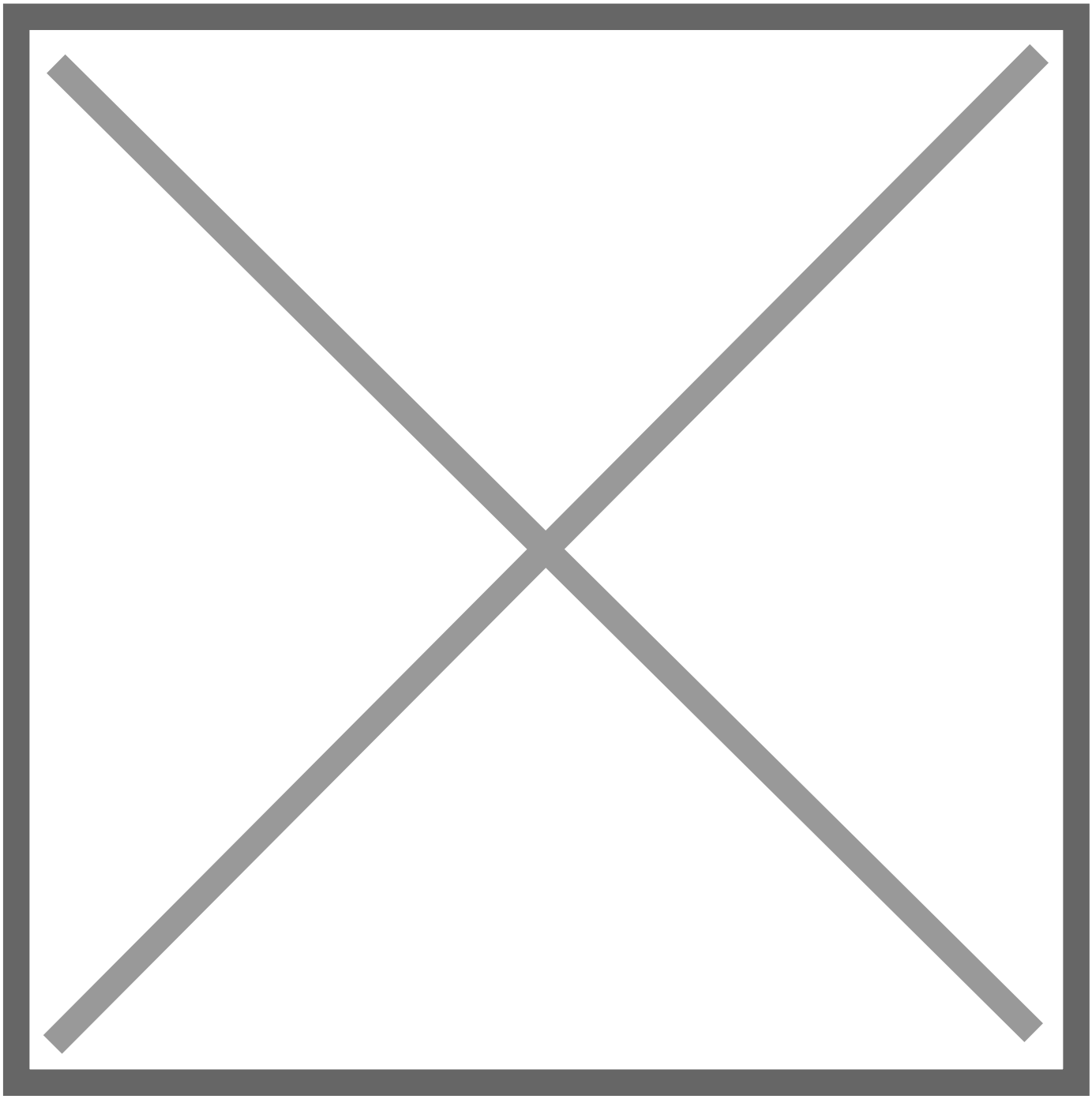
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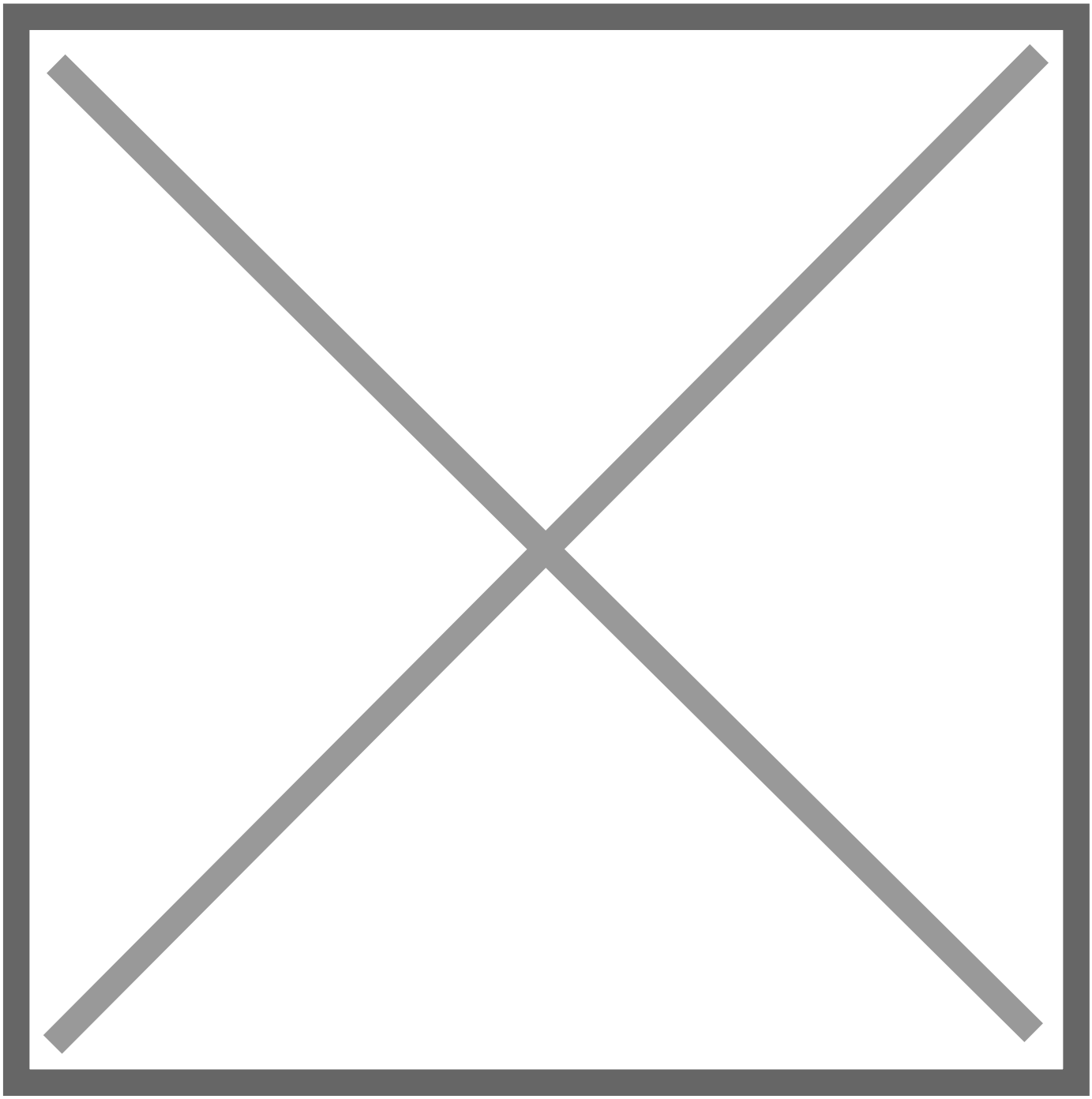
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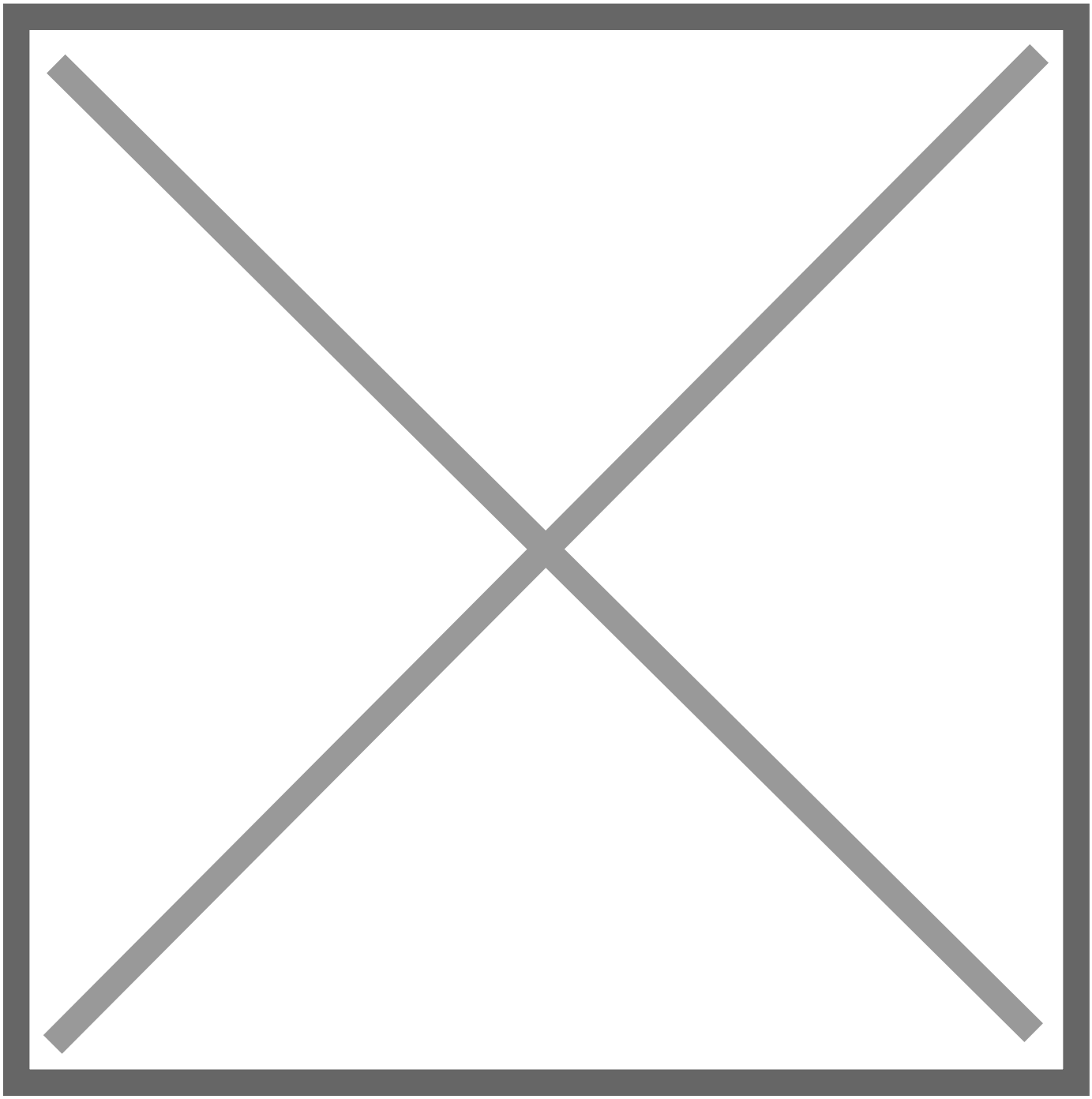
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Boys, 2023



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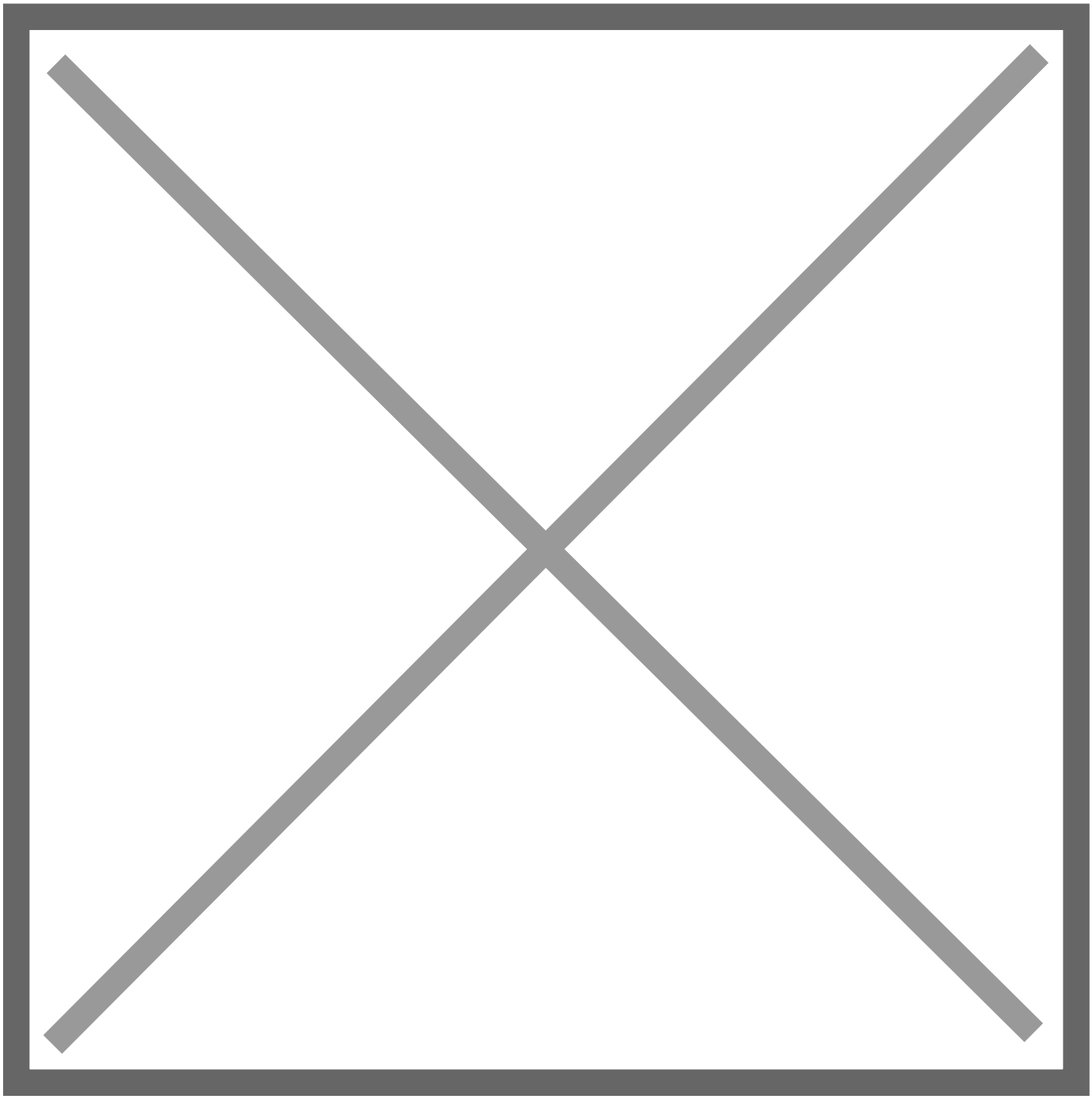
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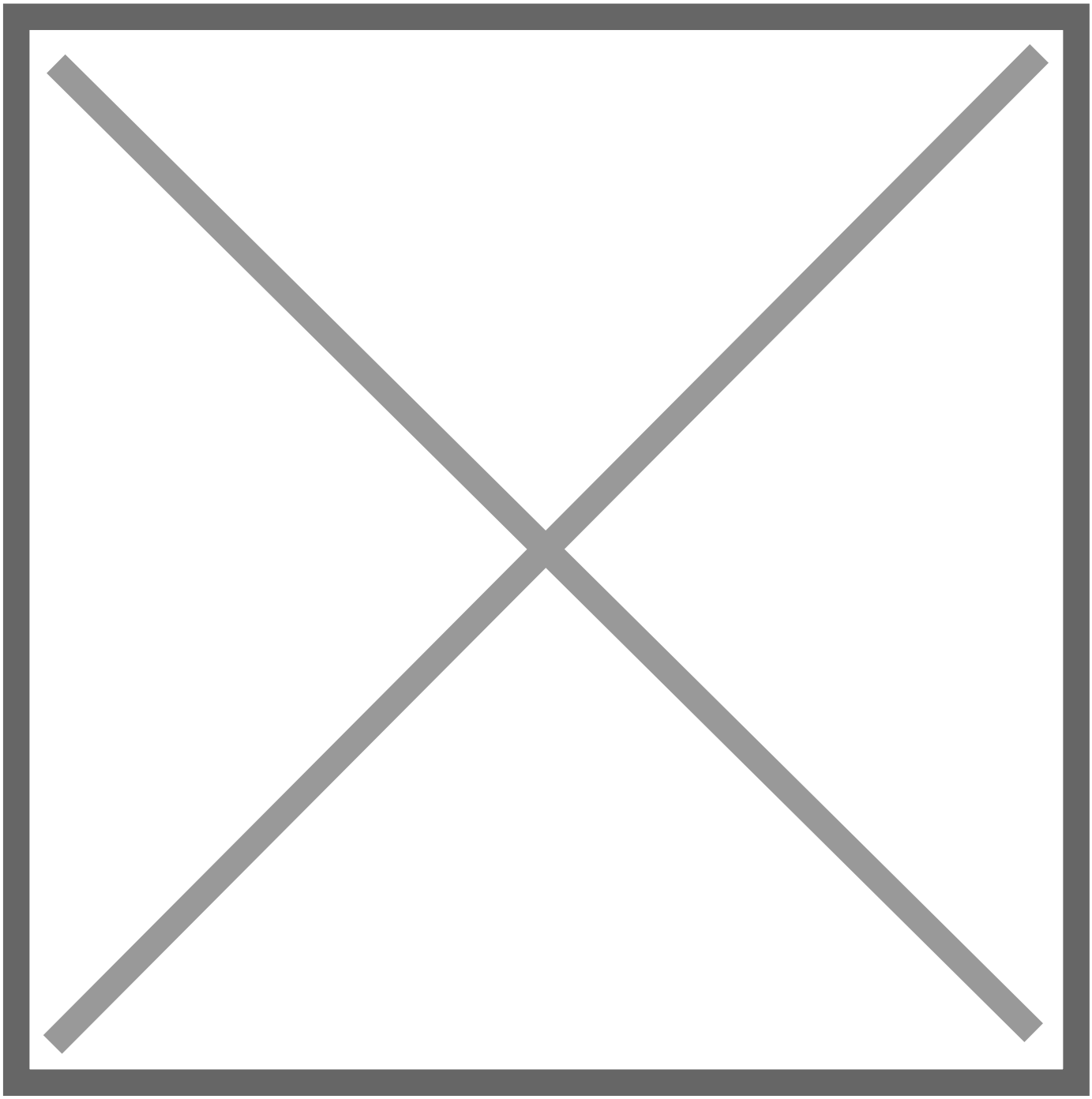
Mental health - anxiety disorders

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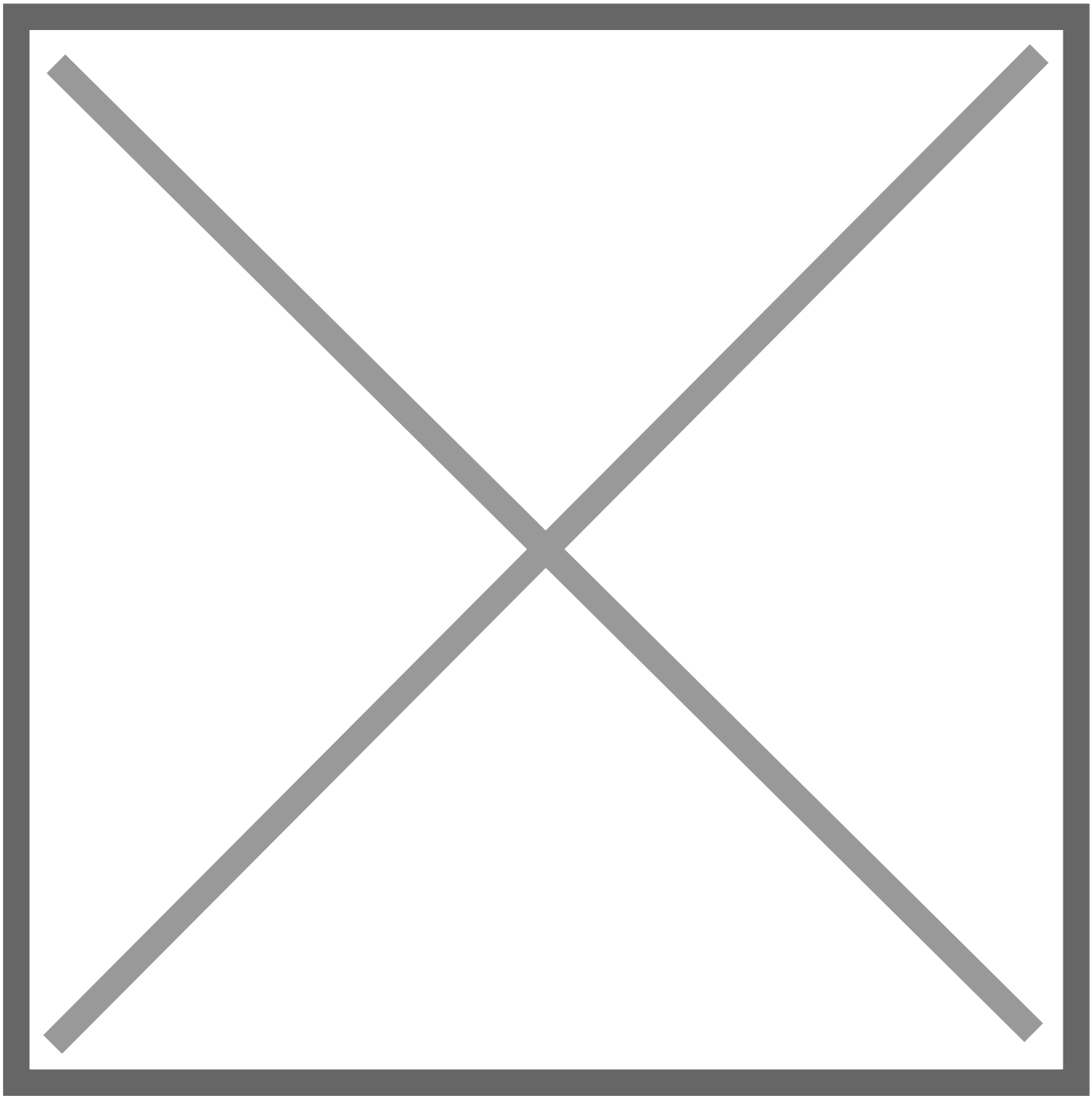
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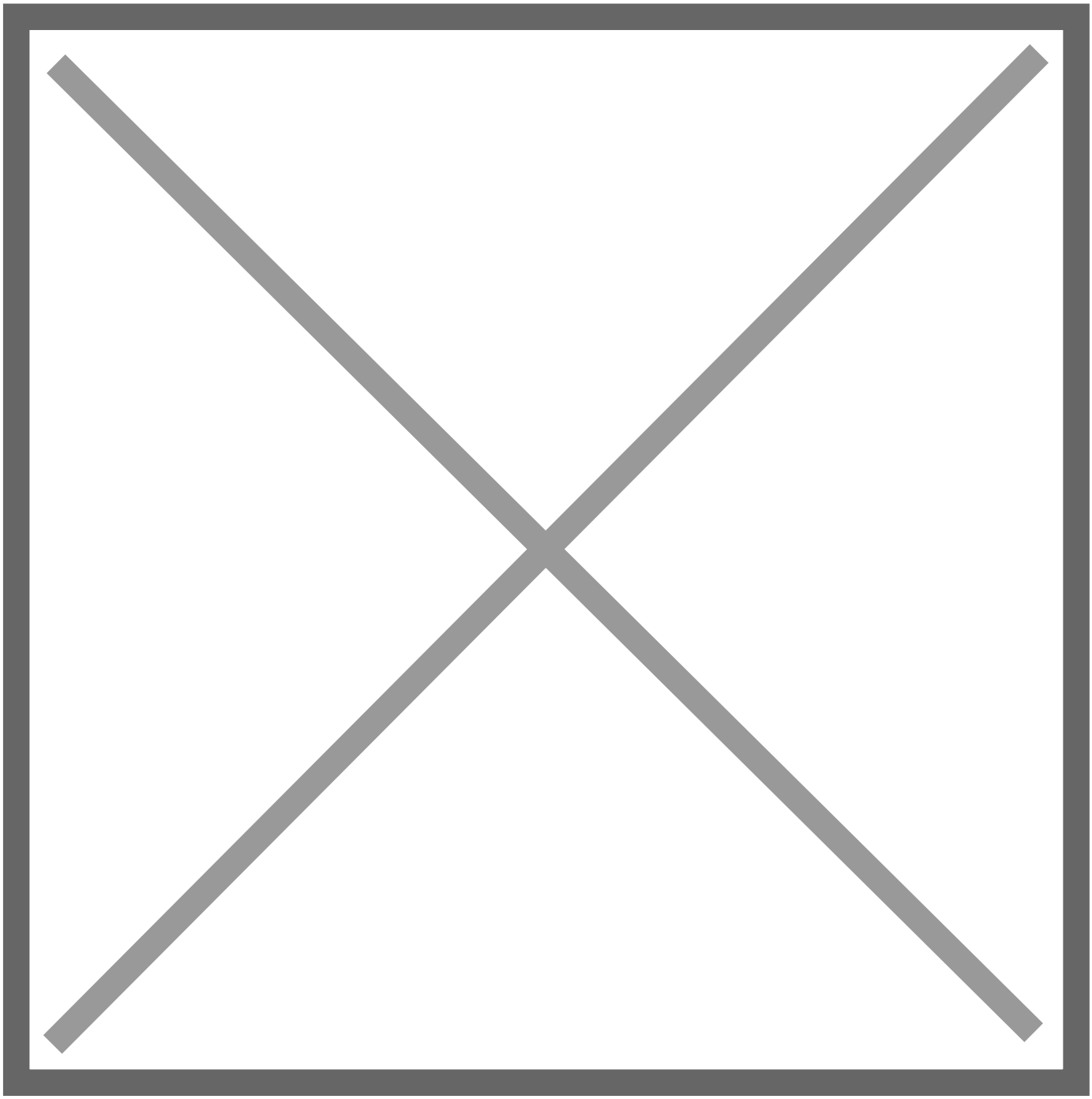
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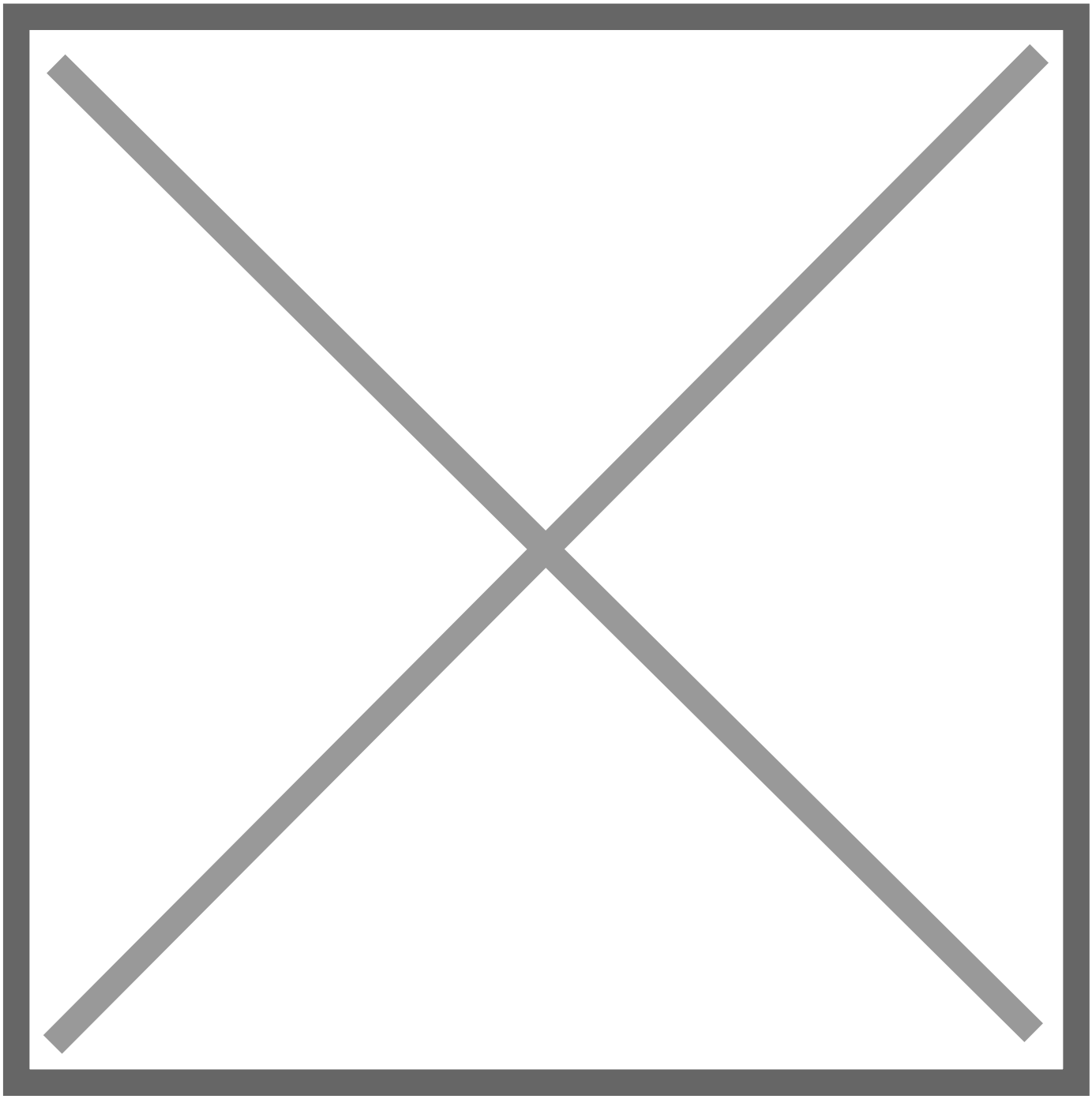
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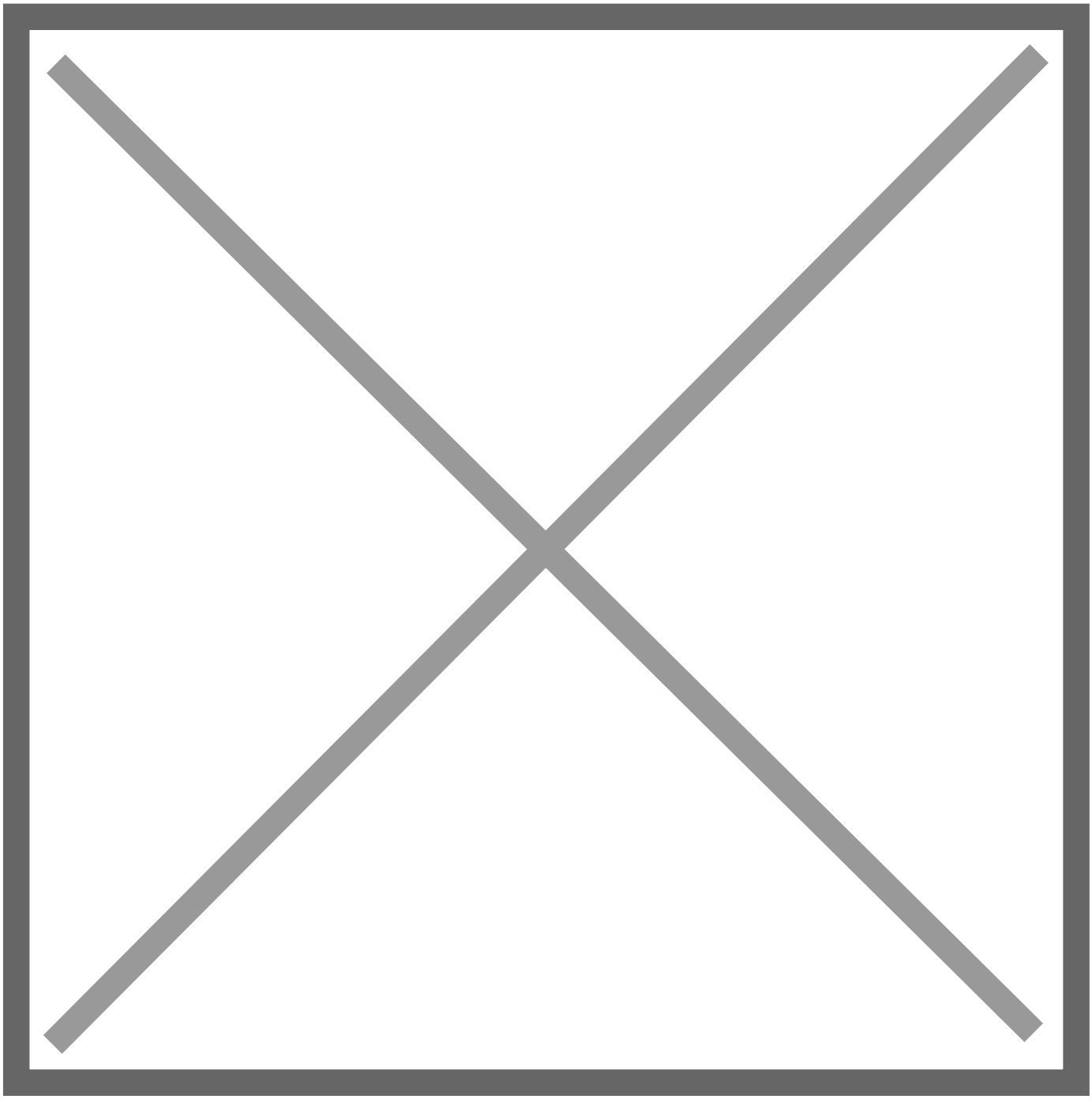
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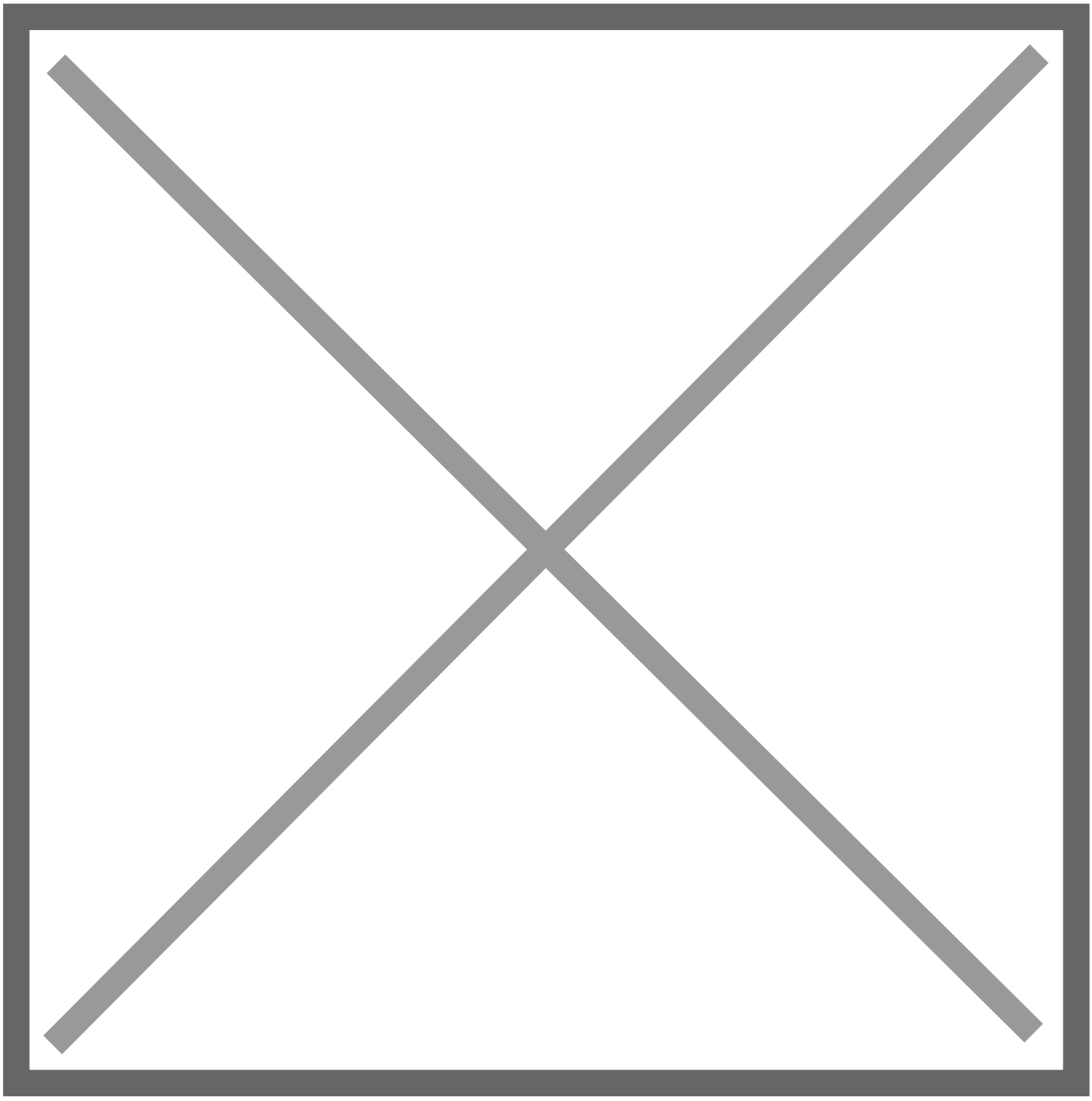
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Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

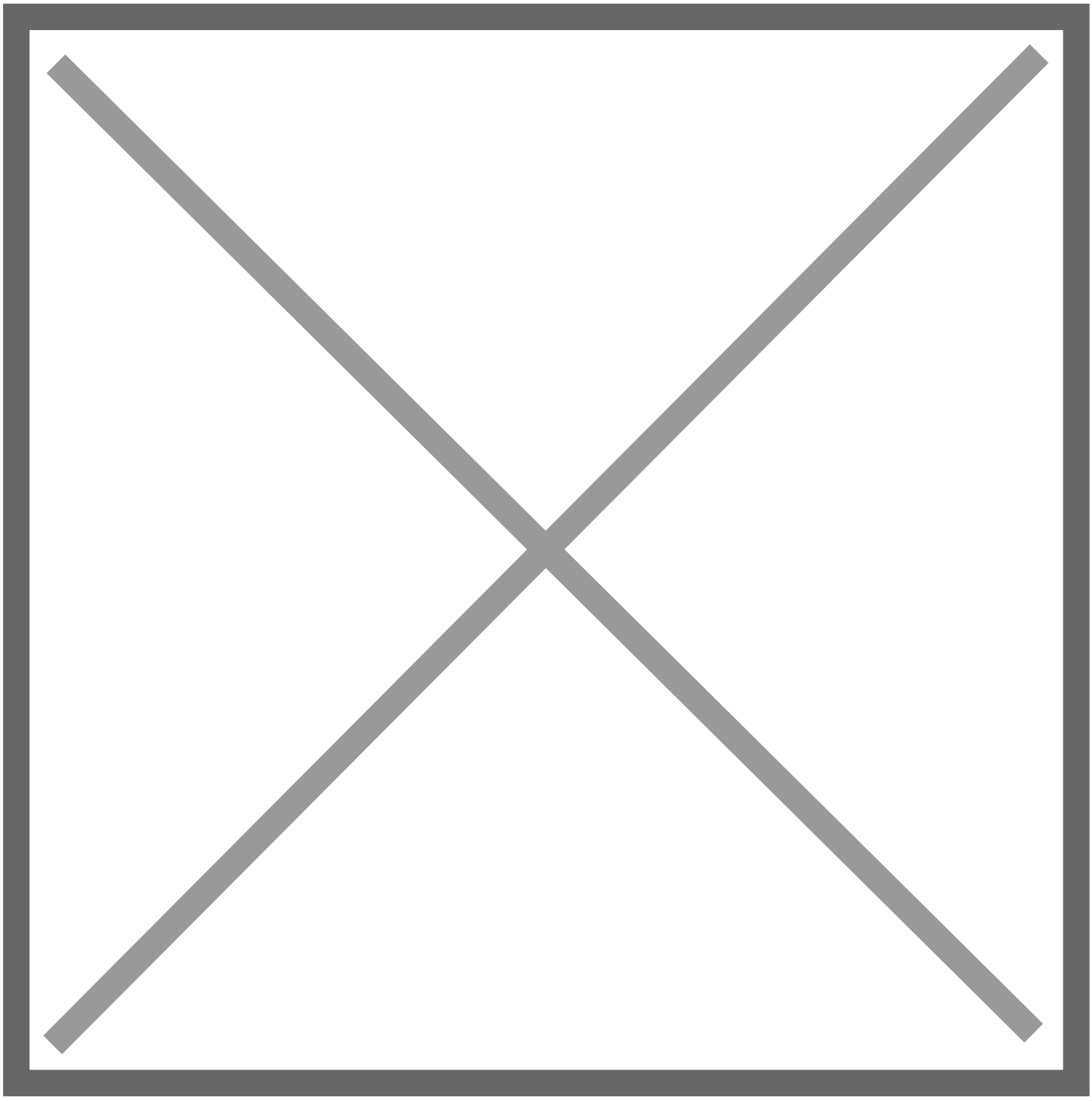
Adults, 2025



Area covered:	National
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Notes:	The percent of the population whose food budget is below the cost of a healthy diet.

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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