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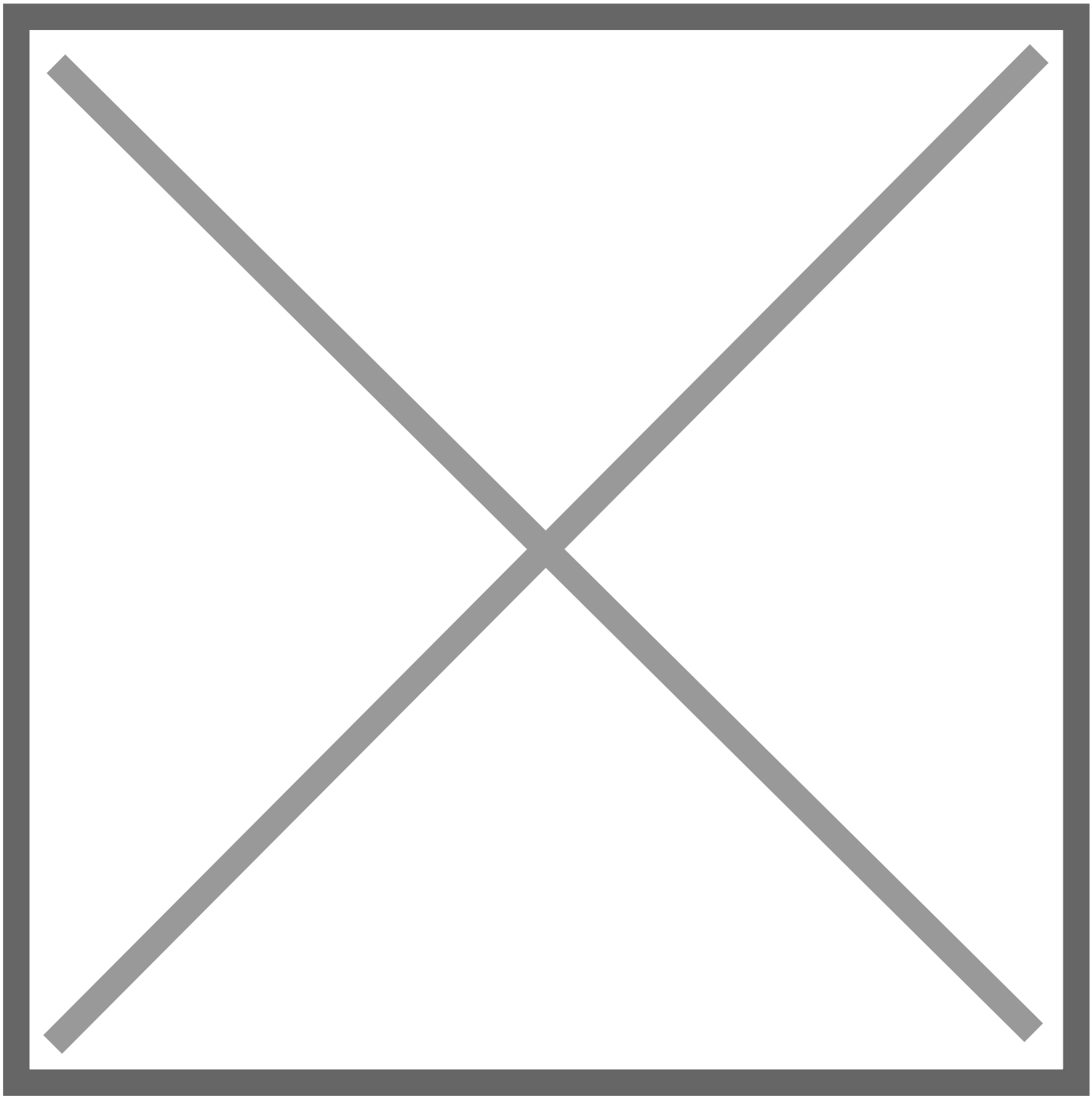
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at https://data.worldobesity.org/country/iraq-98/.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2015

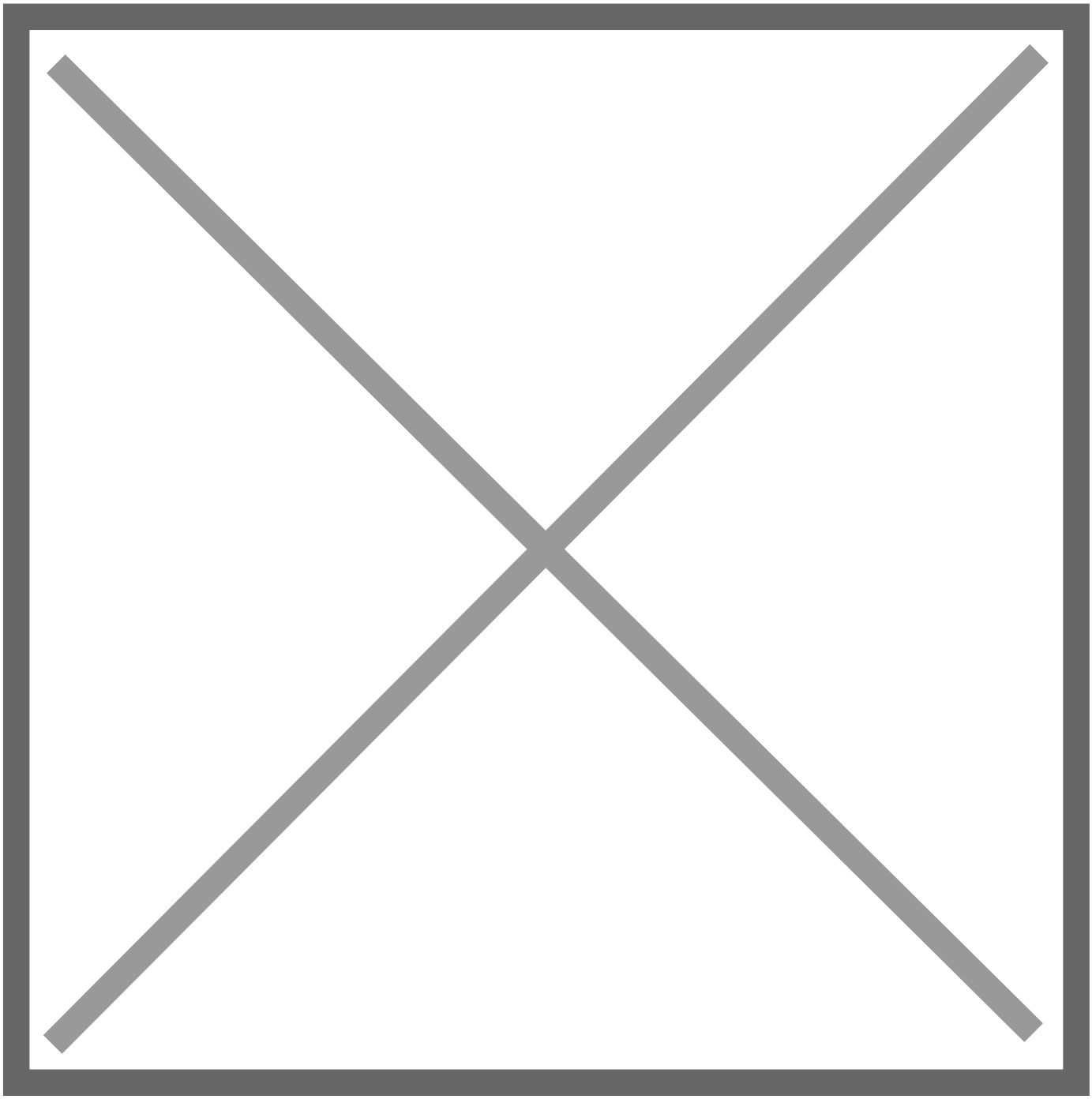


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Sample size:	3882
Area covered:	National
References:	Noncommunicable Diseases Risk Factors STEPS Survey Iraq 2015. WHO & Ministry of Health. https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/steps/Iraq_2015_STEPS_Report.pdf

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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2015

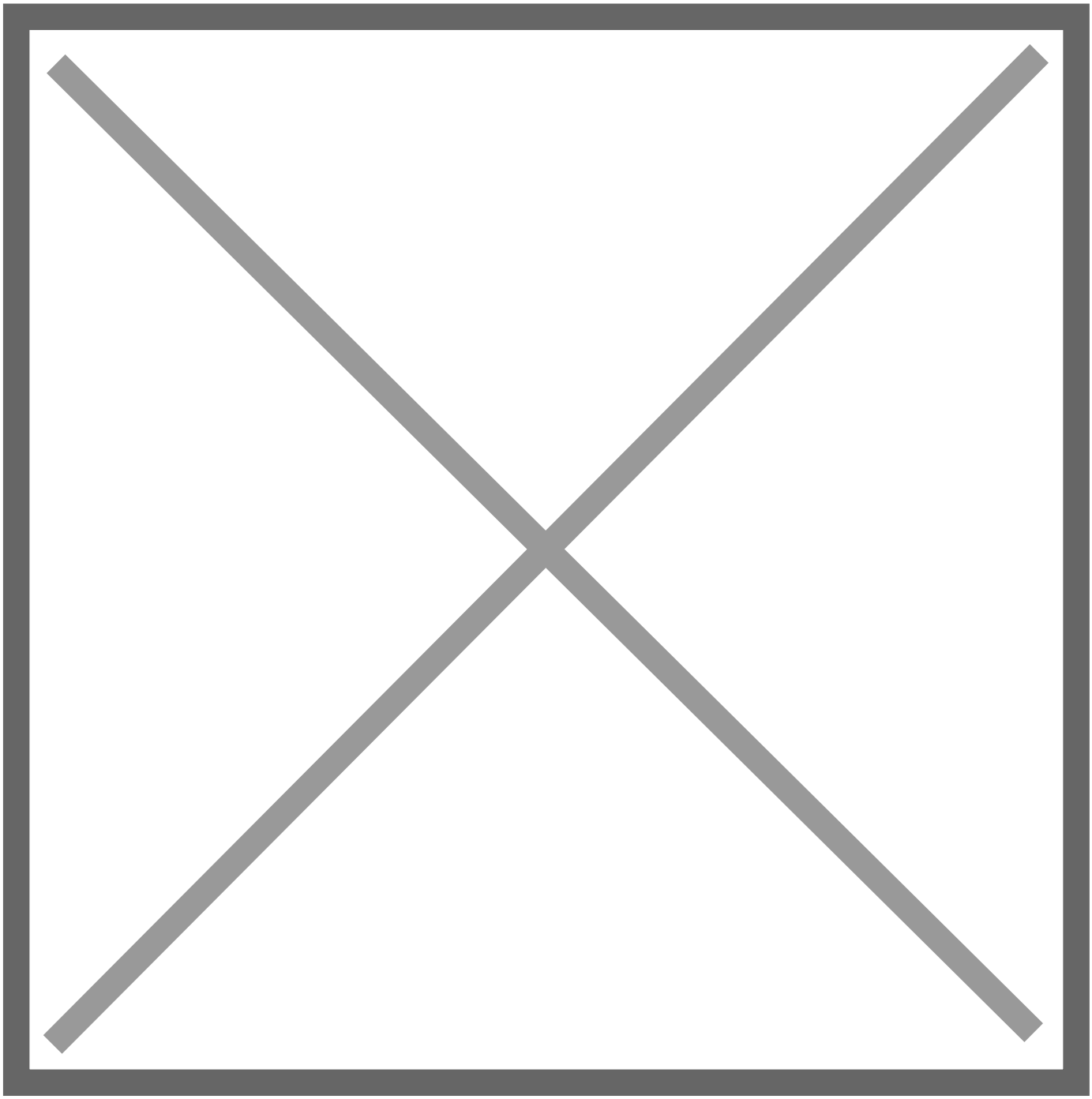


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Double burden of underweight & obesity

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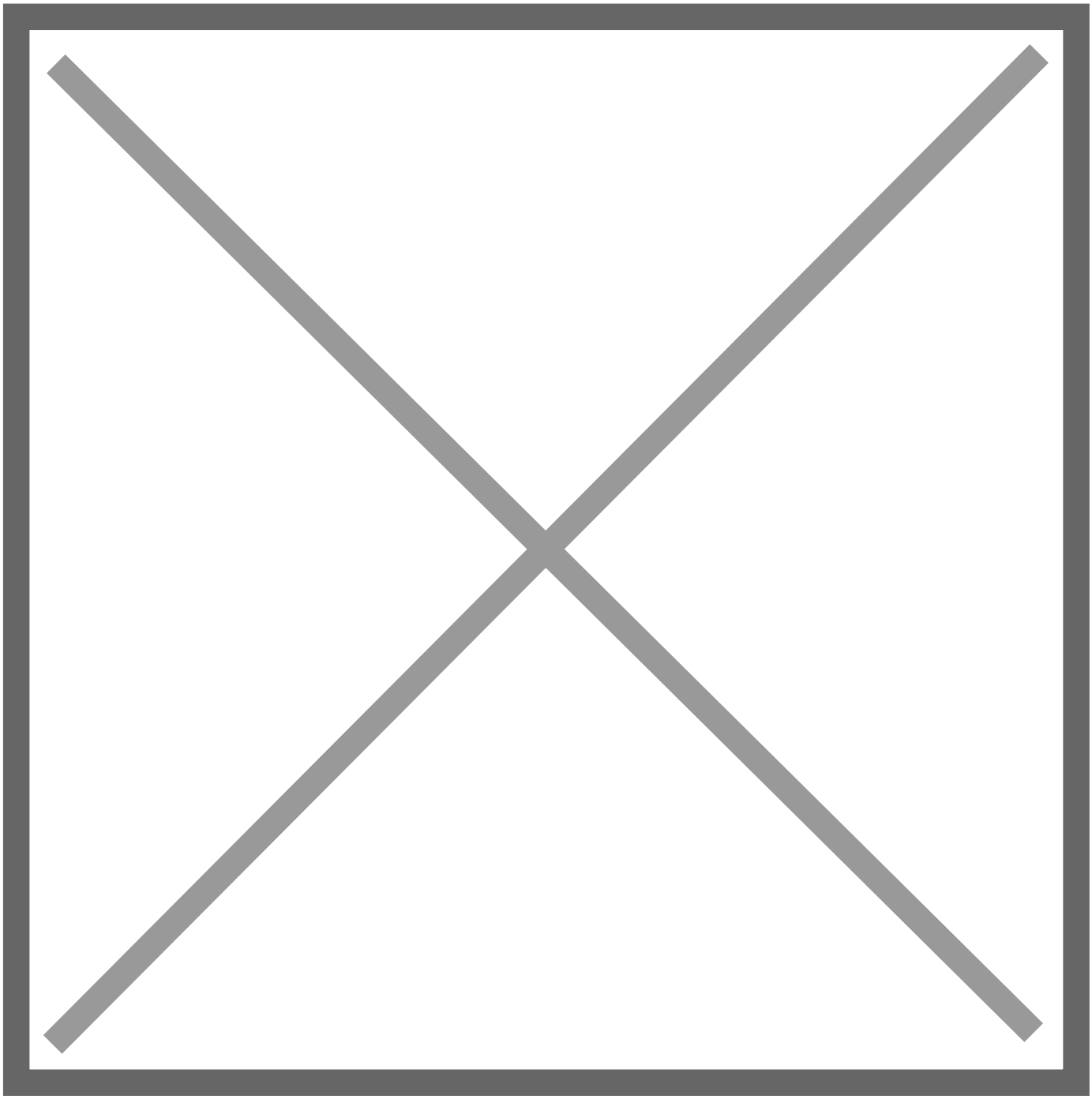


Survey type:	Measured
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References:	NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2.
Notes:	Age Standardised estimates

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

Insufficient physical activity

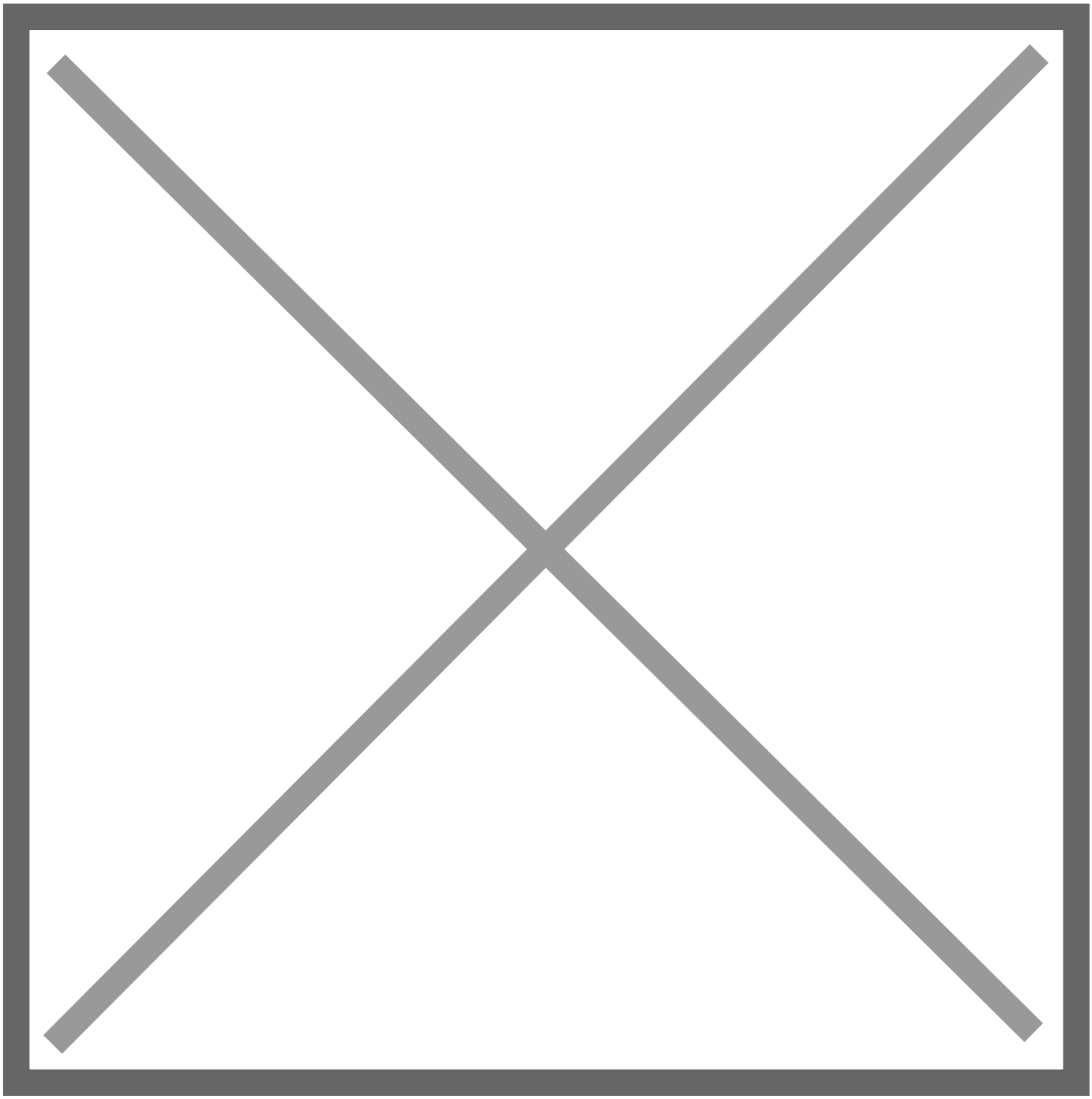
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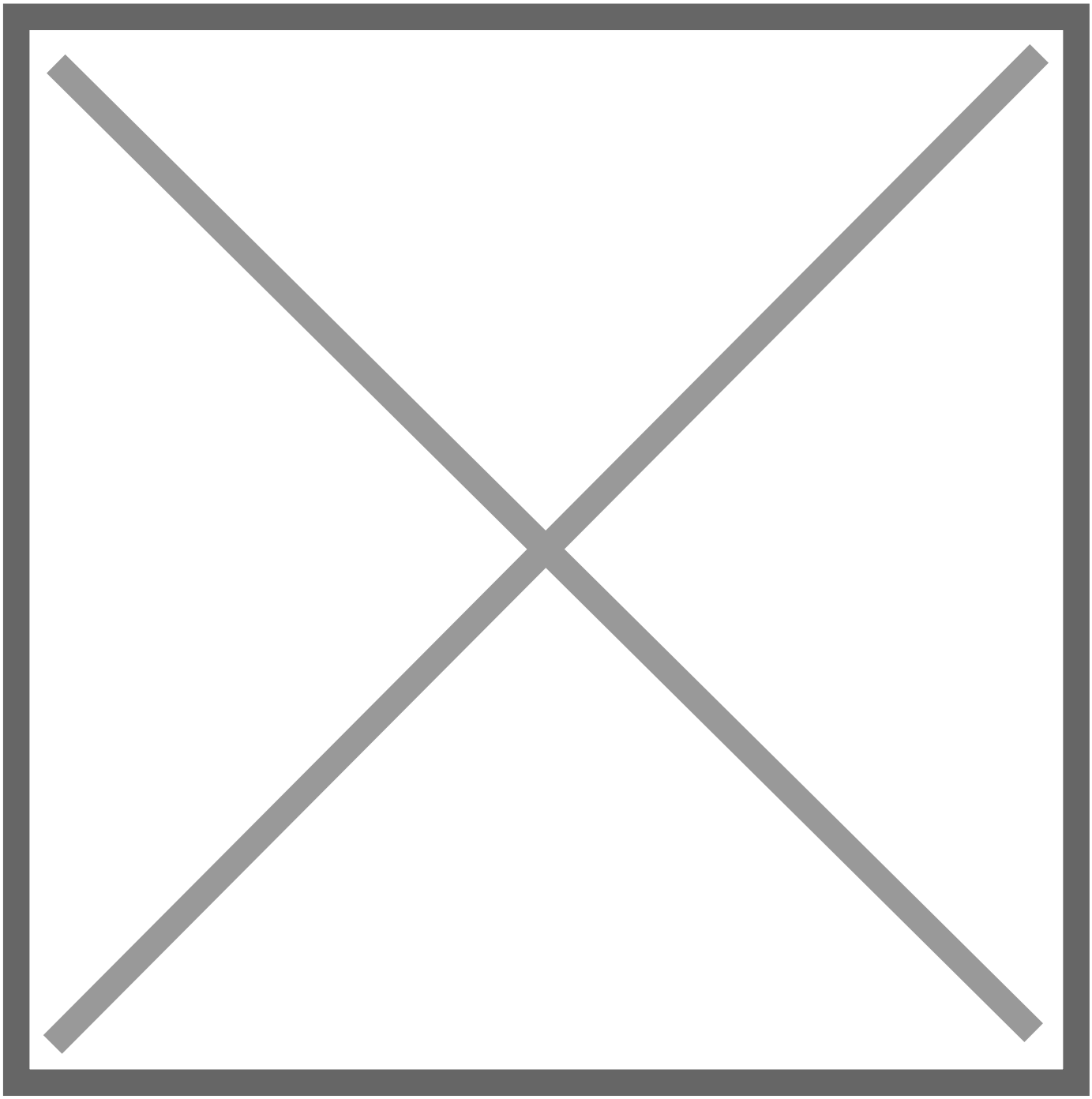
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Women, 2022

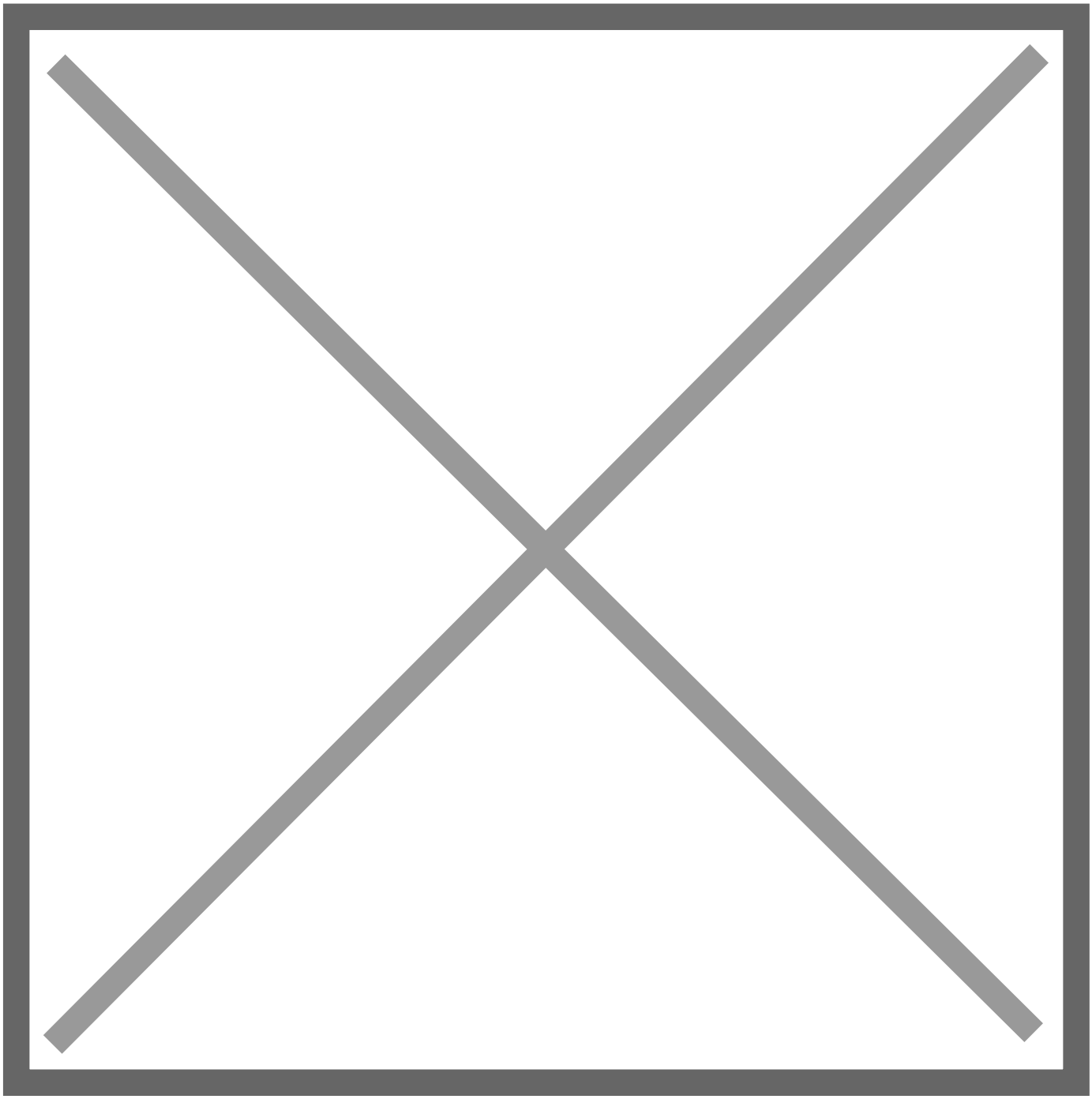


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Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

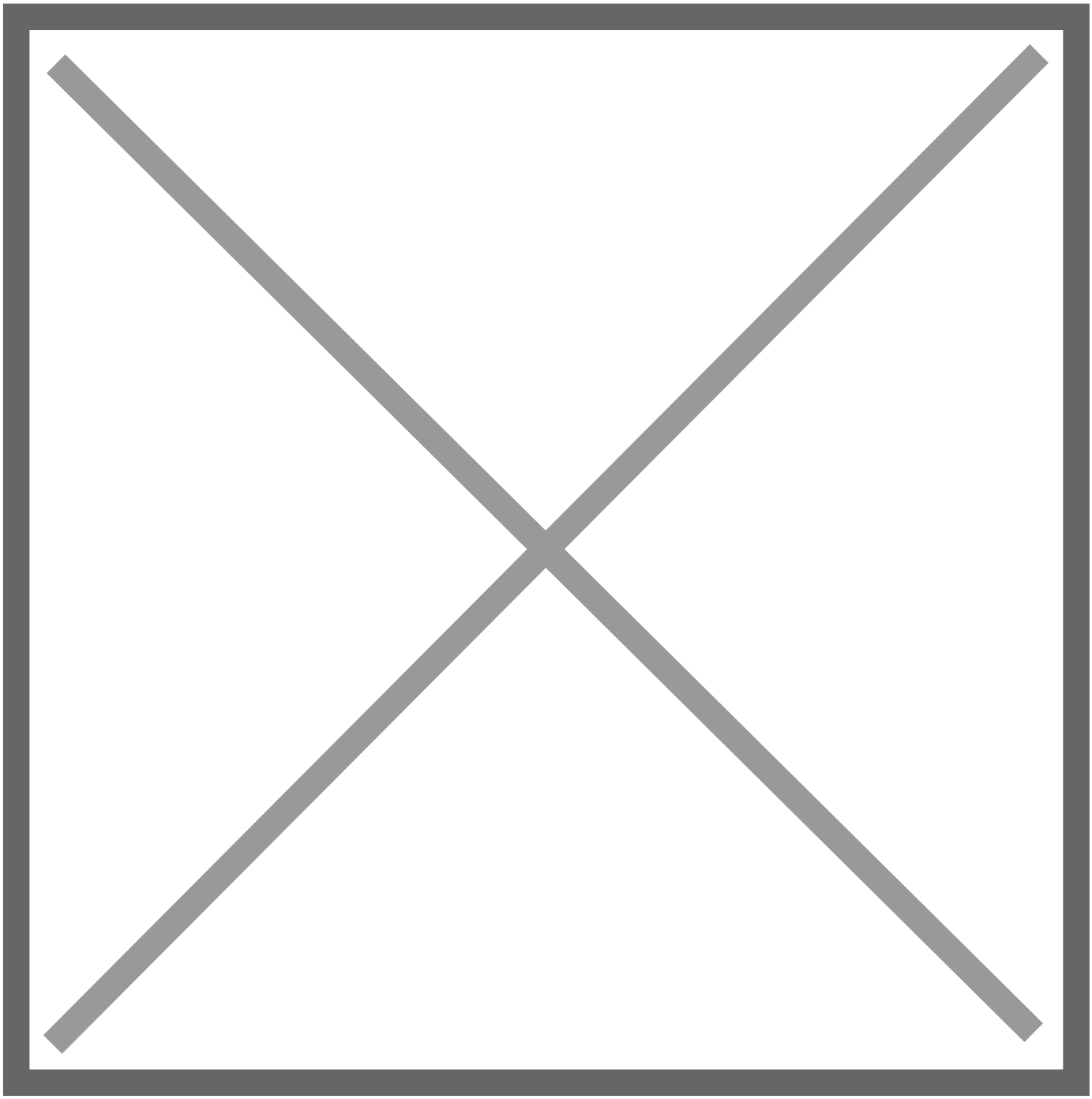
Adults, 2021-2024



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	15+
Sample size:	999
Area covered:	National
References:	Global Diet Quality Project. 2024. "DQQ Results Dataset 2021-2024." Harvard Dataverse. https://doi.org/doi:10.7910/DVN/KY3W8A Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 4.0. Accessed at dietquality.org on October 15, 2025.

Notes:	For more global dietary survey data, visit the Global Diet Quality Project website at https://www.dietquality.org/
Definitions:	Proportion of the population who consumed fast food during the previous day or night (self-reported)

Men, 2021-2024

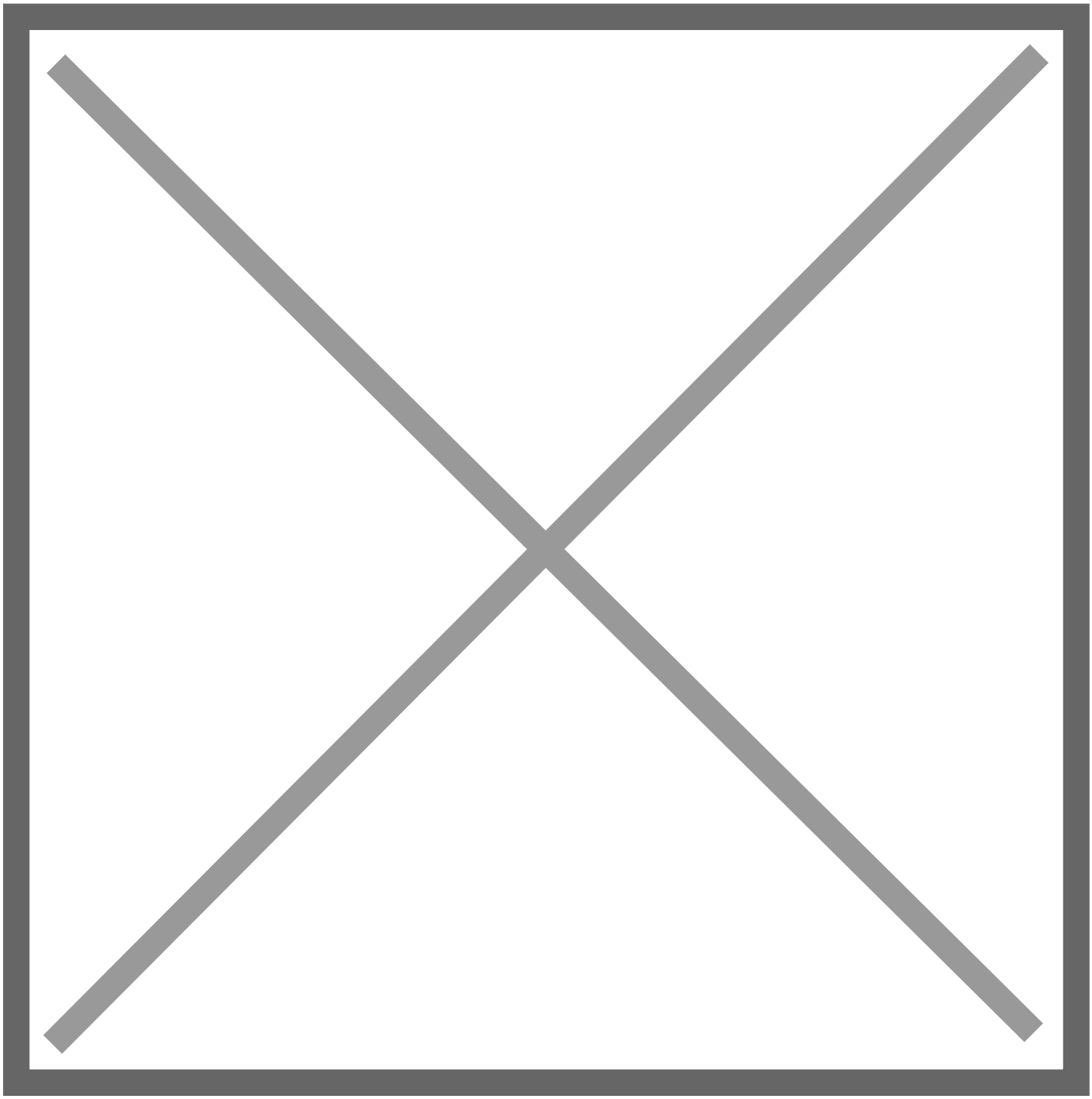


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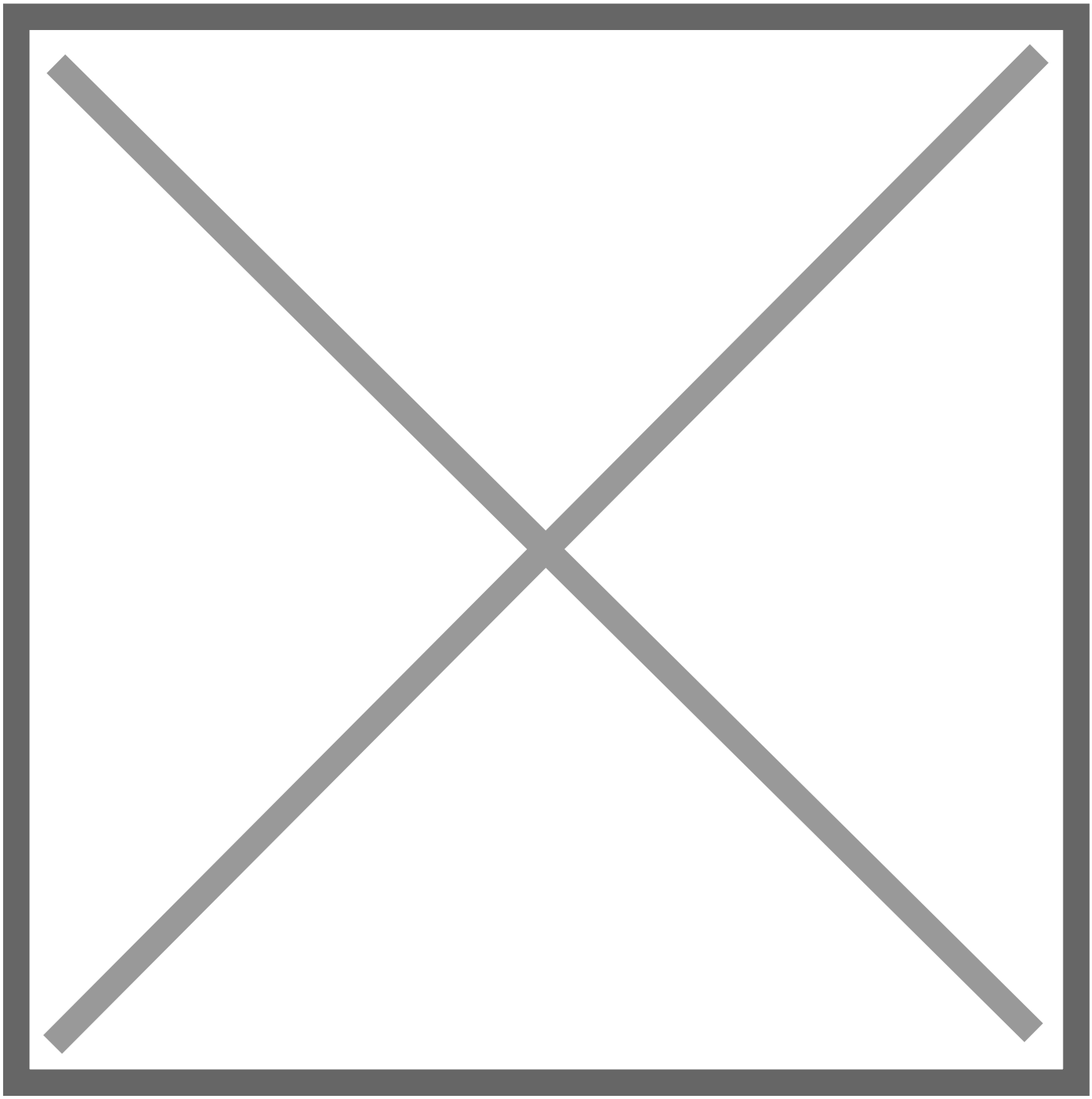


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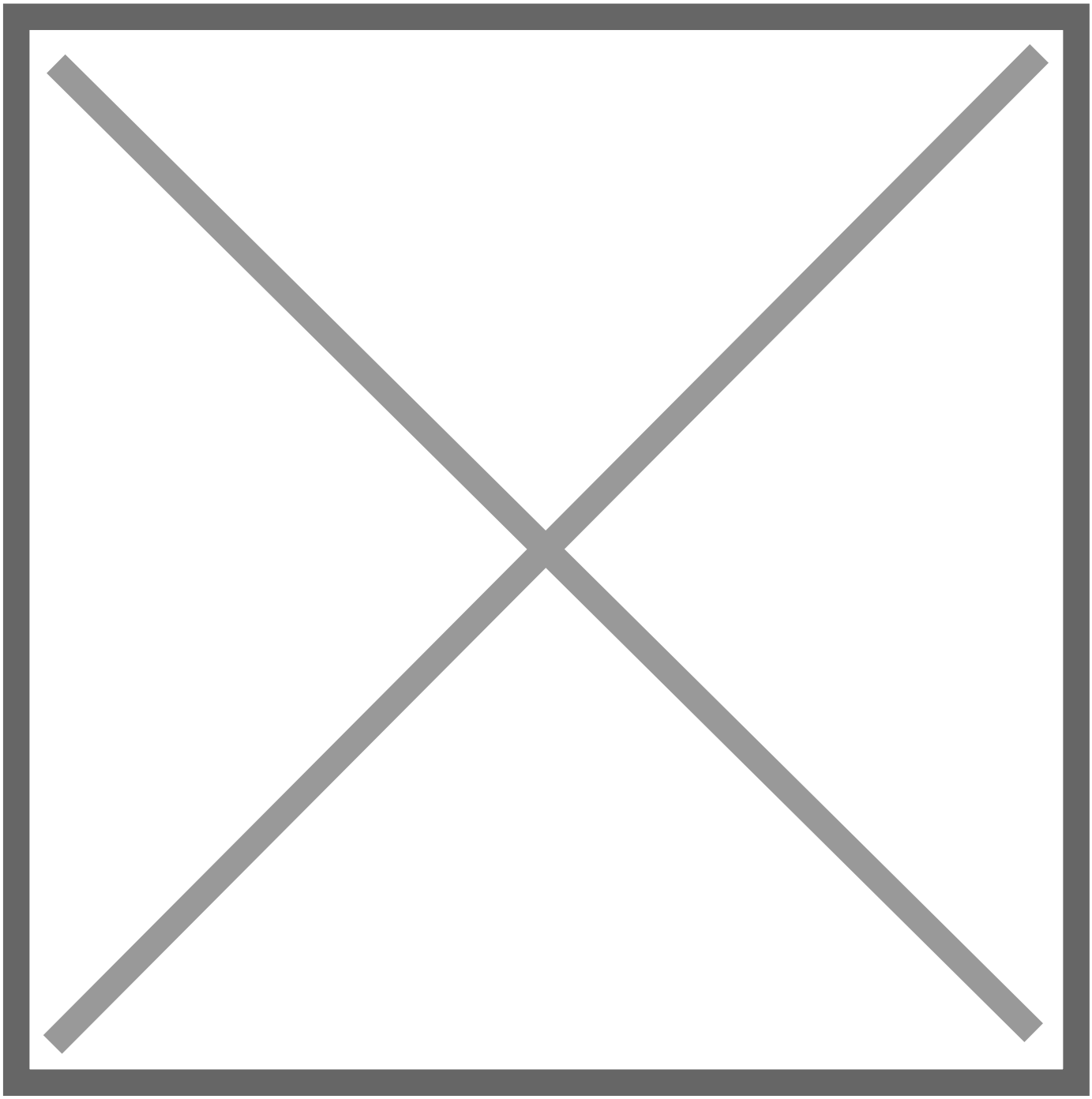
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2023



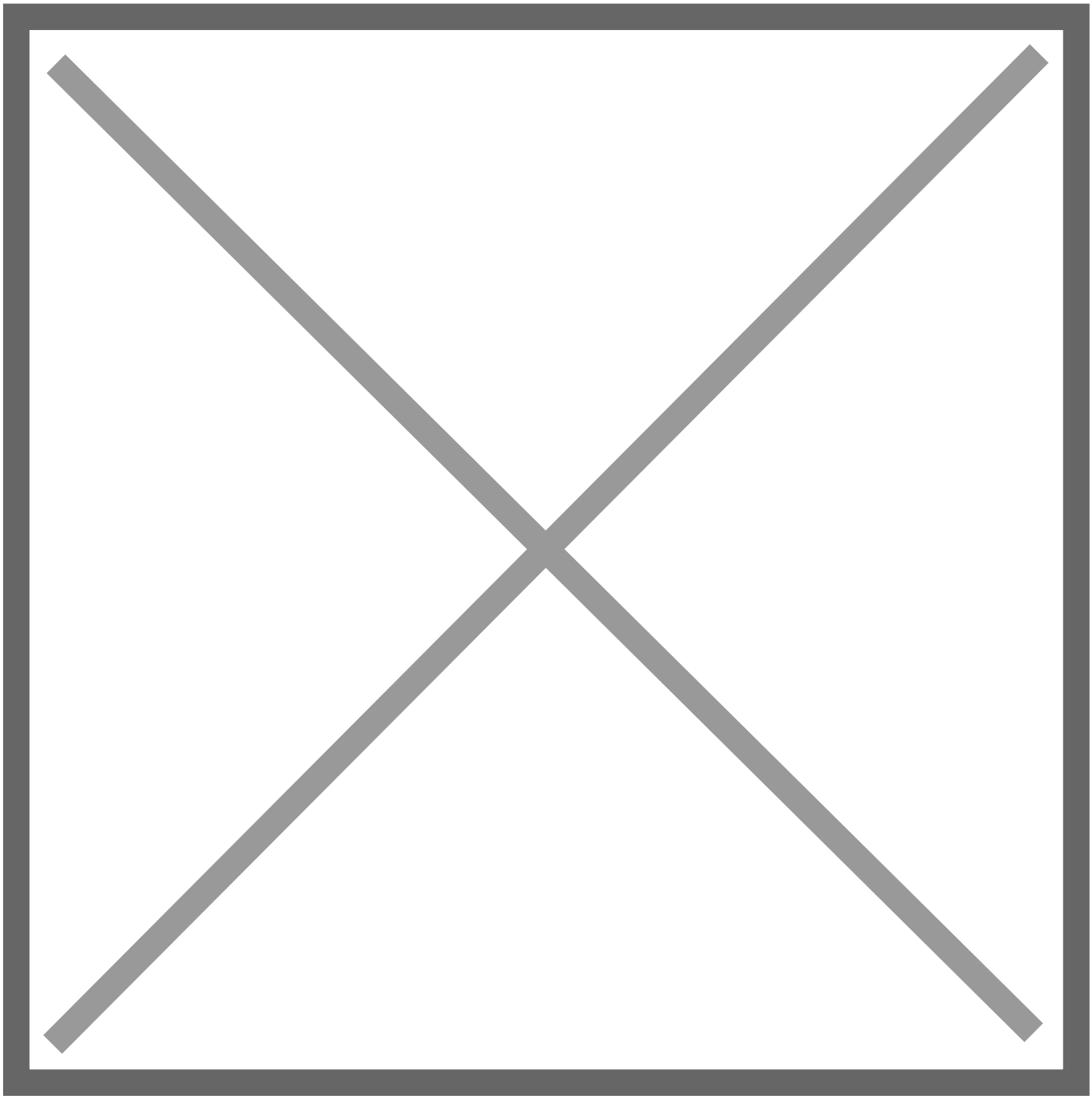
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Men, 2023



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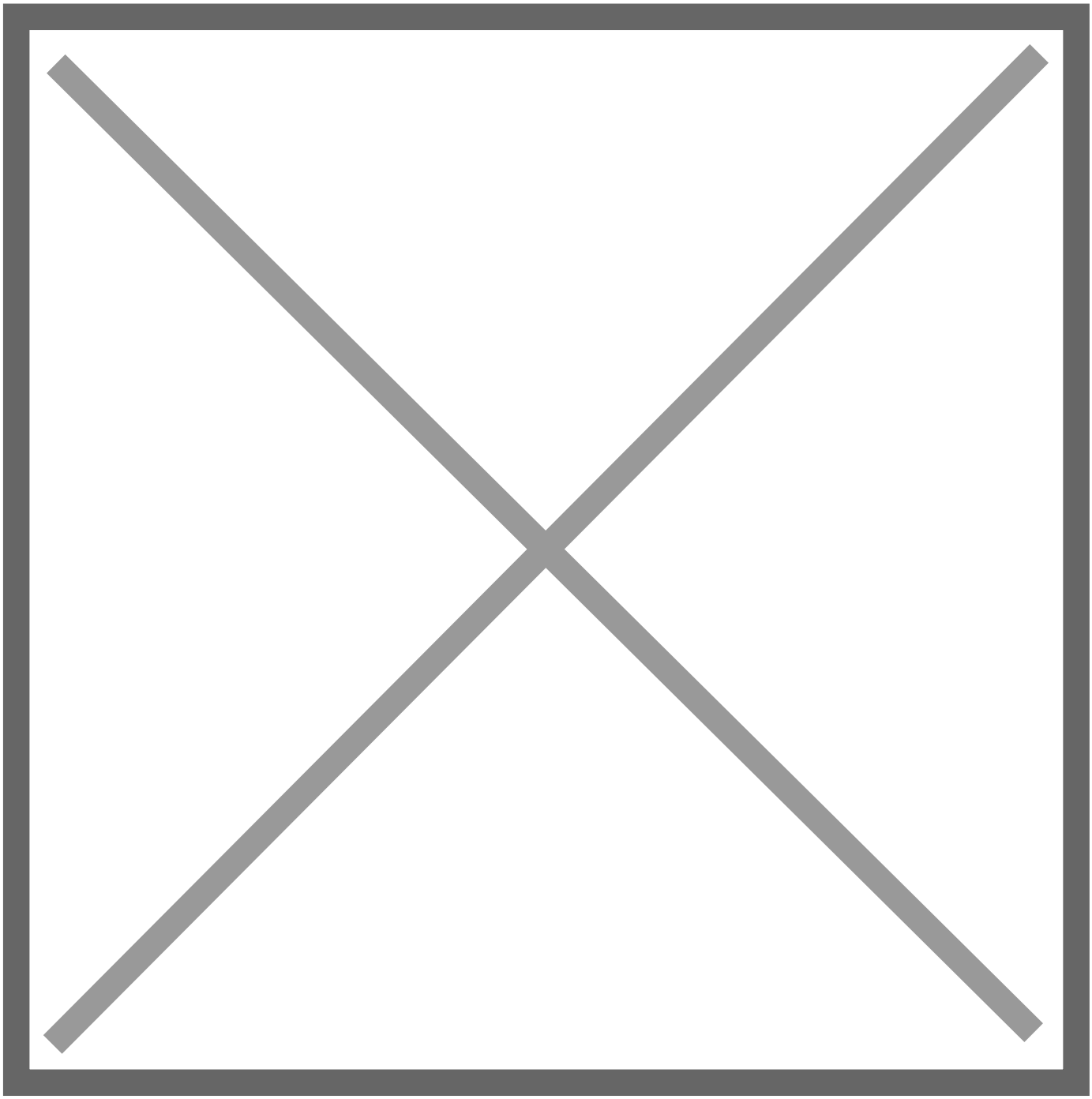
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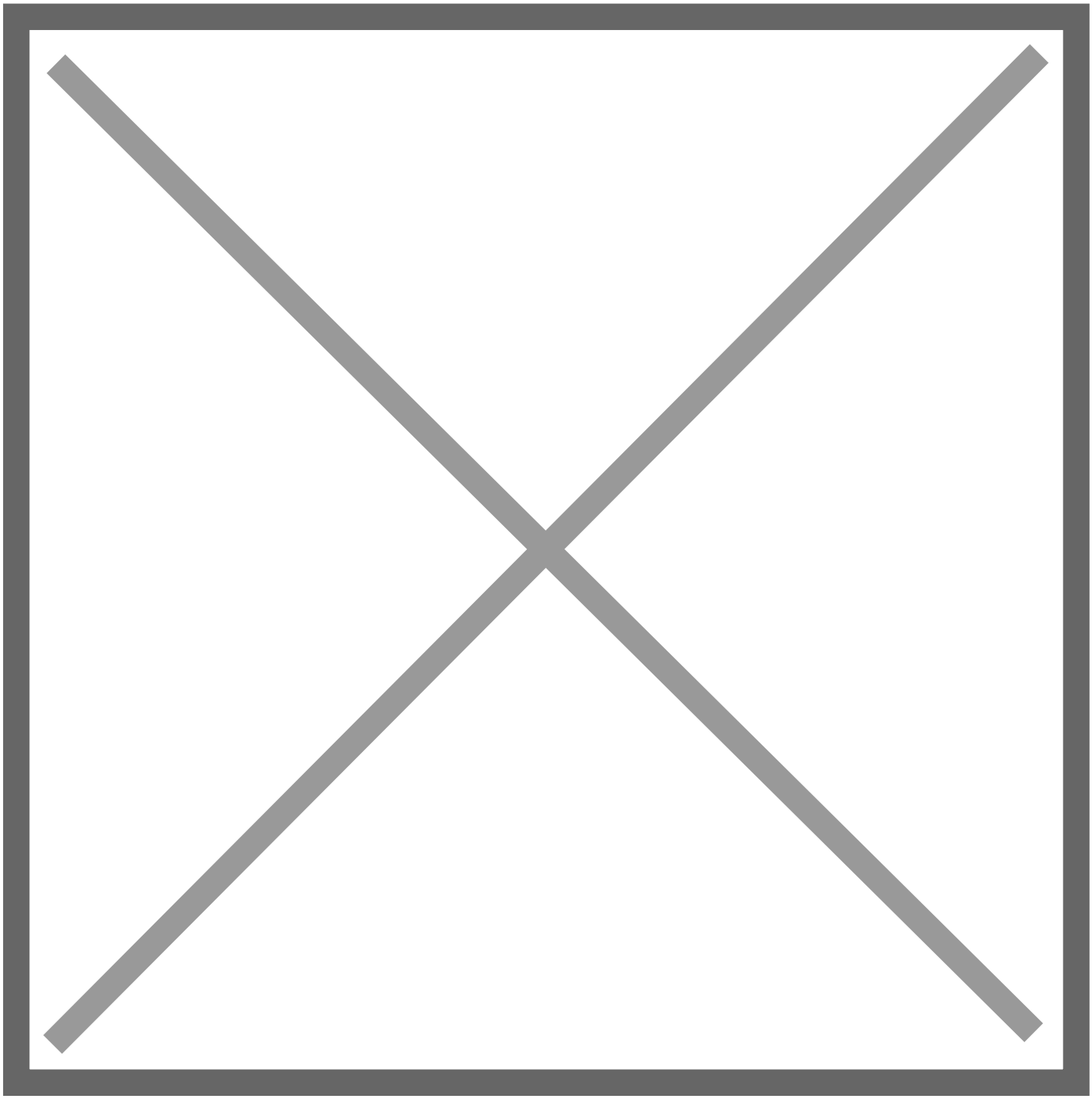
Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2023



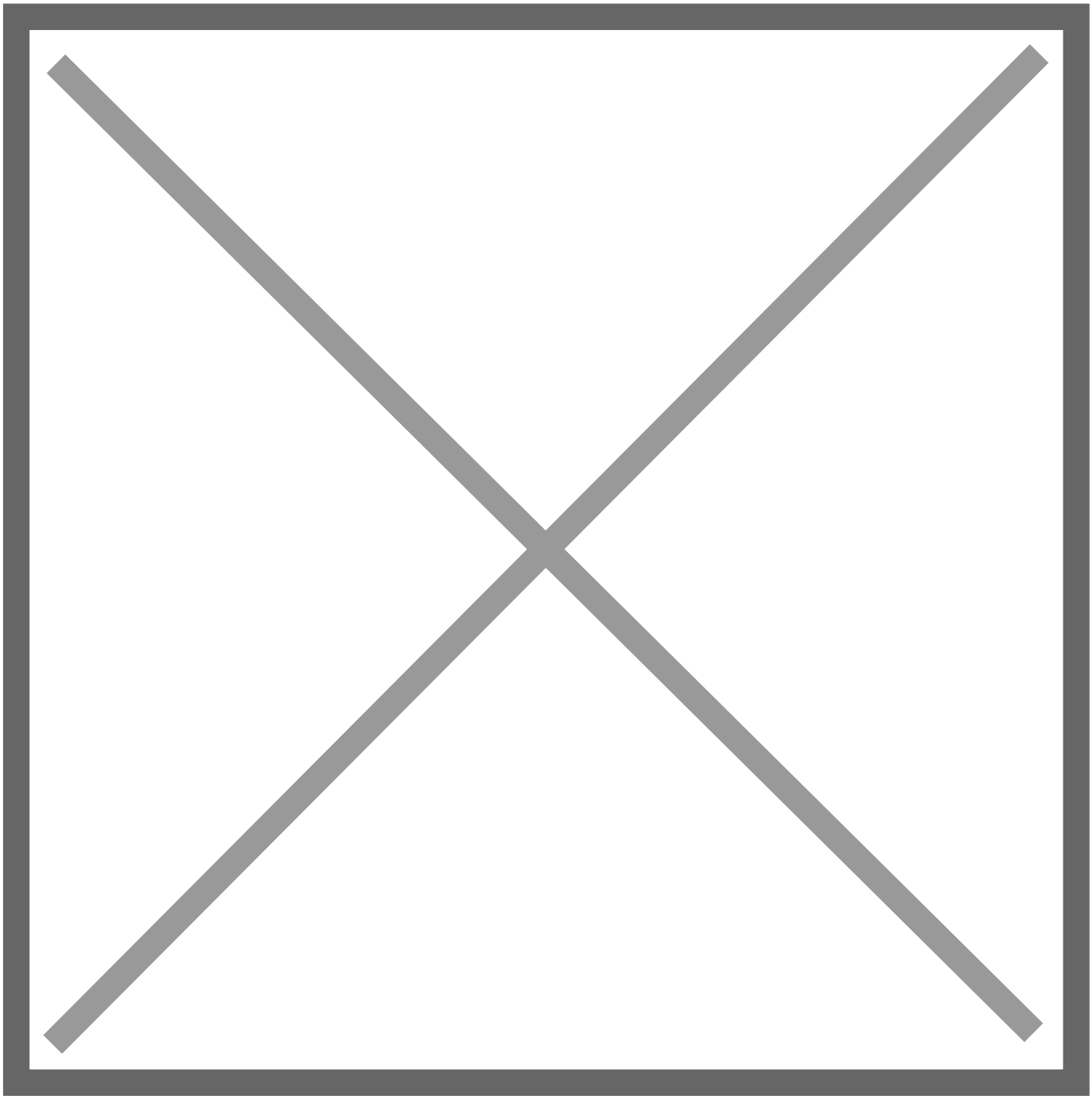
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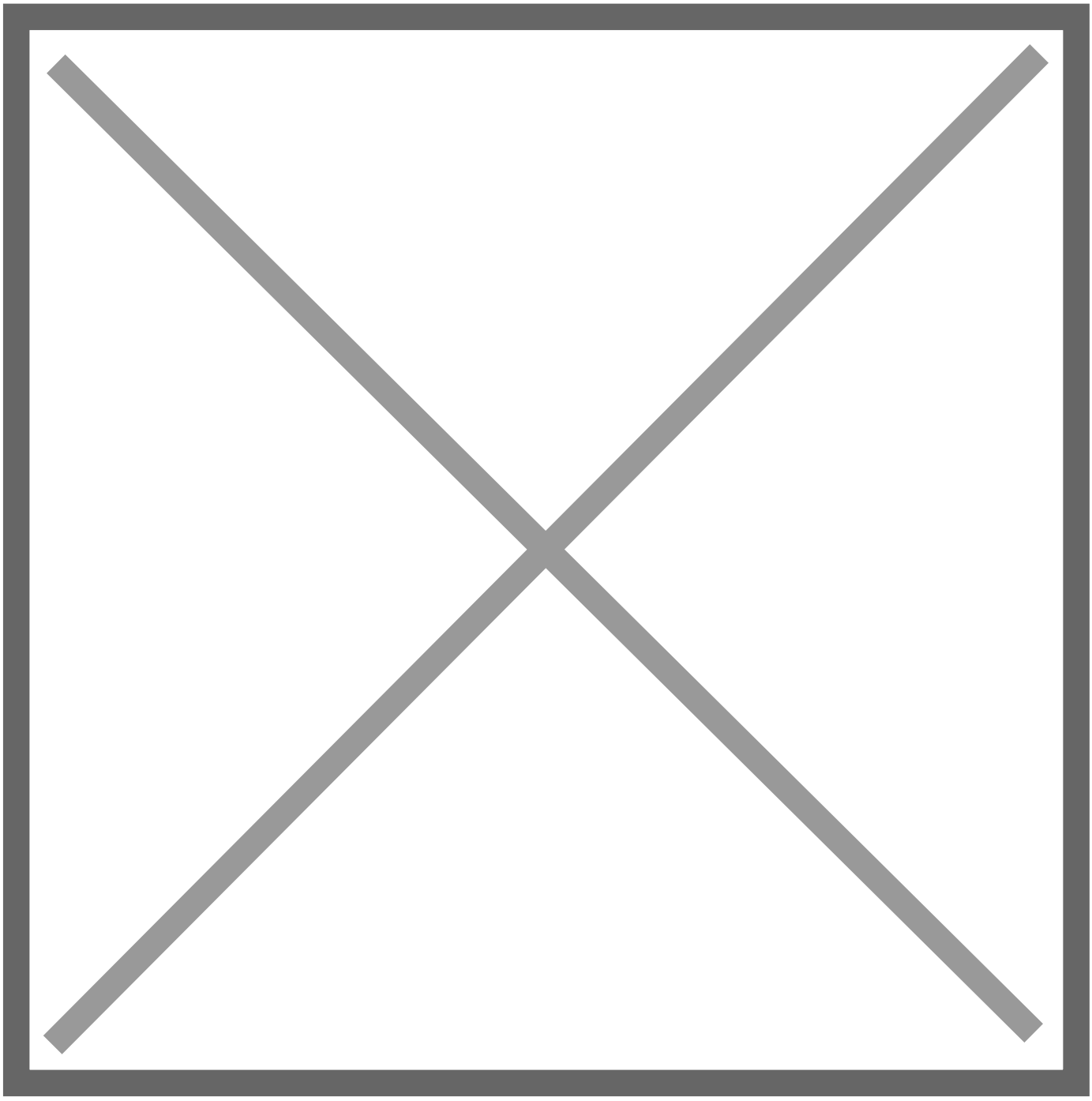
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Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

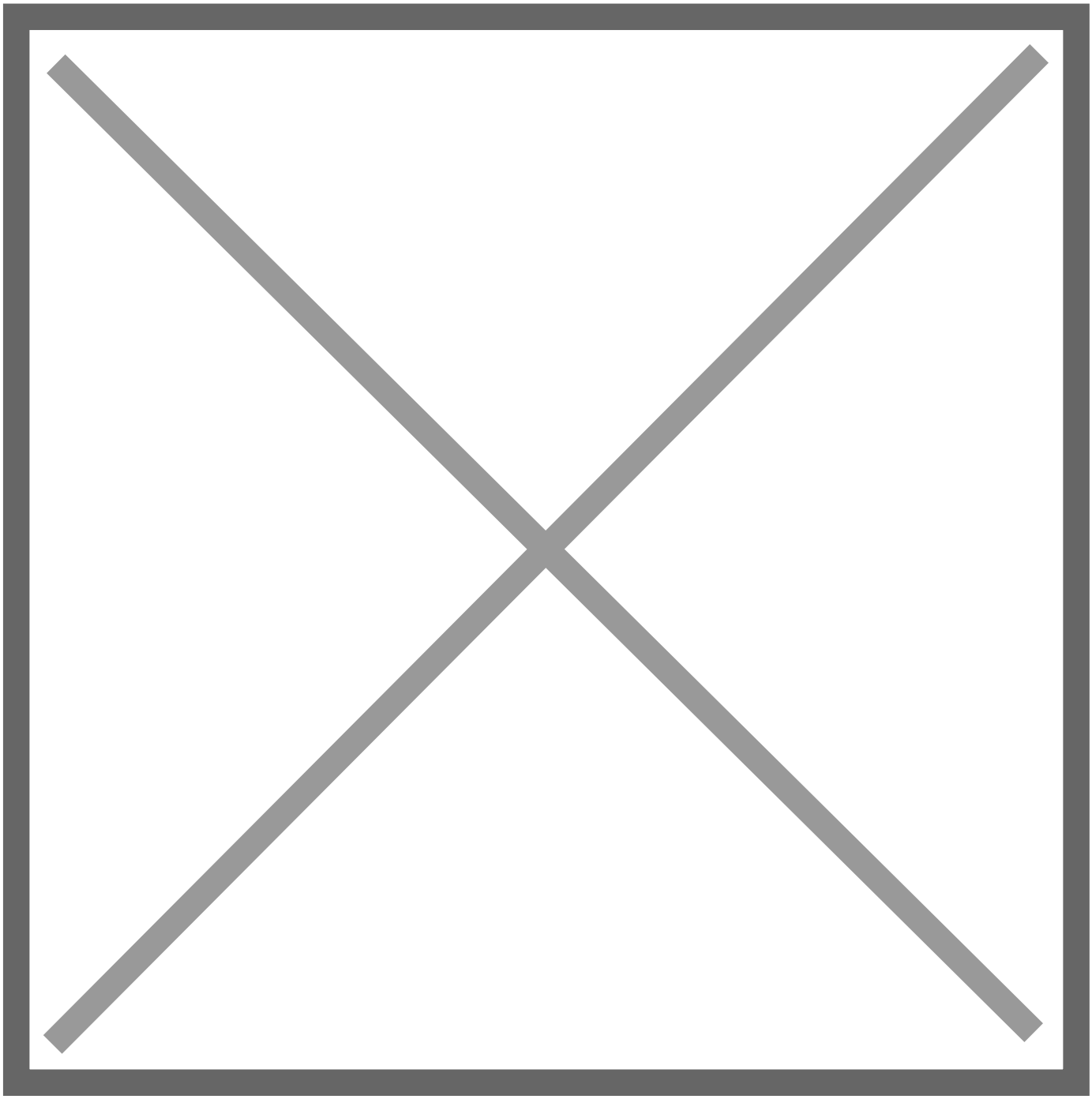
Adults, 2025



Area covered:	National
References:	FAO. 2026. FAOSTAT: Cost and Affordability of a Healthy Diet (CoAHD). https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/CAHD. Licence: CC-BY-4.0. [Last Accessed 12.10.26]
Notes:	The percent of the population whose food budget is below the cost of a healthy diet.

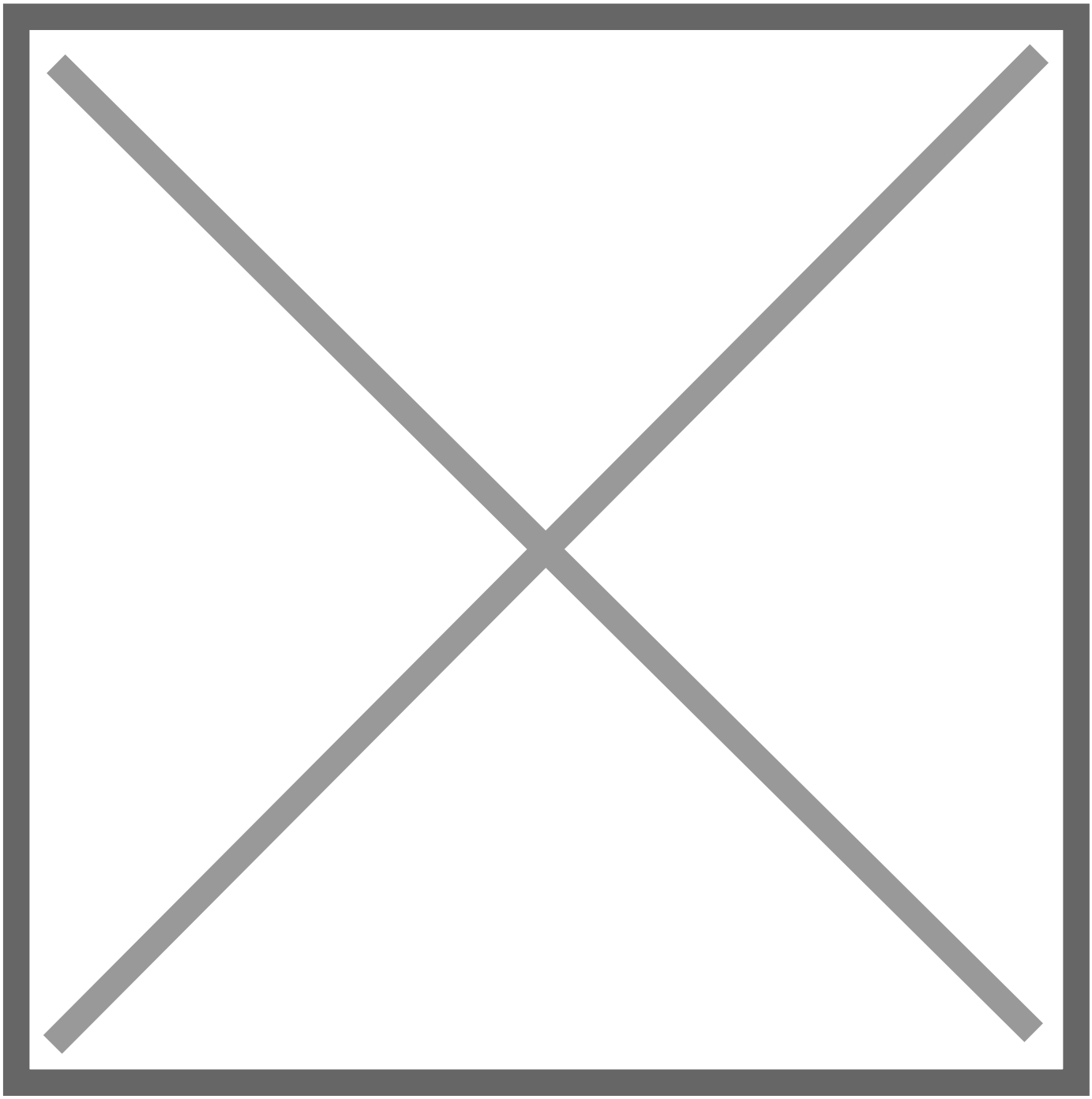
Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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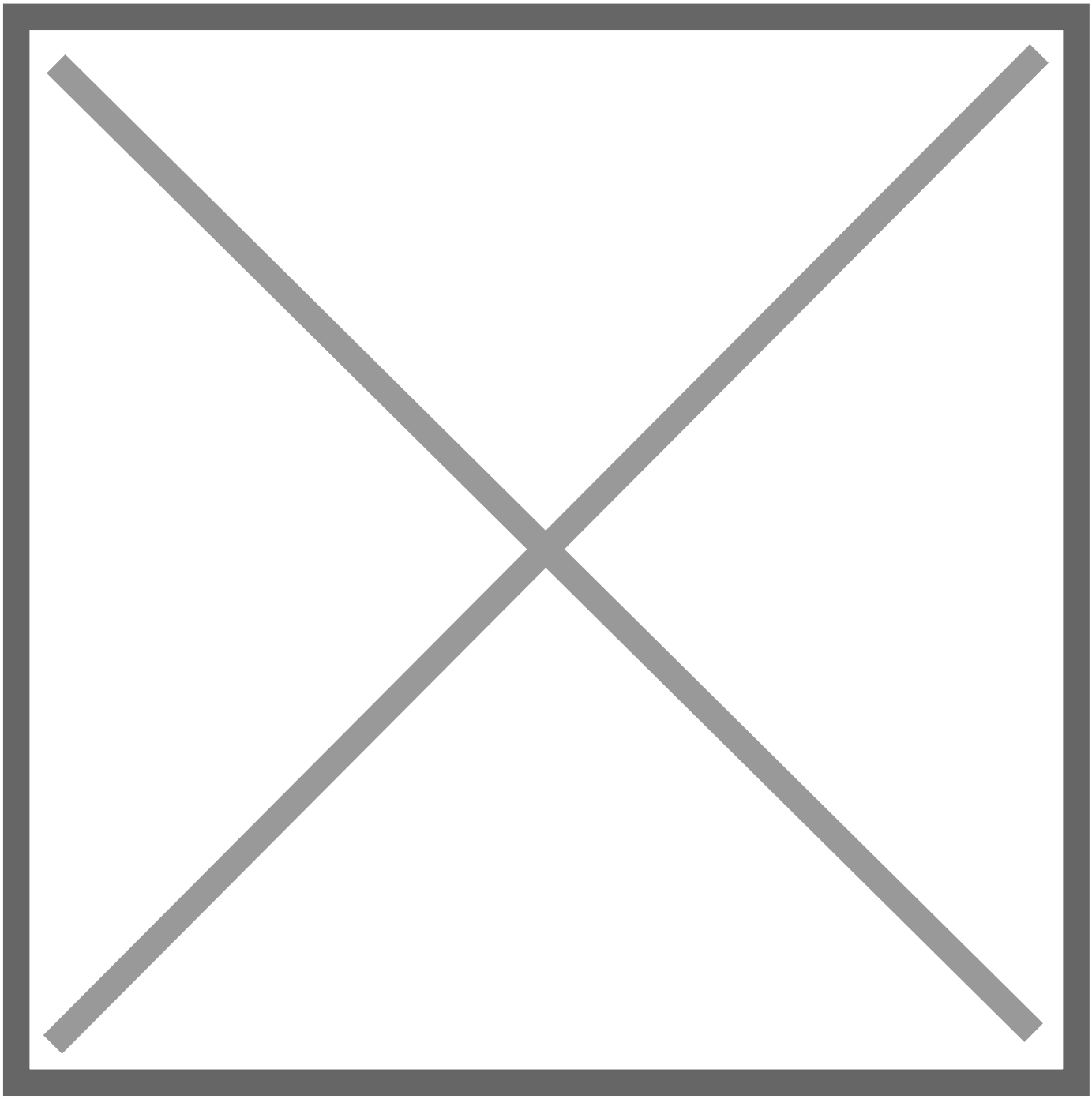
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Breast cancer

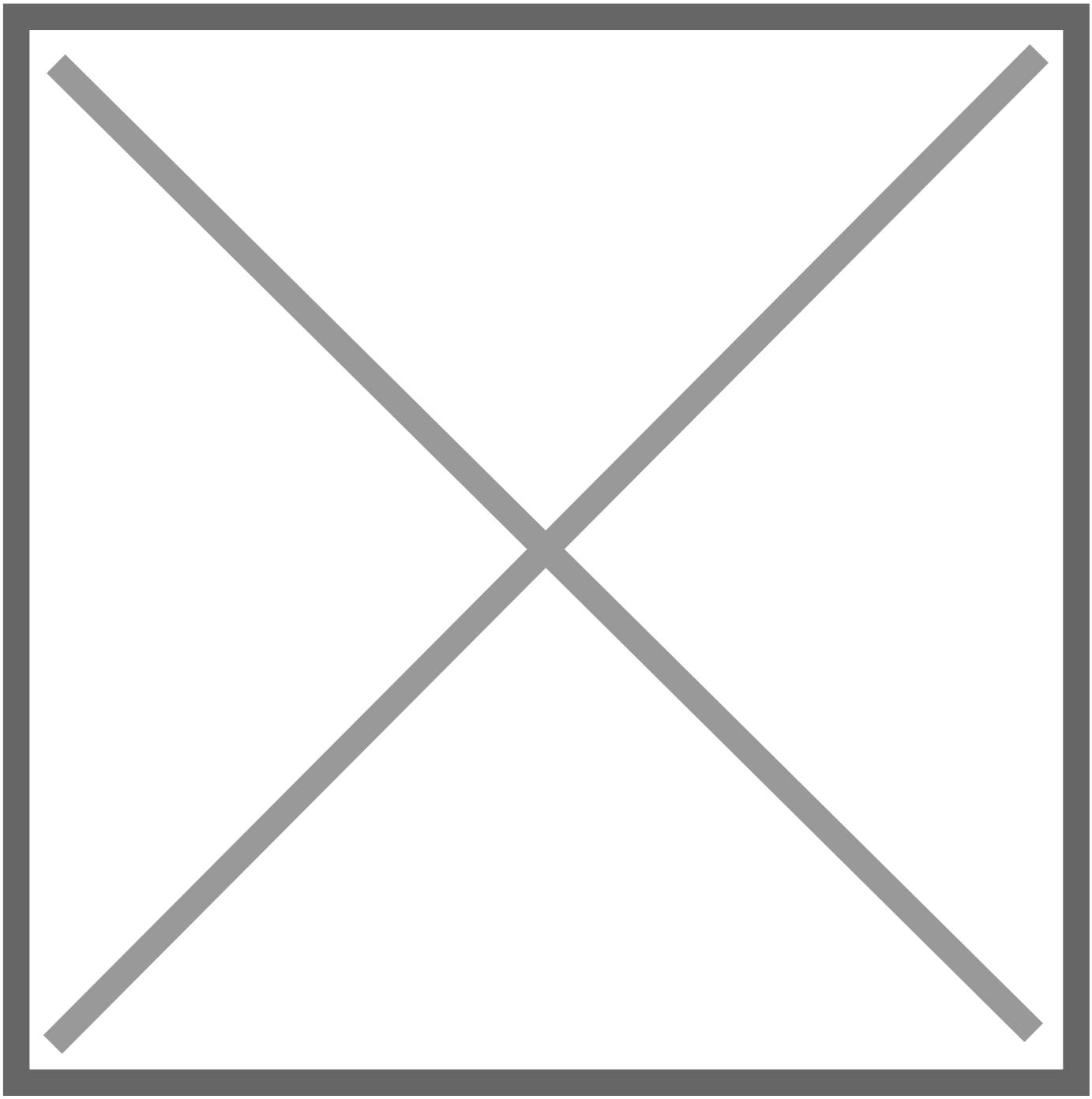
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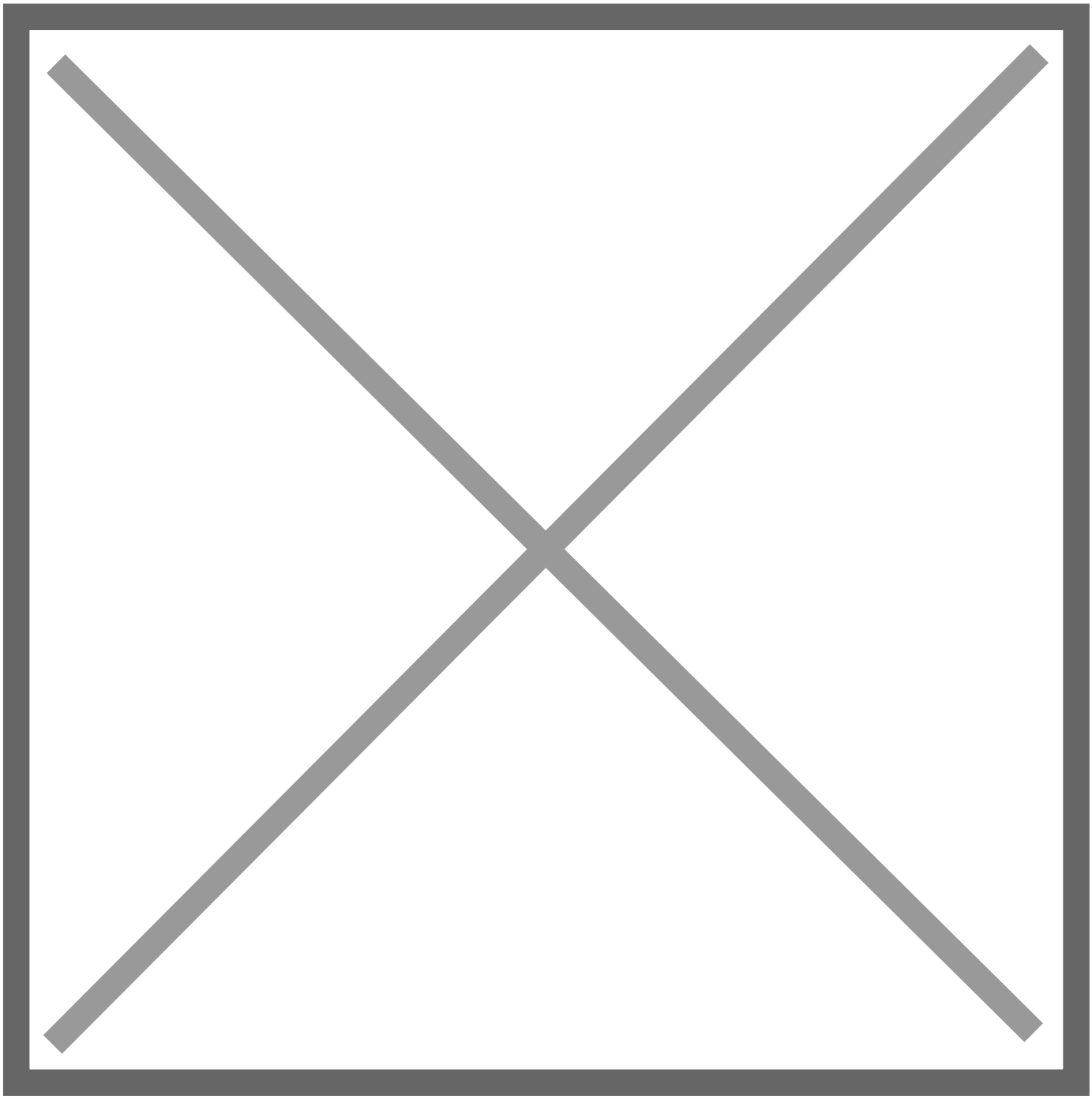
Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022



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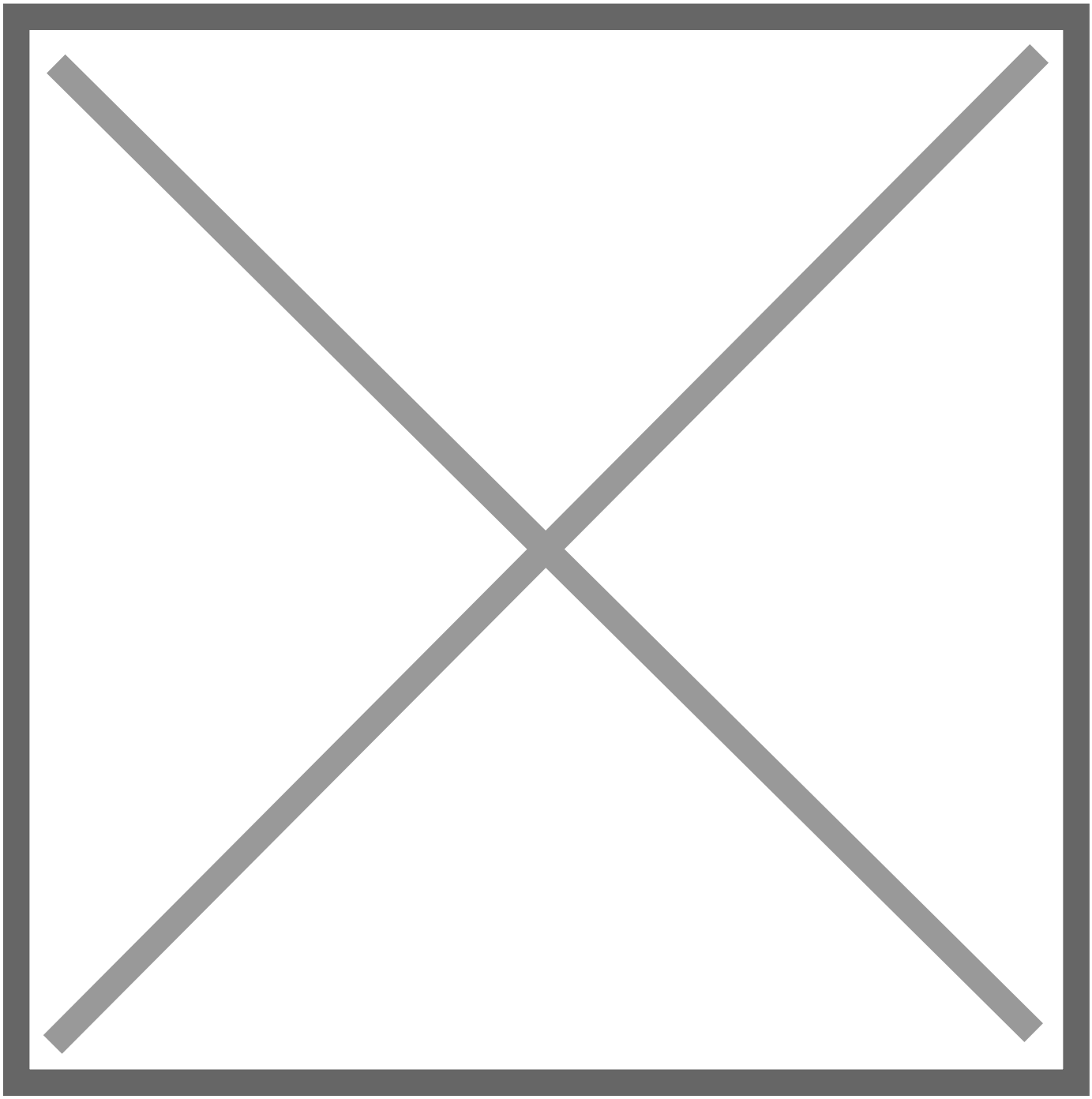
Women, 2022



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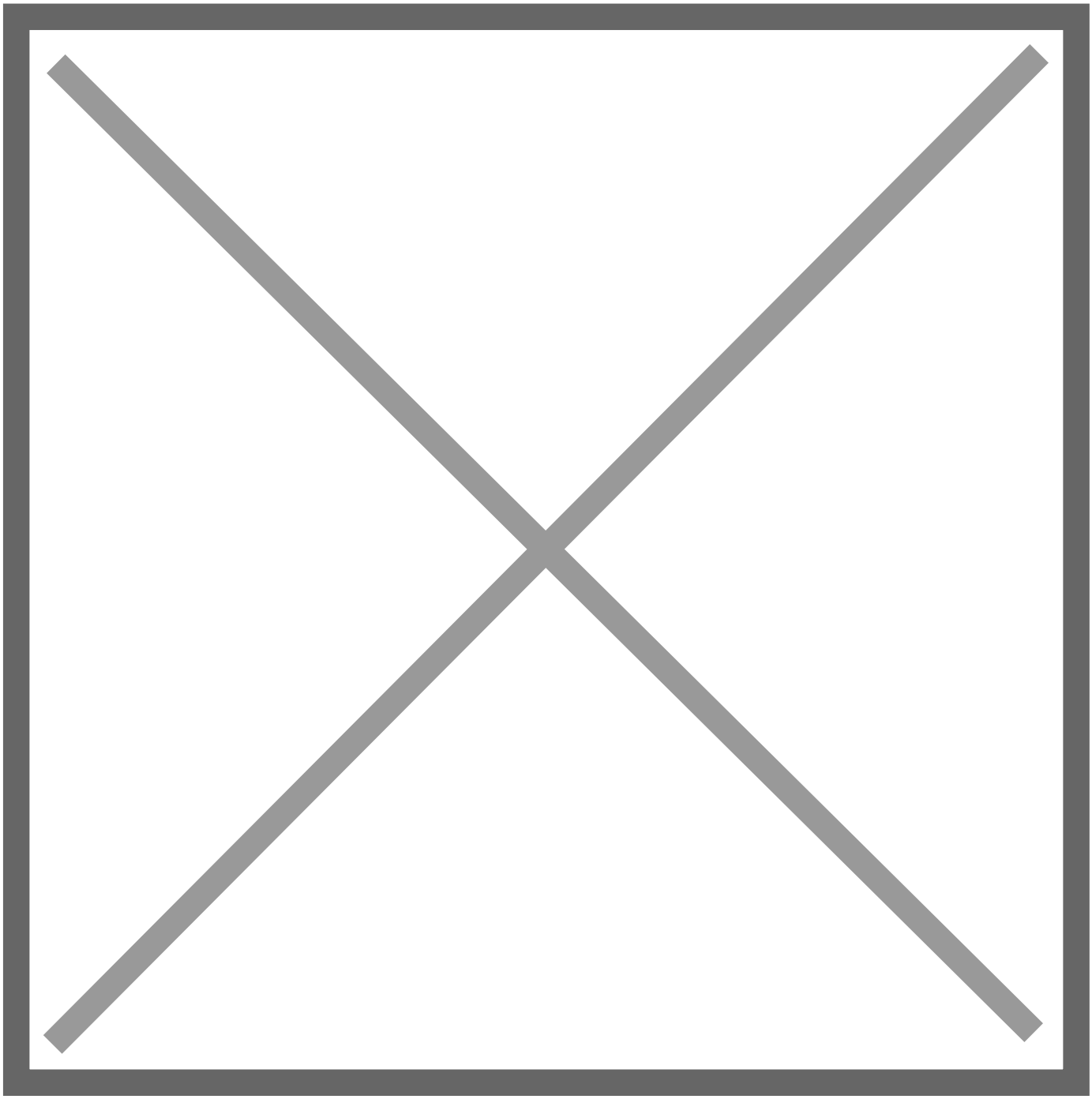
Pancreatic cancer

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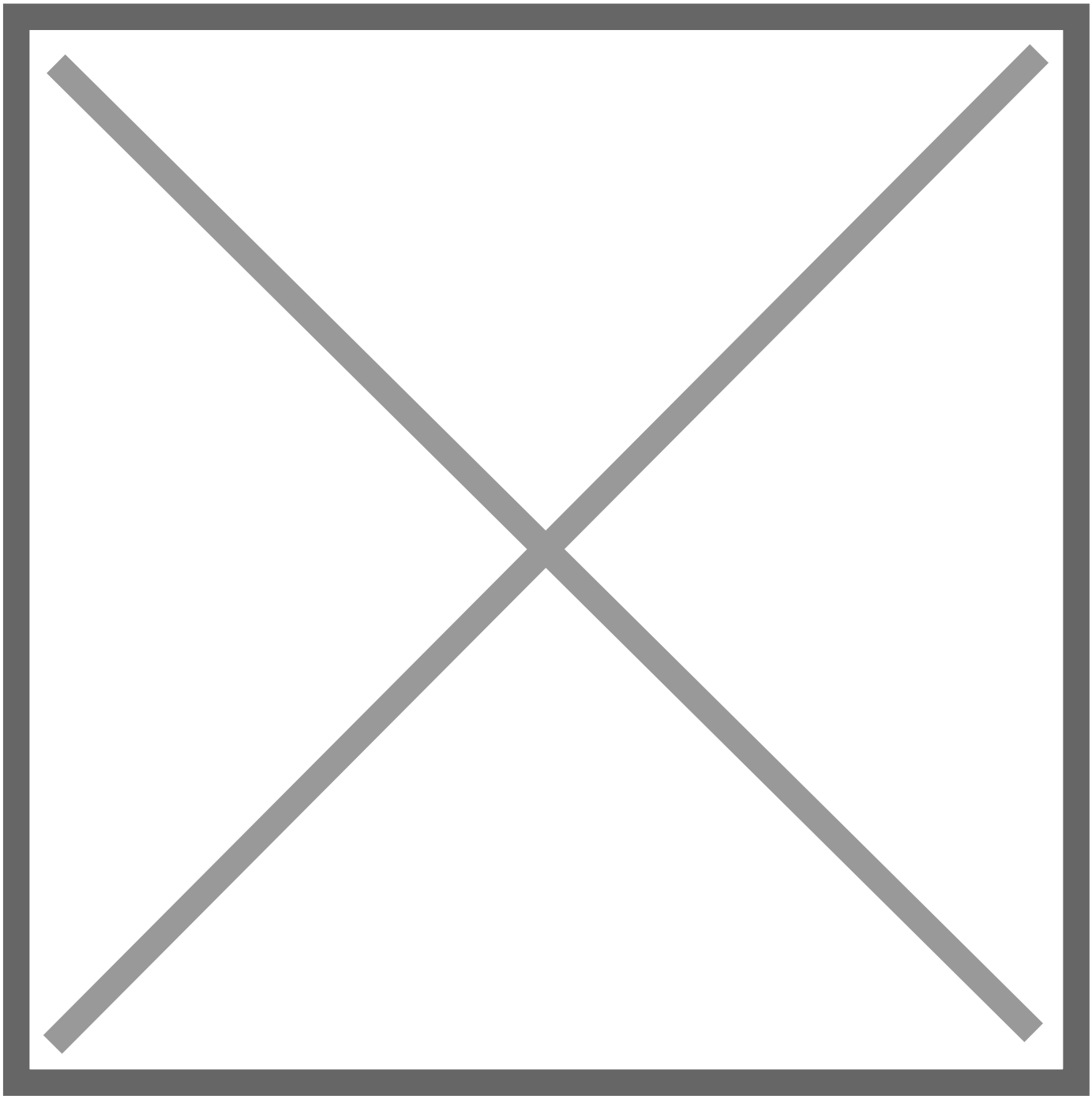
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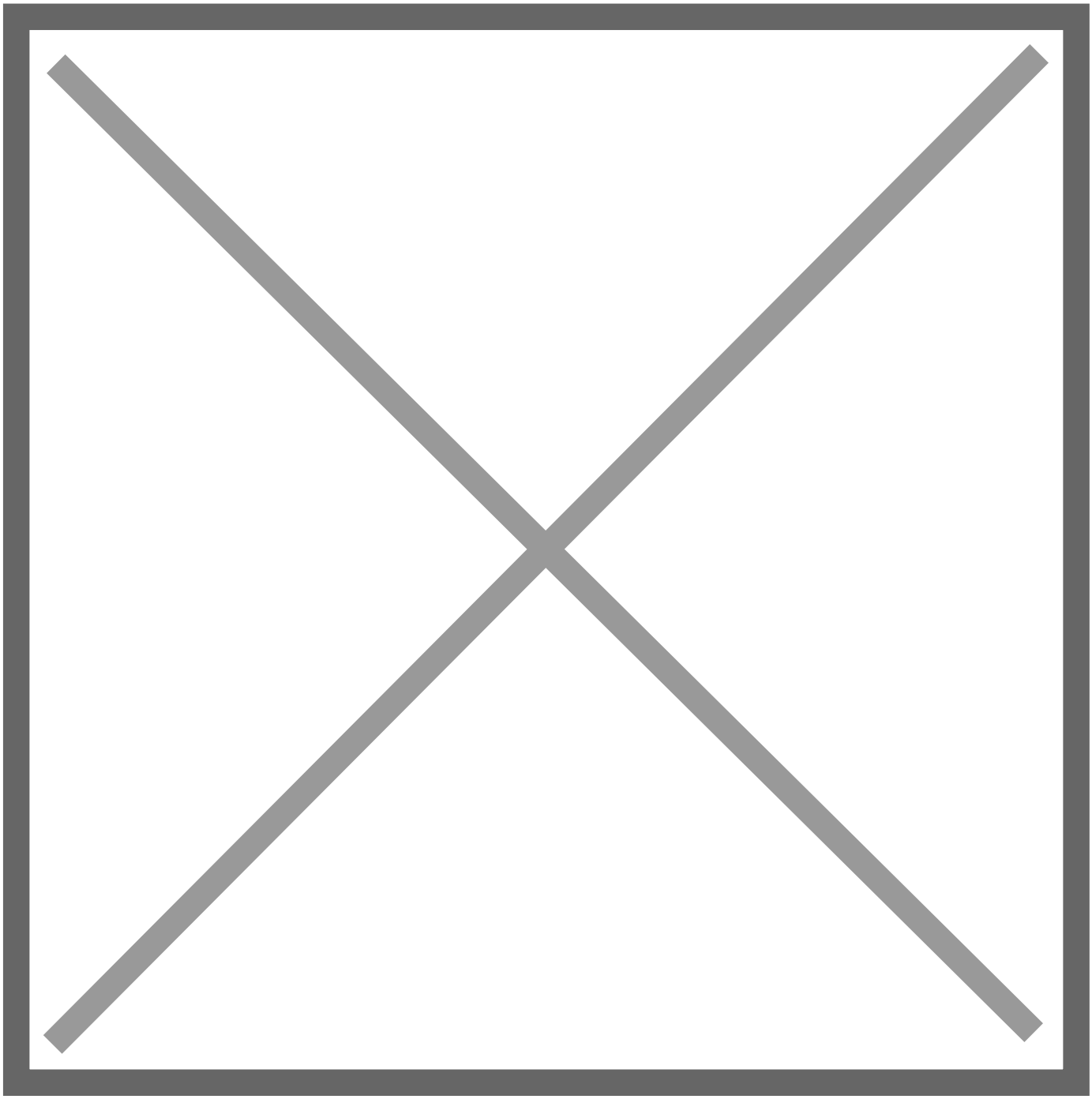
Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022



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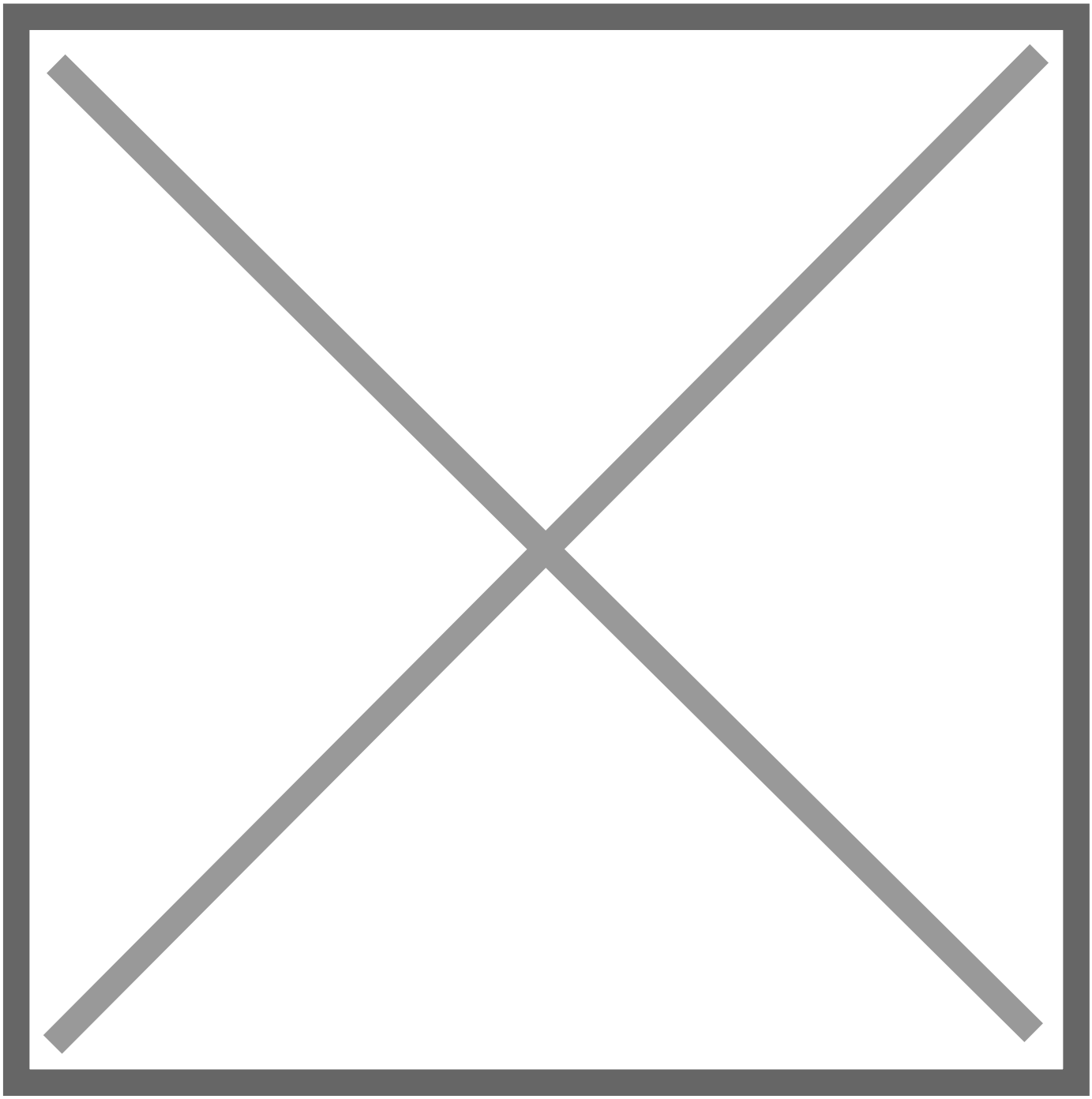
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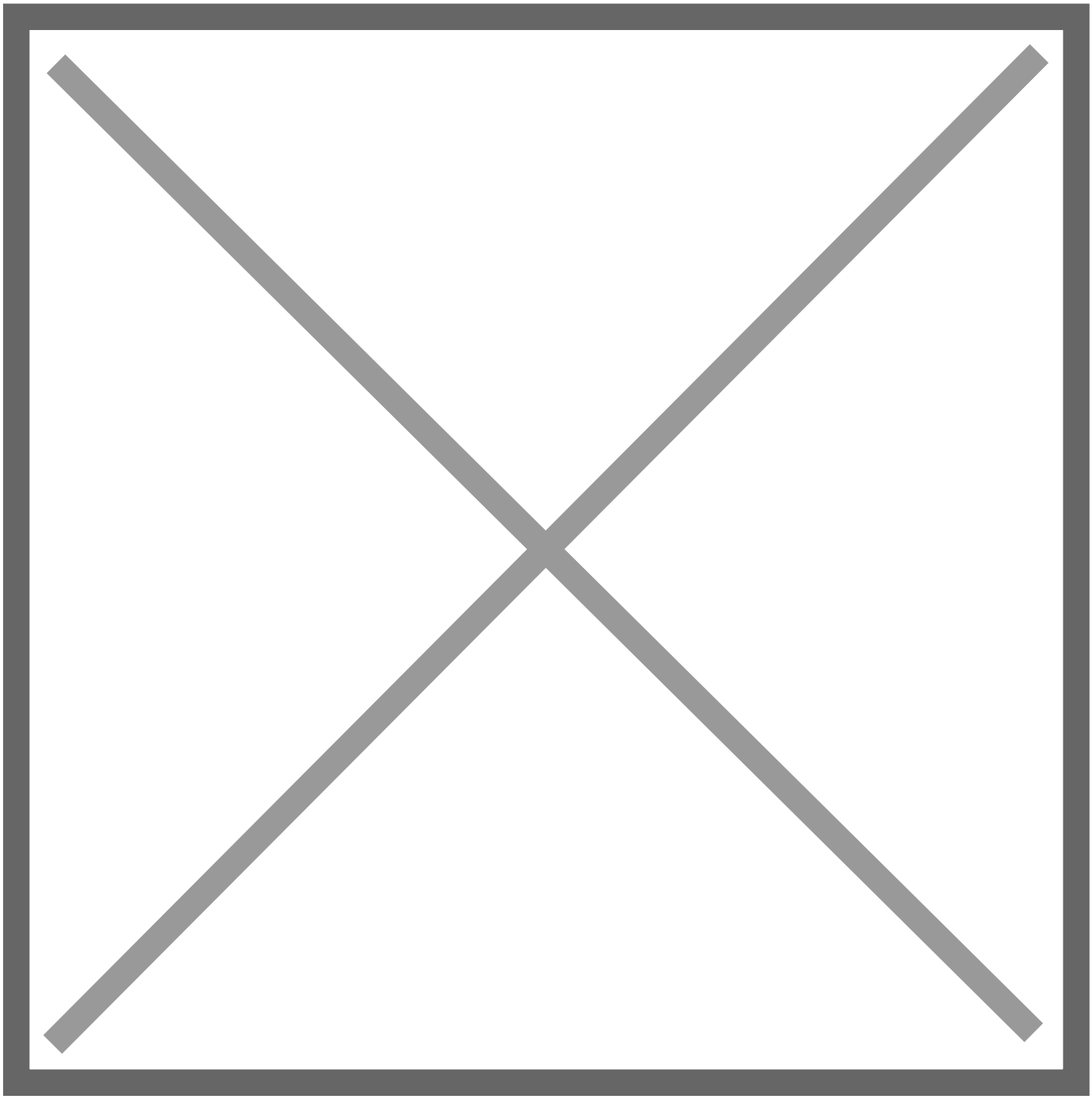
Kidney cancer

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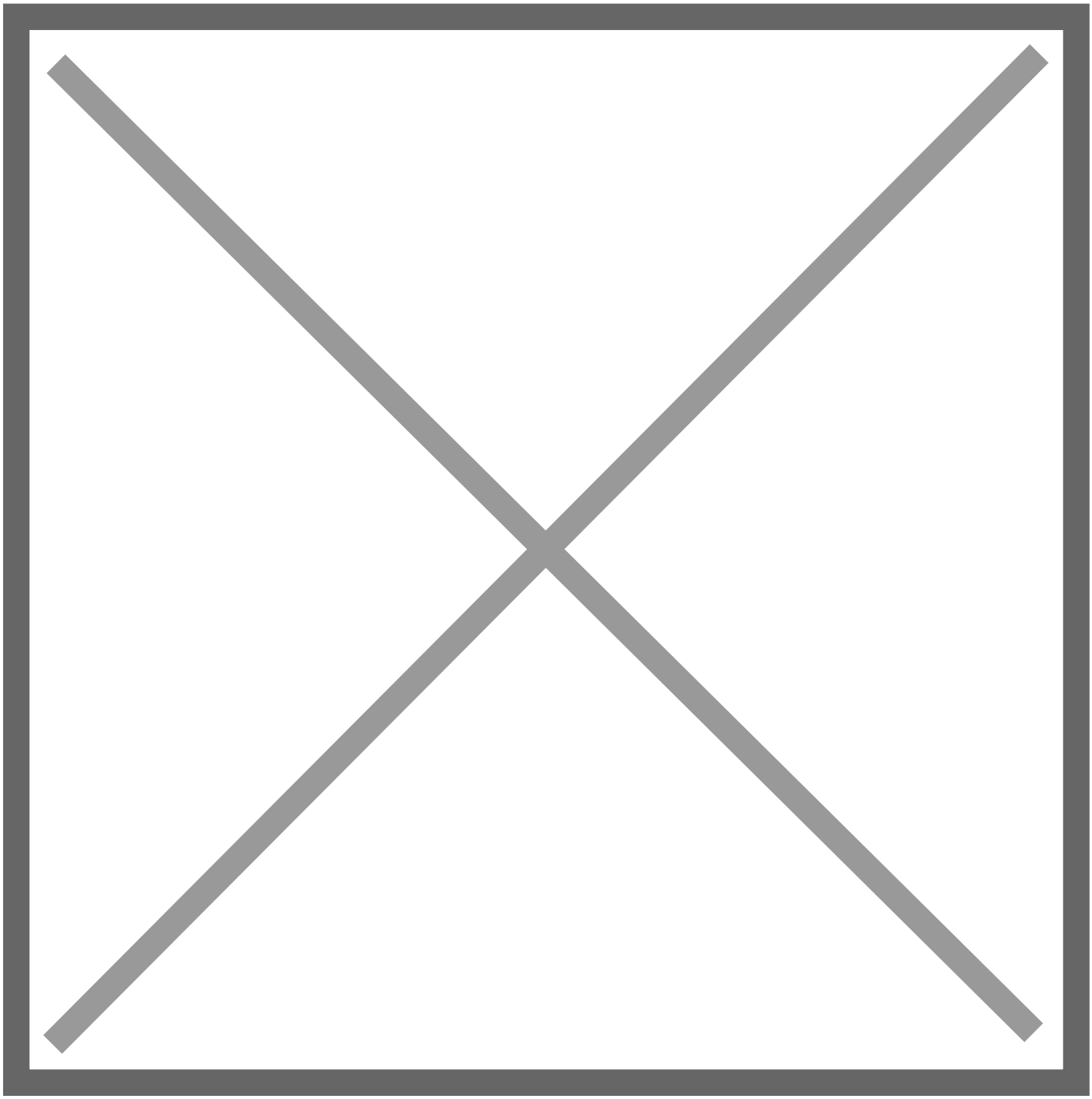
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Cancer of the uterus

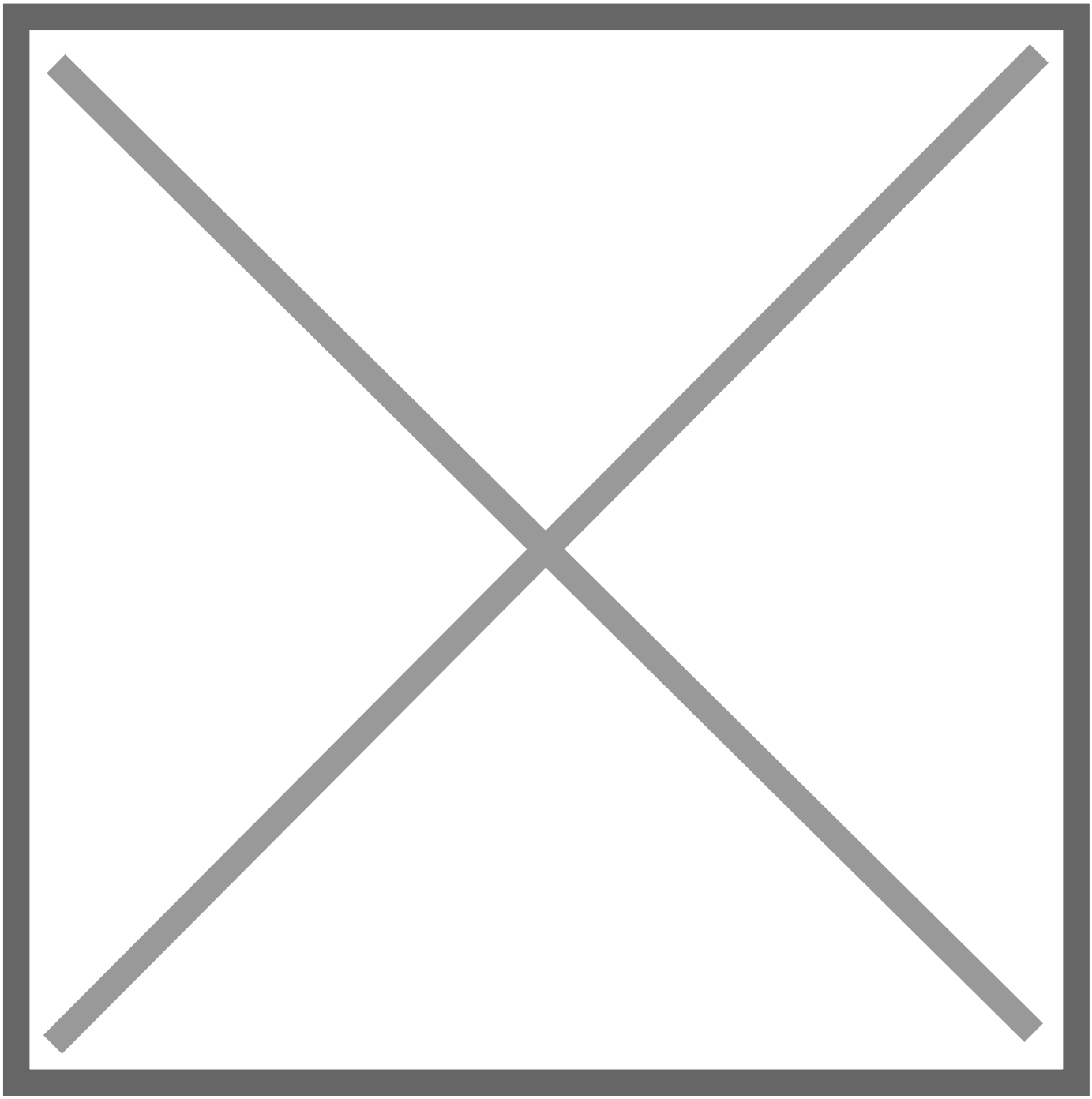
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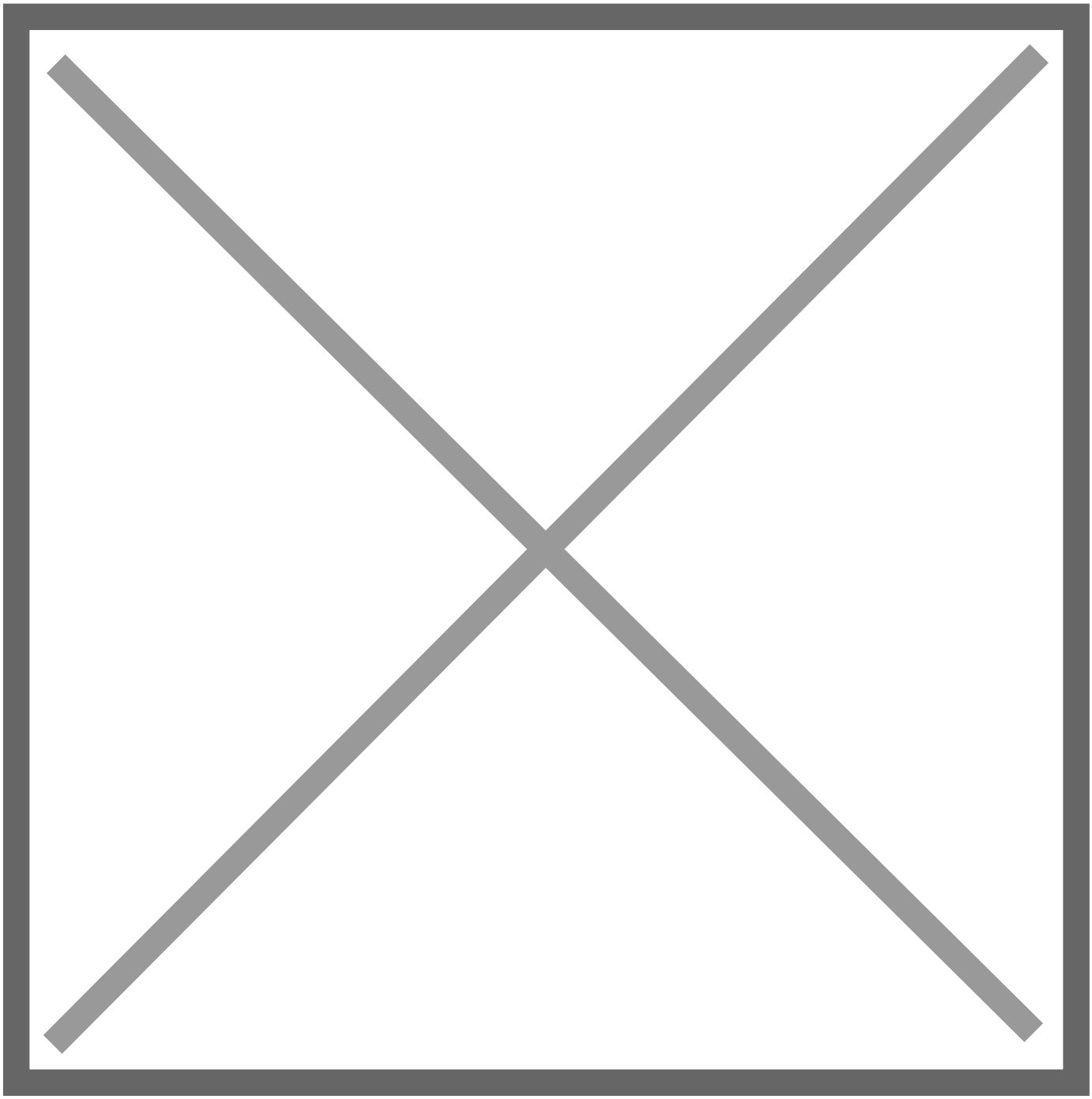
Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2019



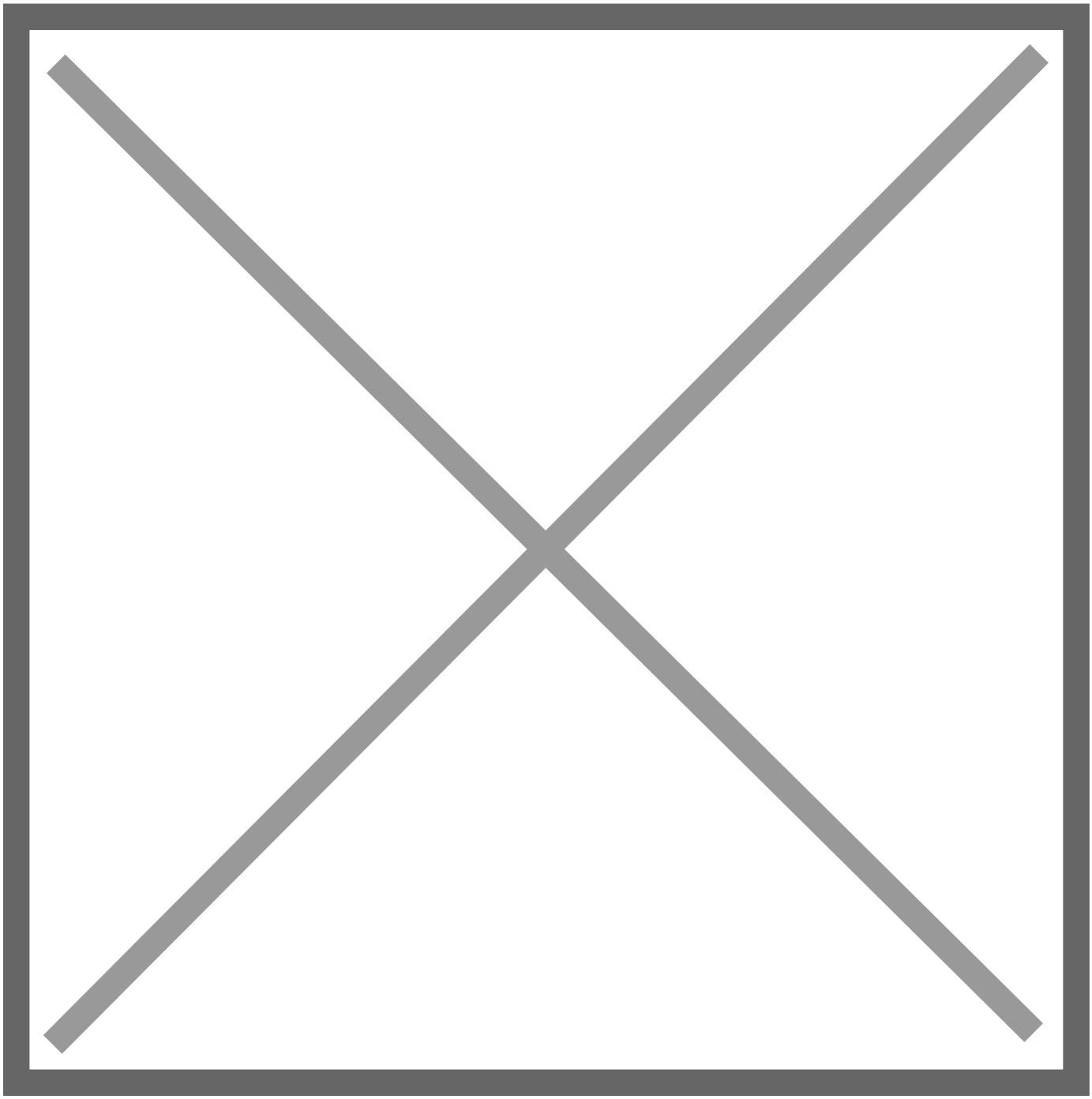
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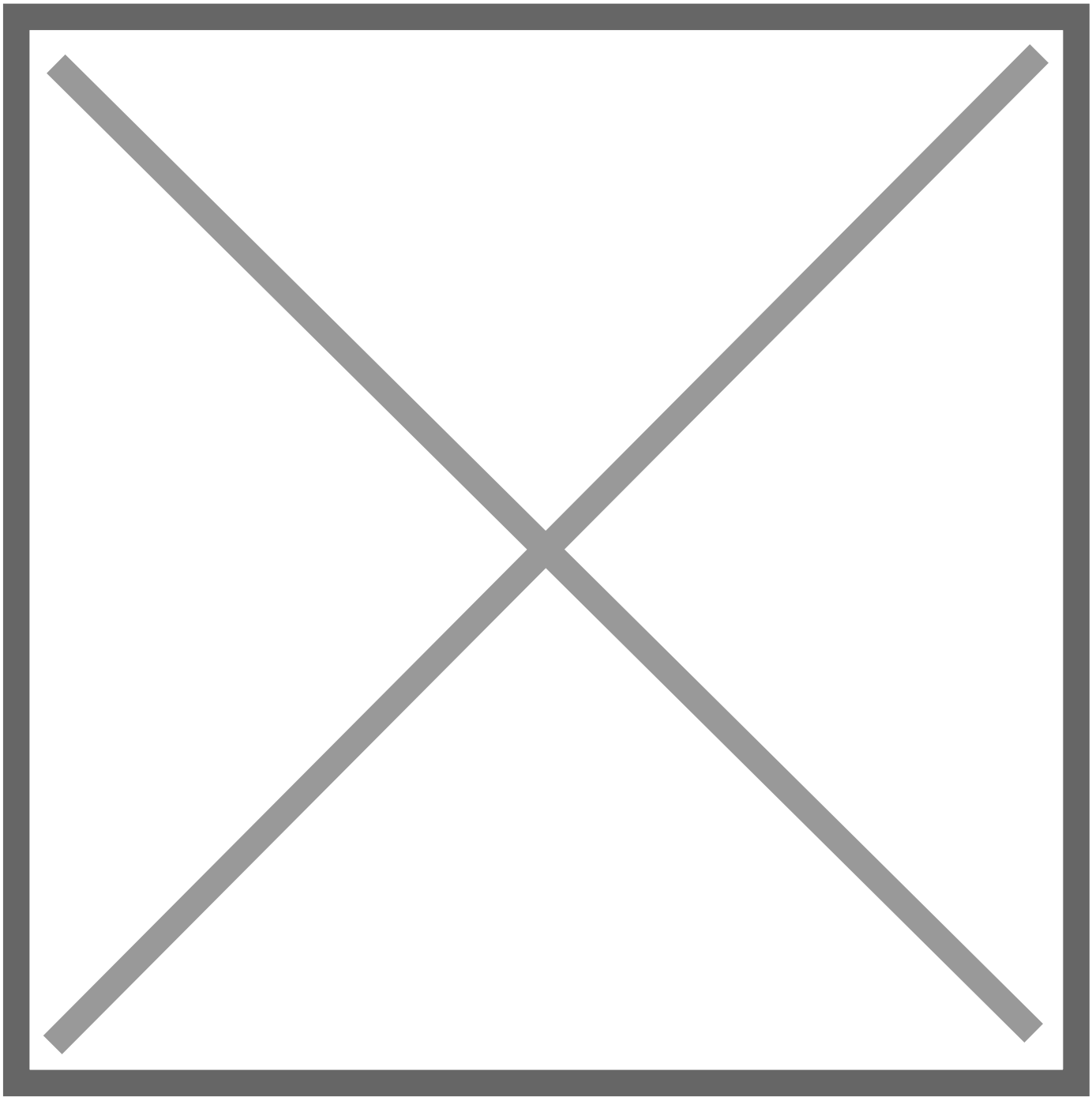
Women, 2019



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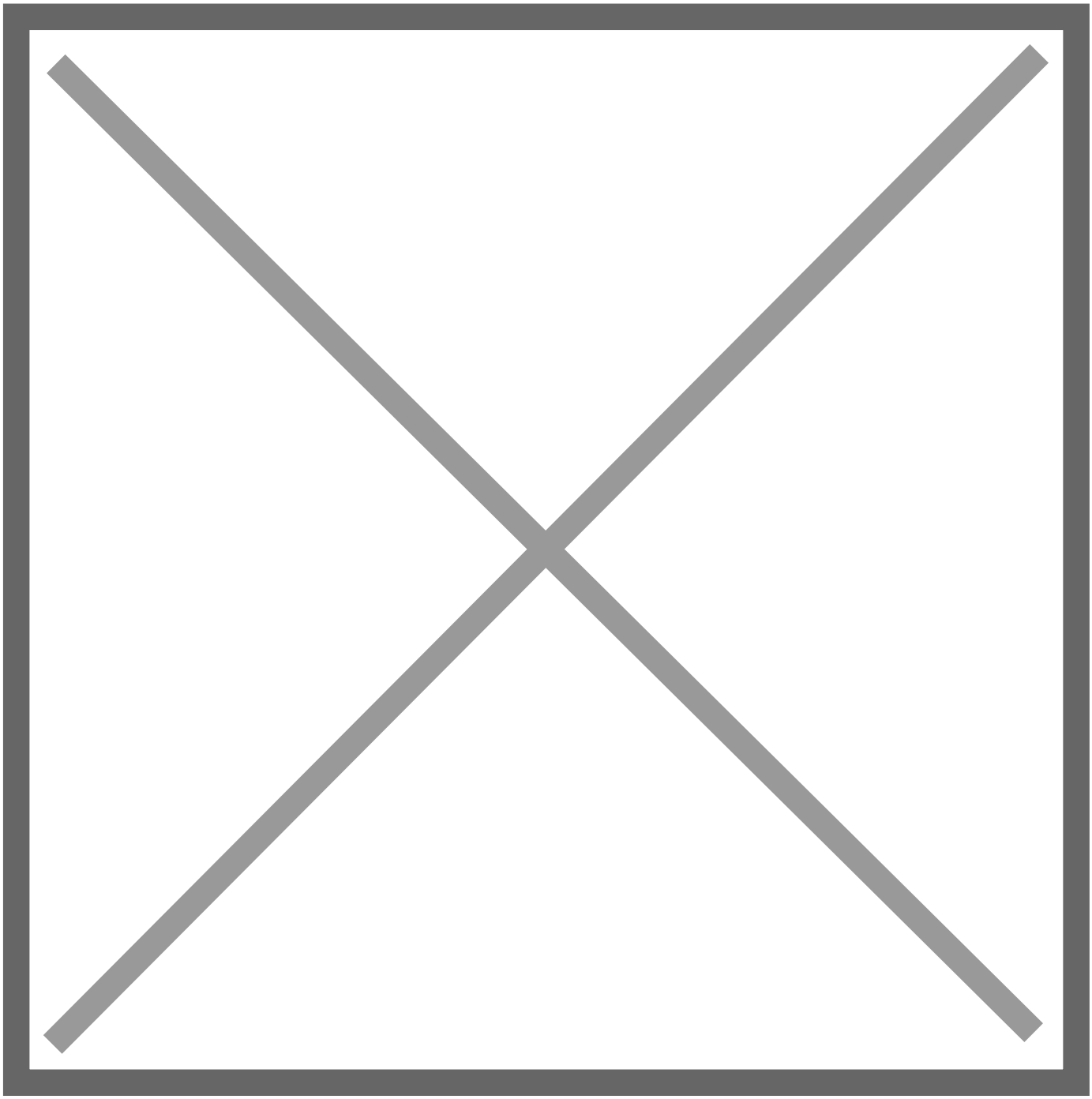
Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



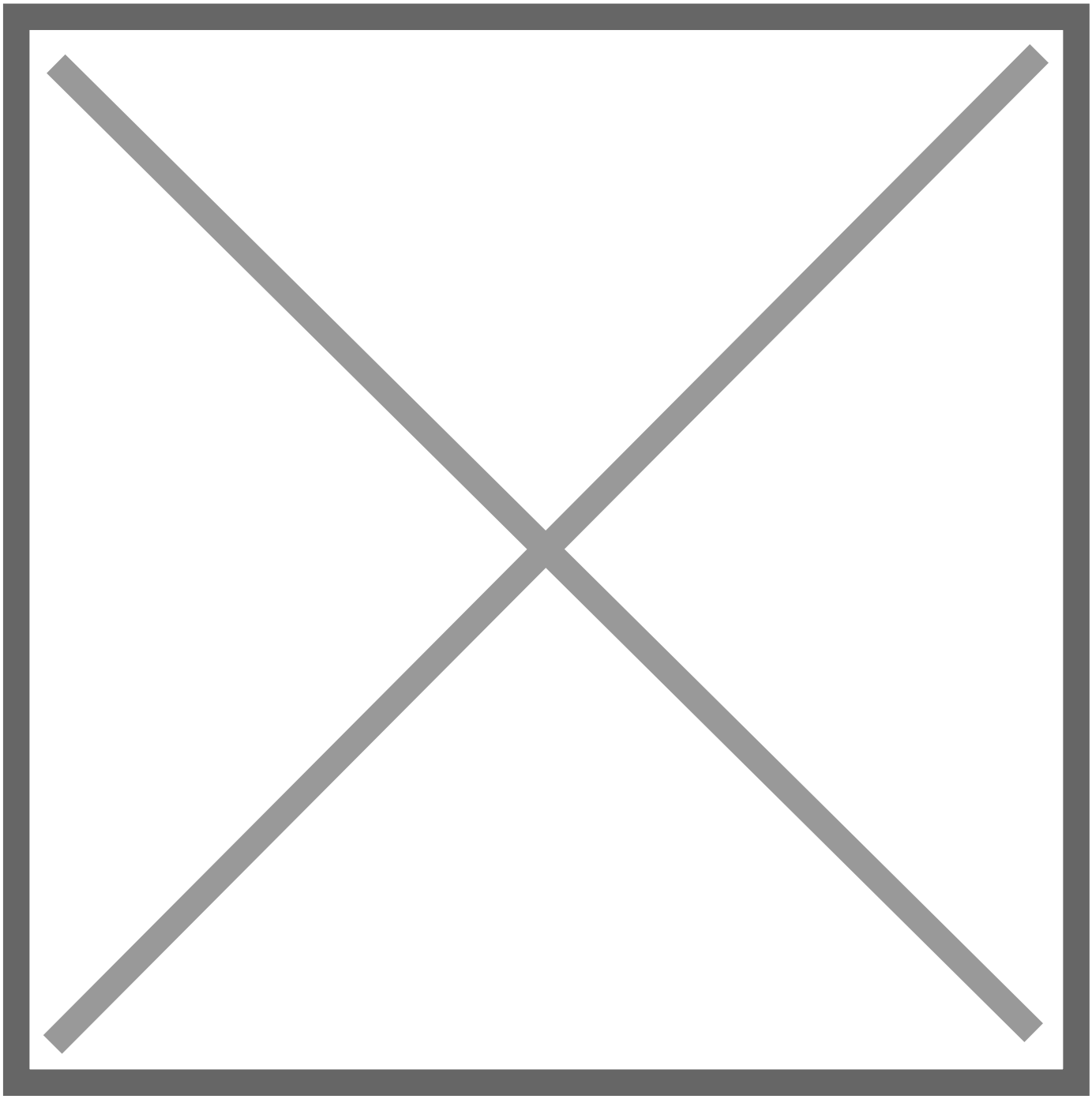
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Definitions:	% Raised total cholesterol (>= 5.0 mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).

Men, 2008



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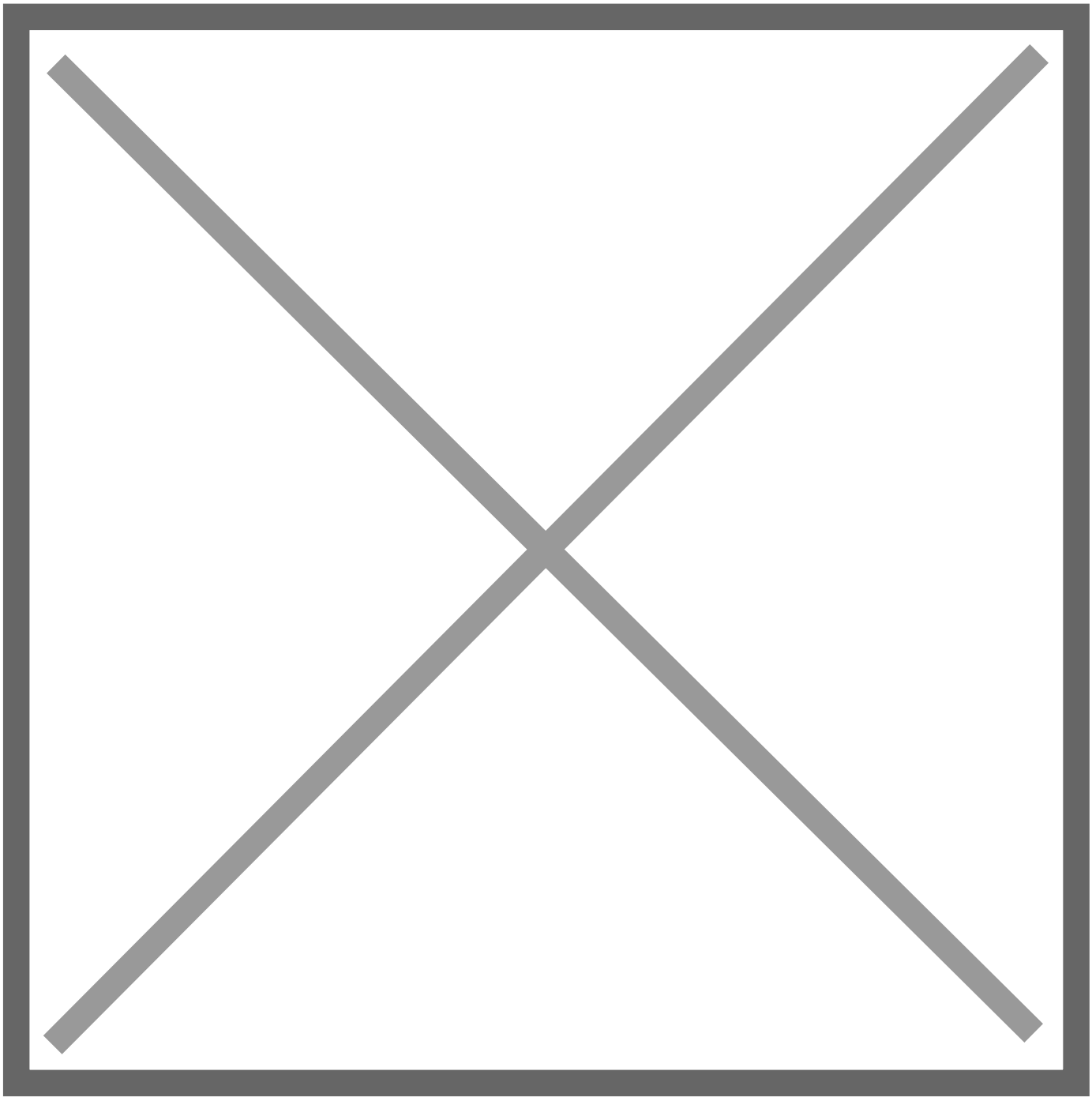
Women, 2008



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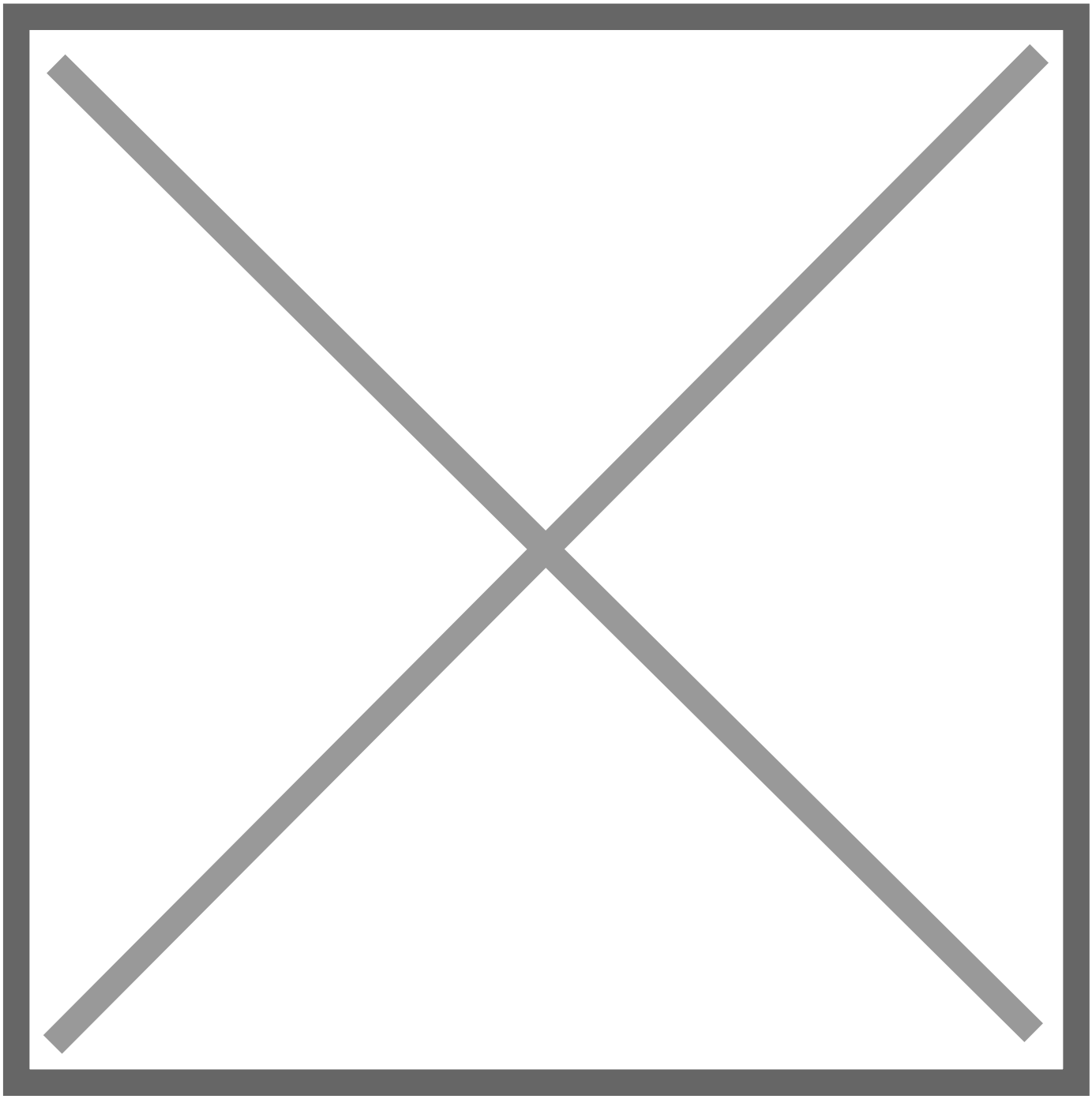
Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



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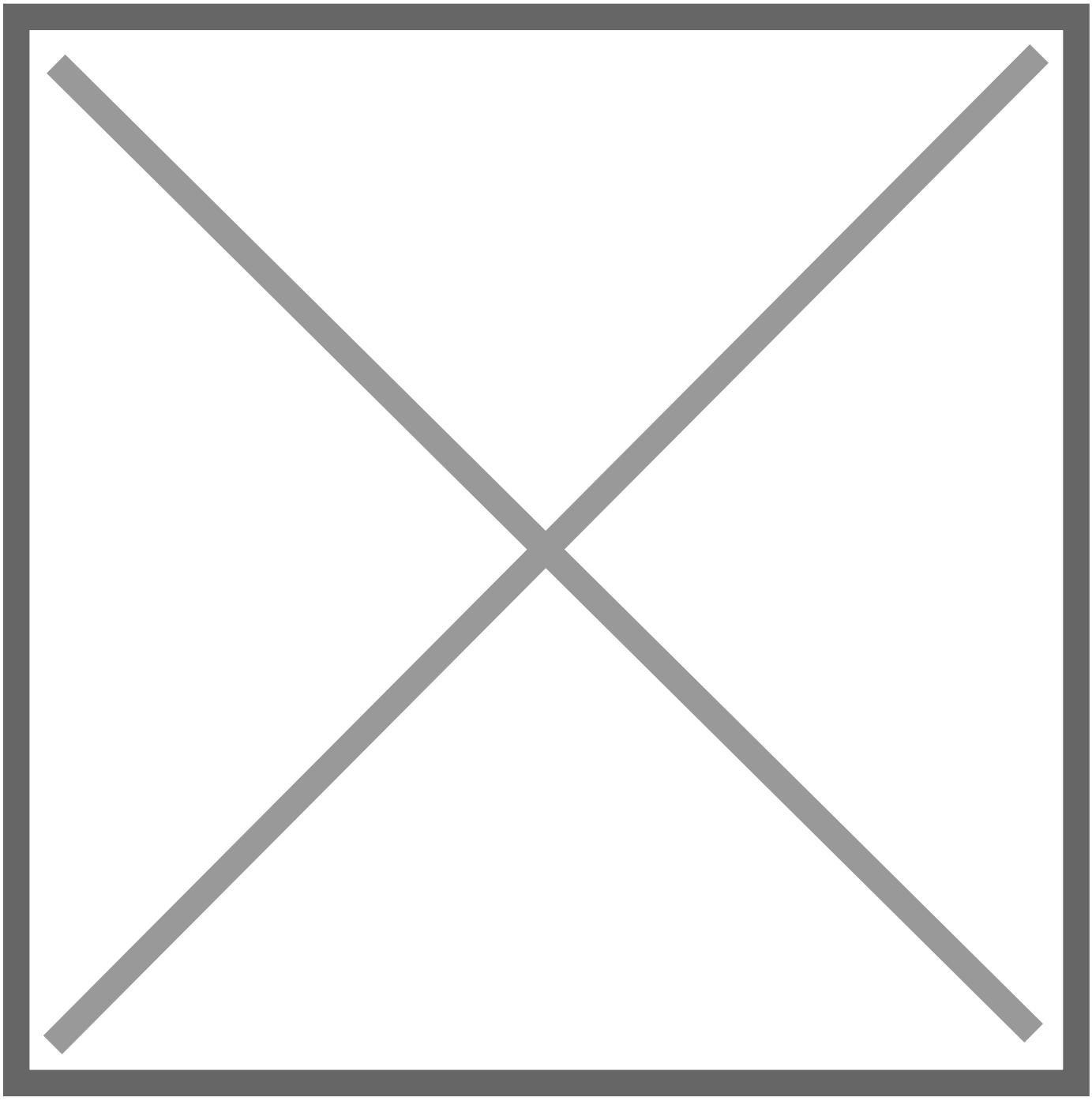
Women, 2014



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Diabetes prevalence

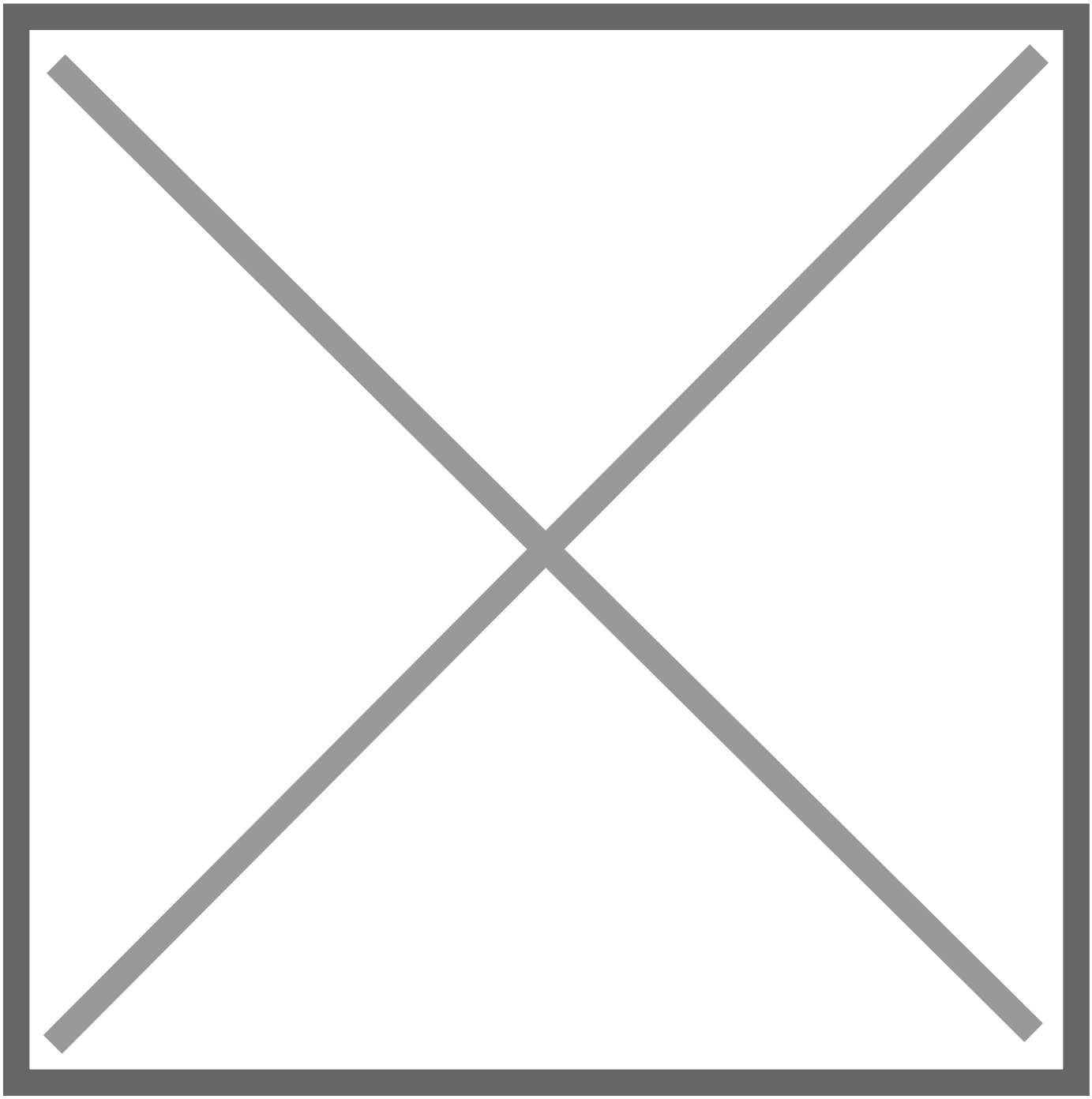
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Ovarian Cancer

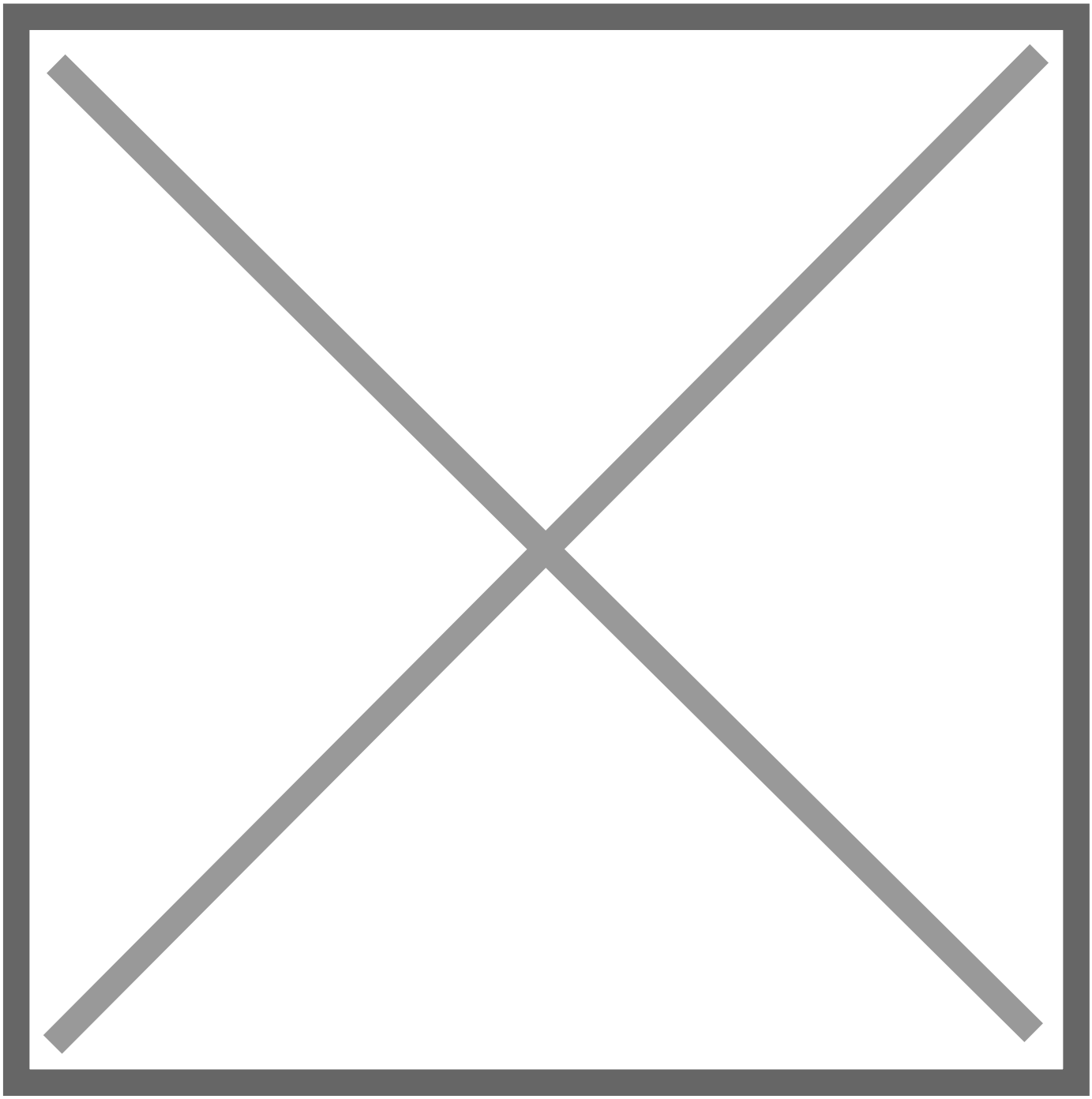
Women, 2022



Age:	20+
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Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Leukemia

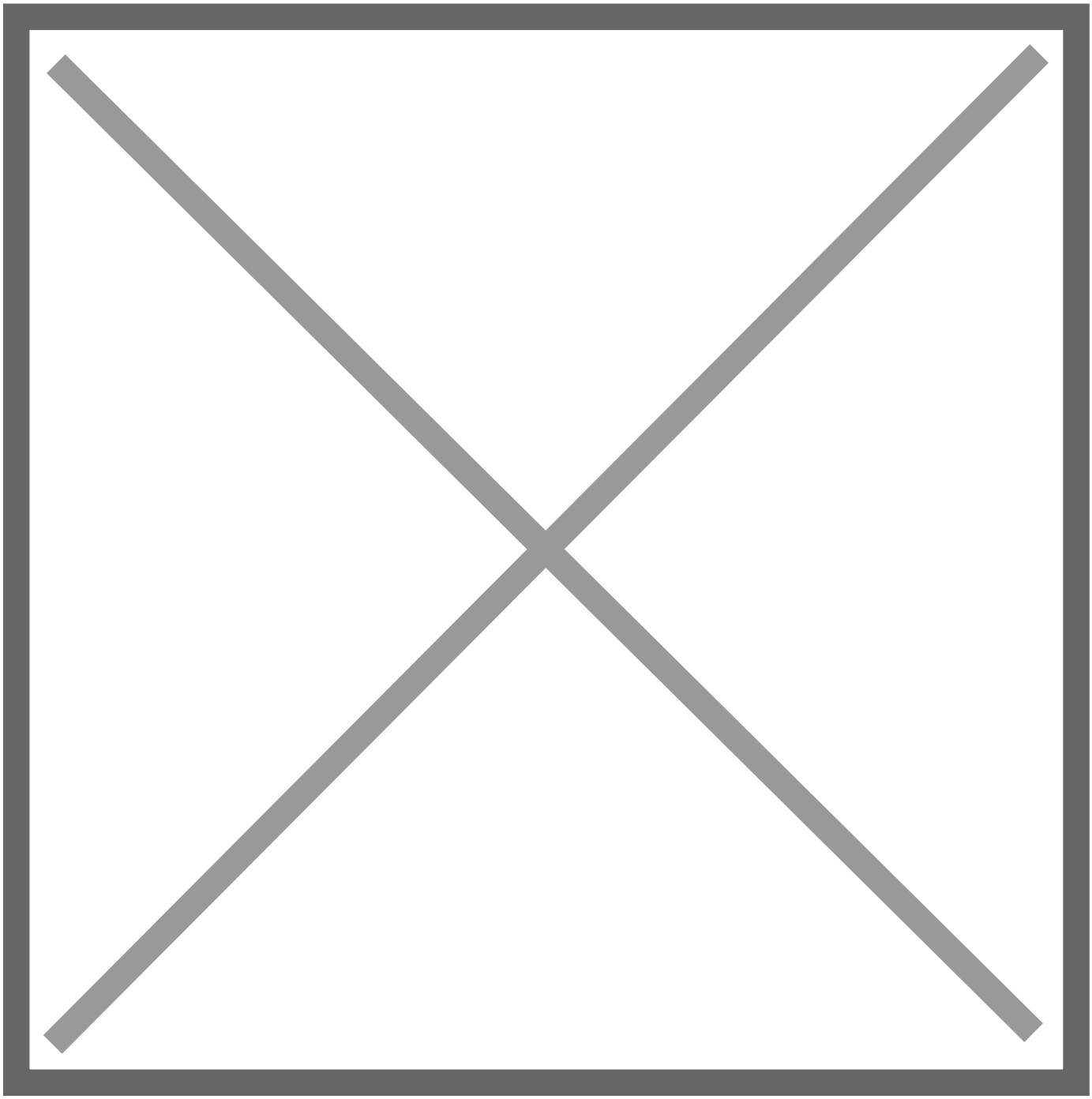
Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Women, 2022

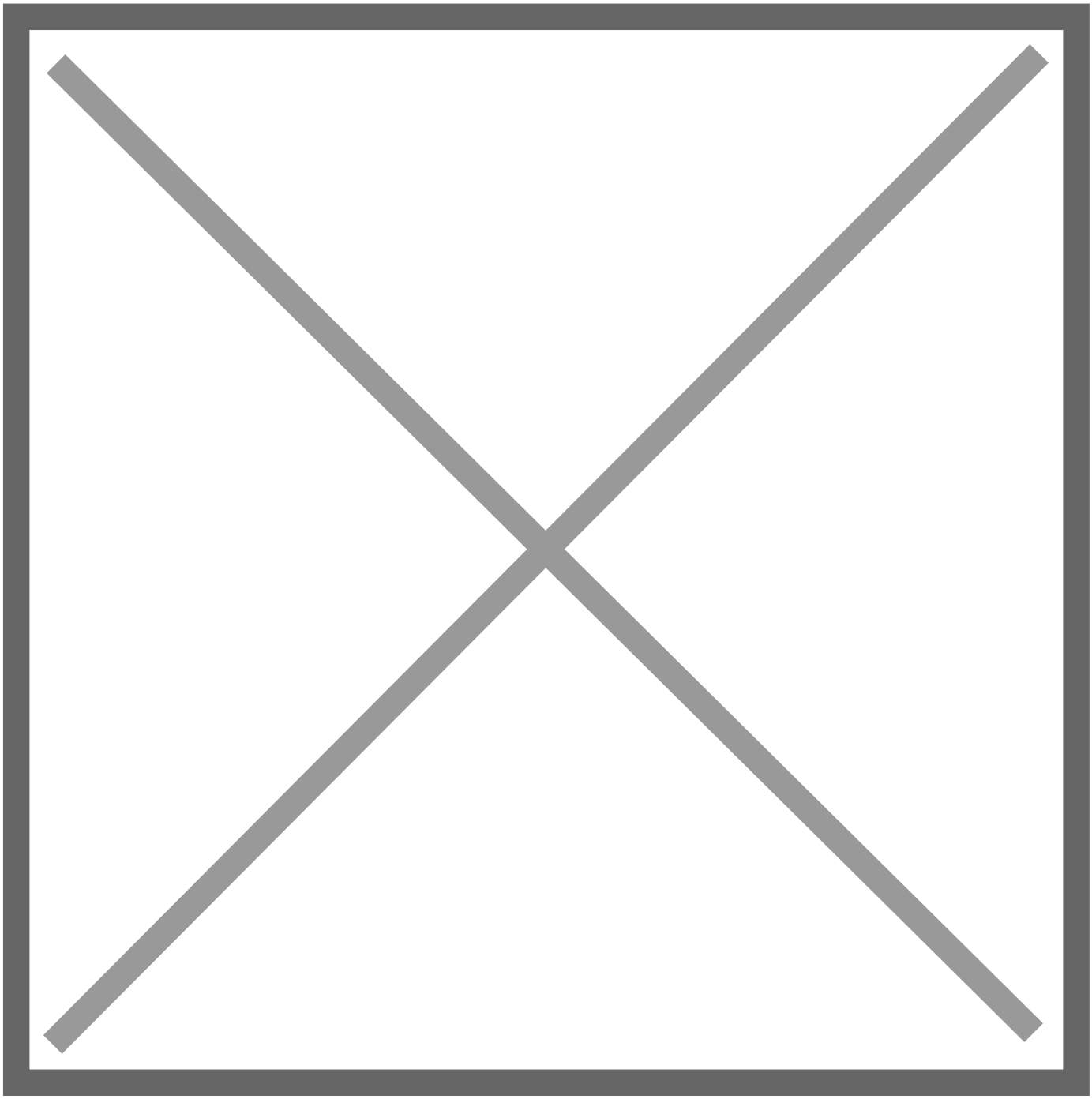


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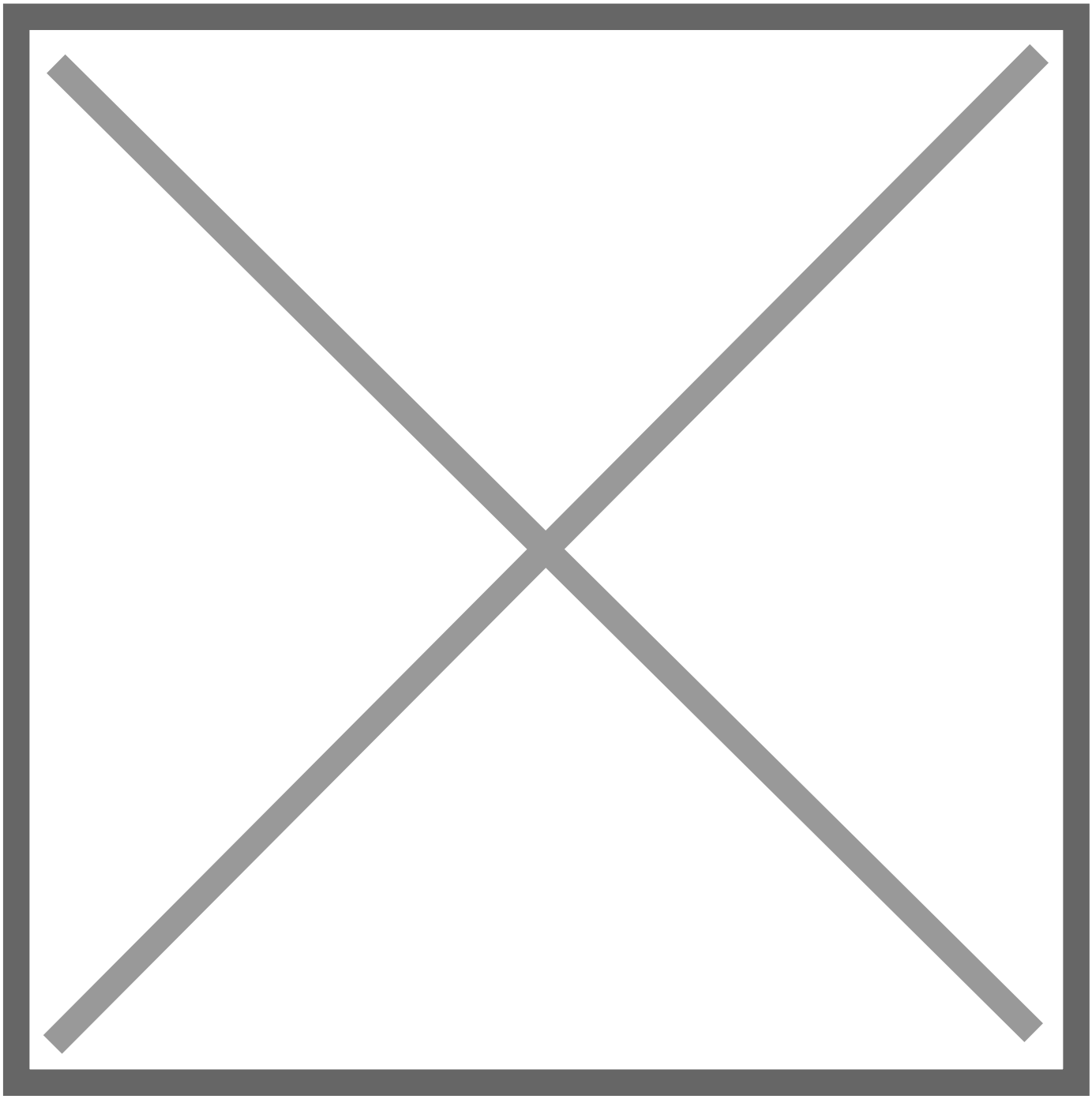
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



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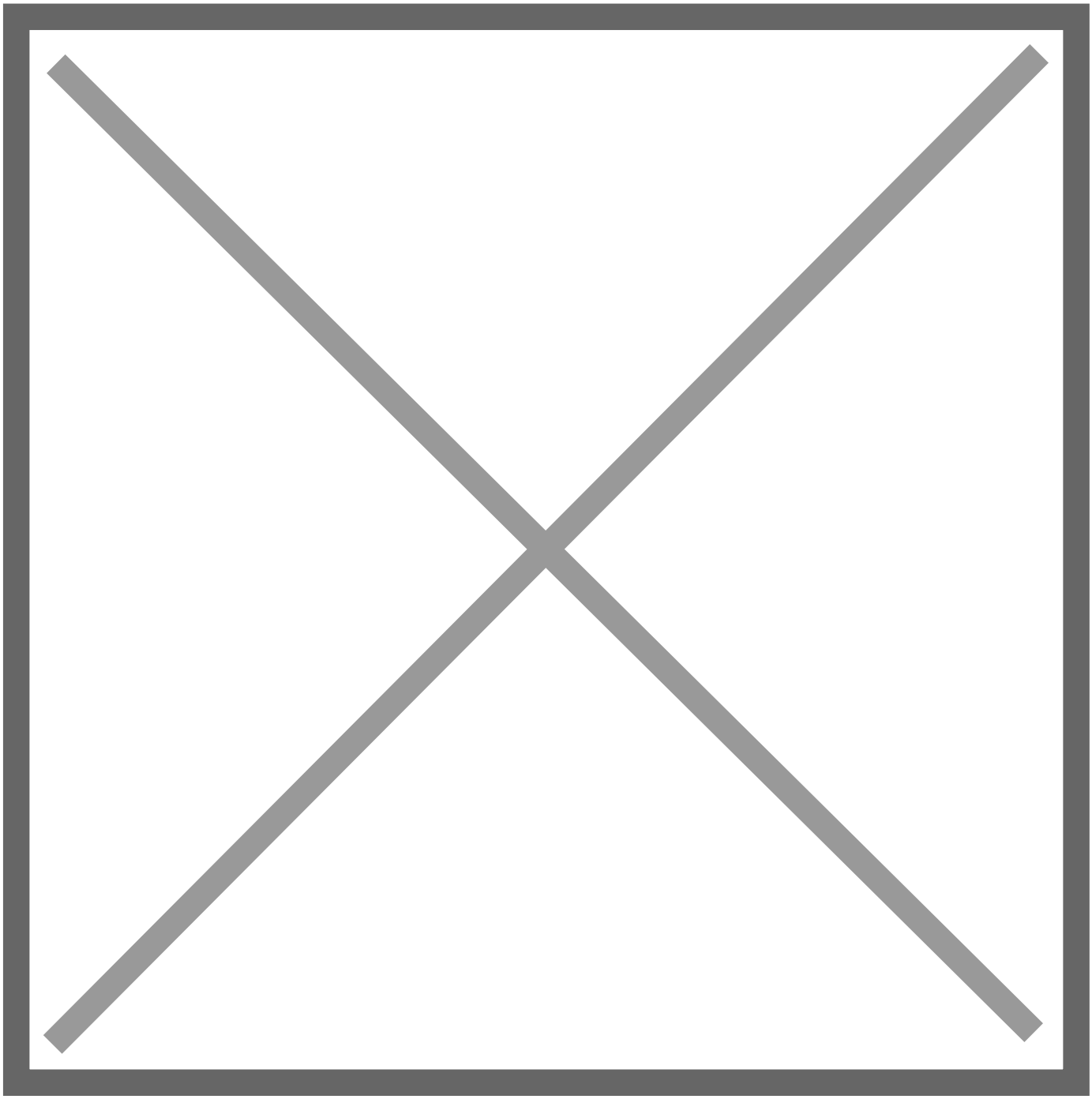
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Multiple Myeloma

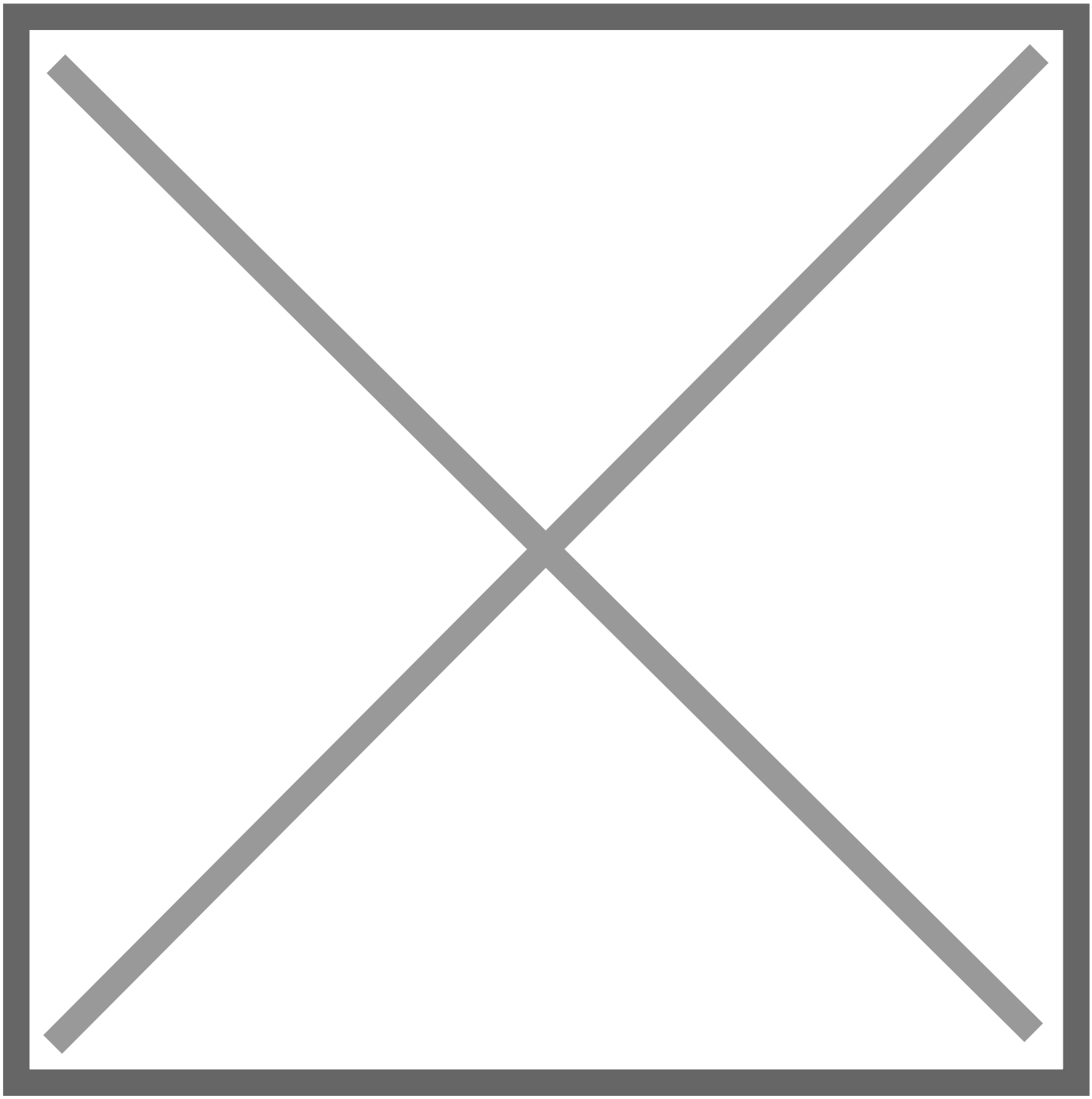
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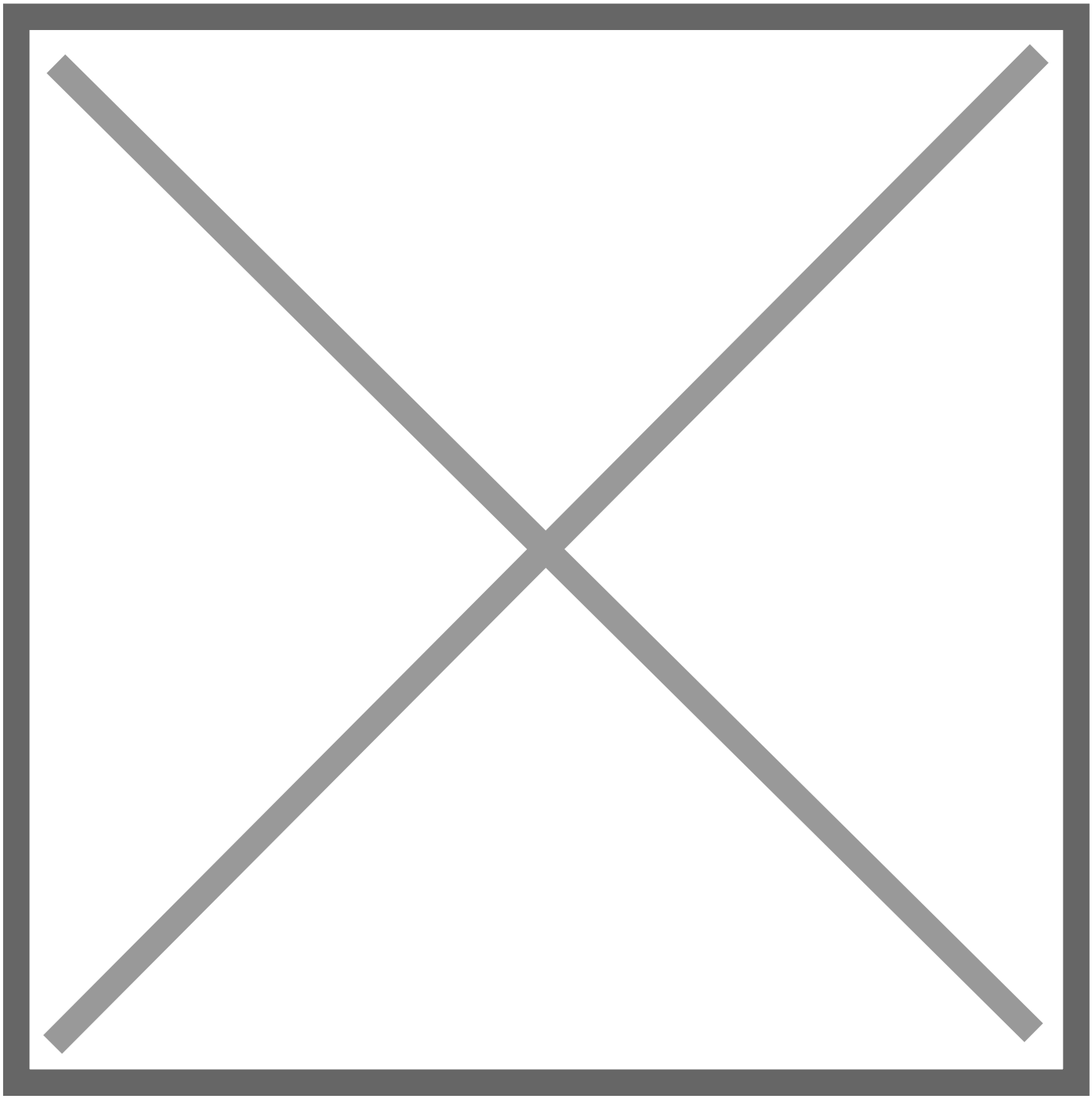


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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

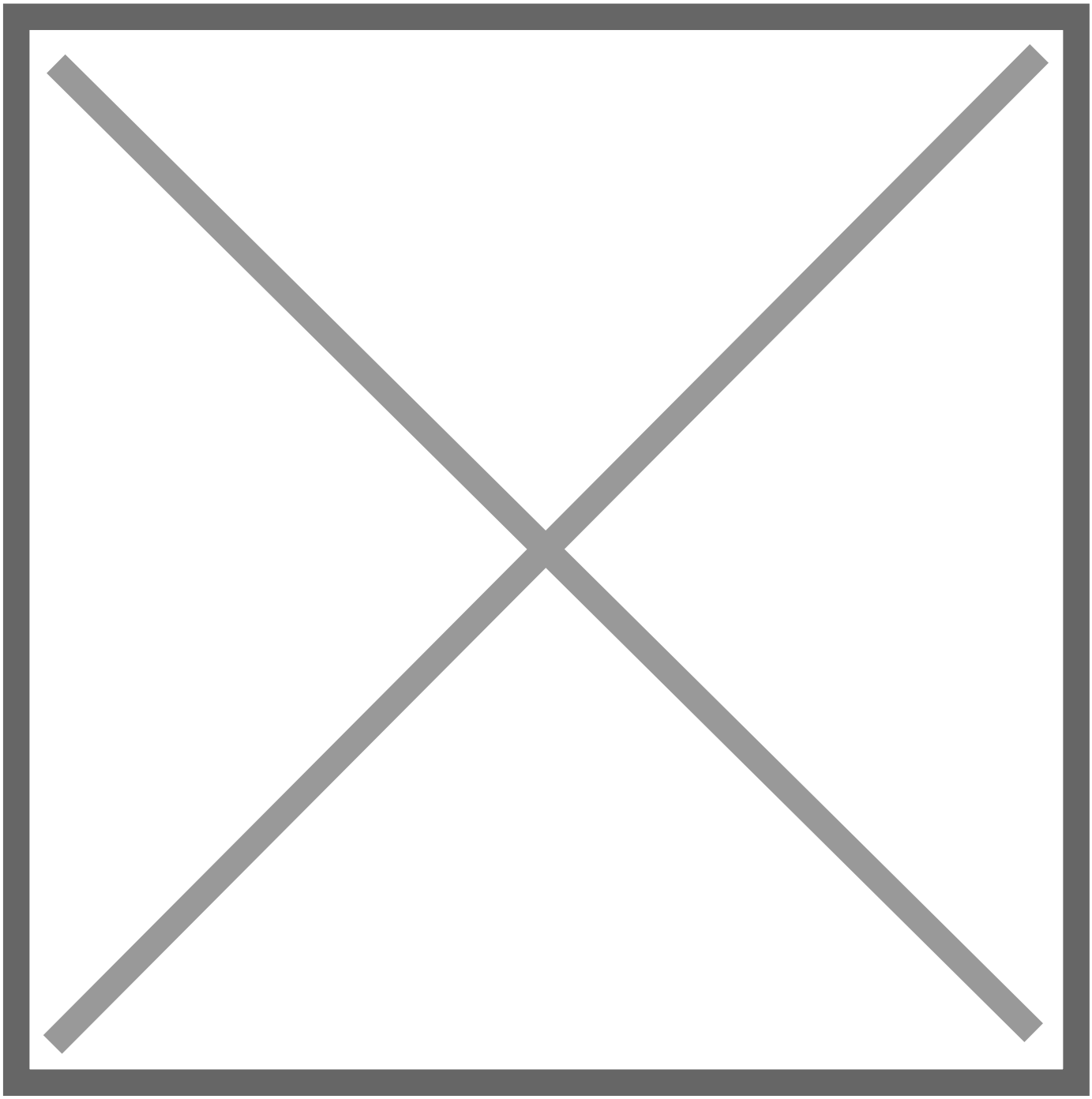
Men, 2022



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Women, 2022

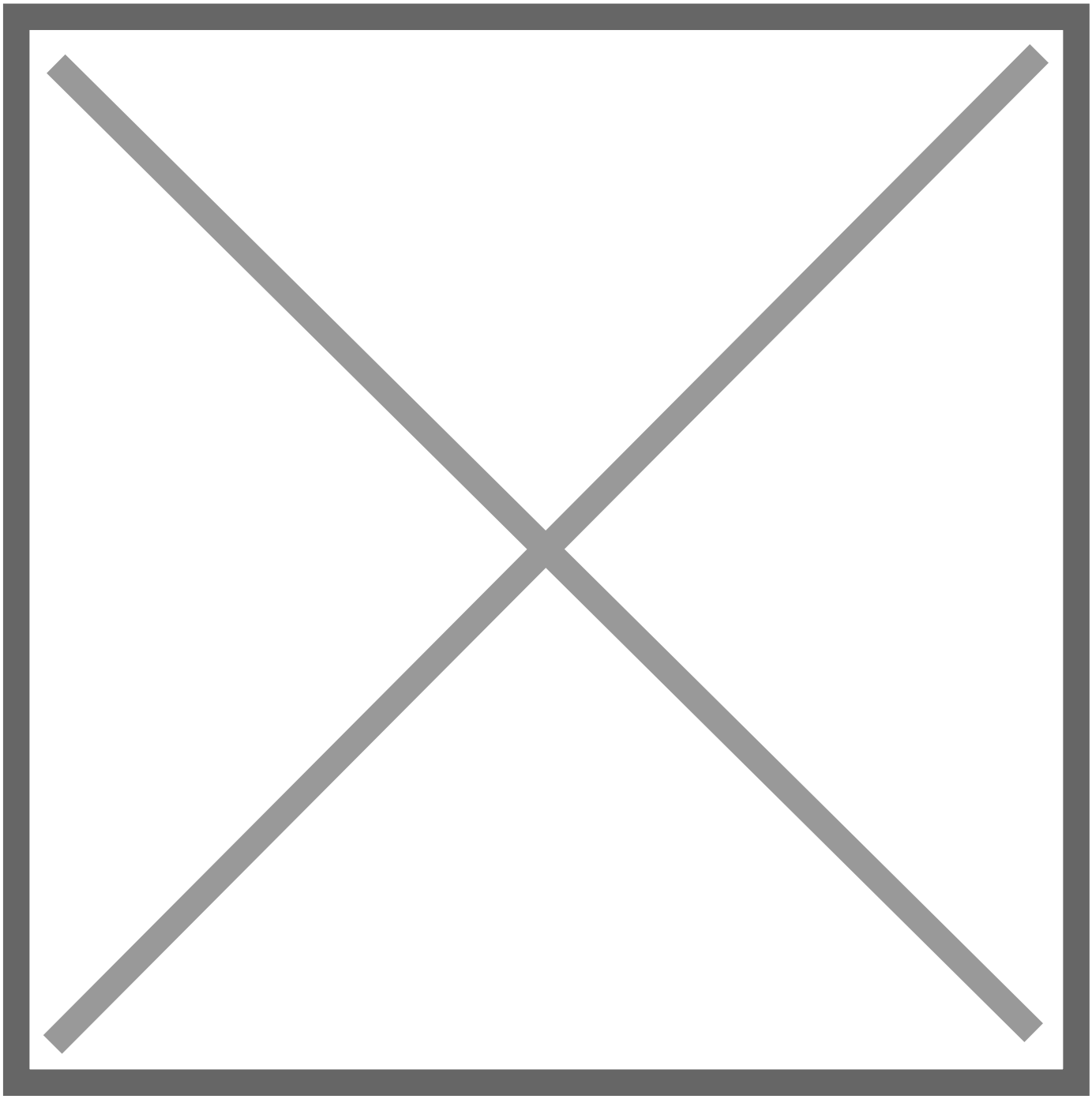


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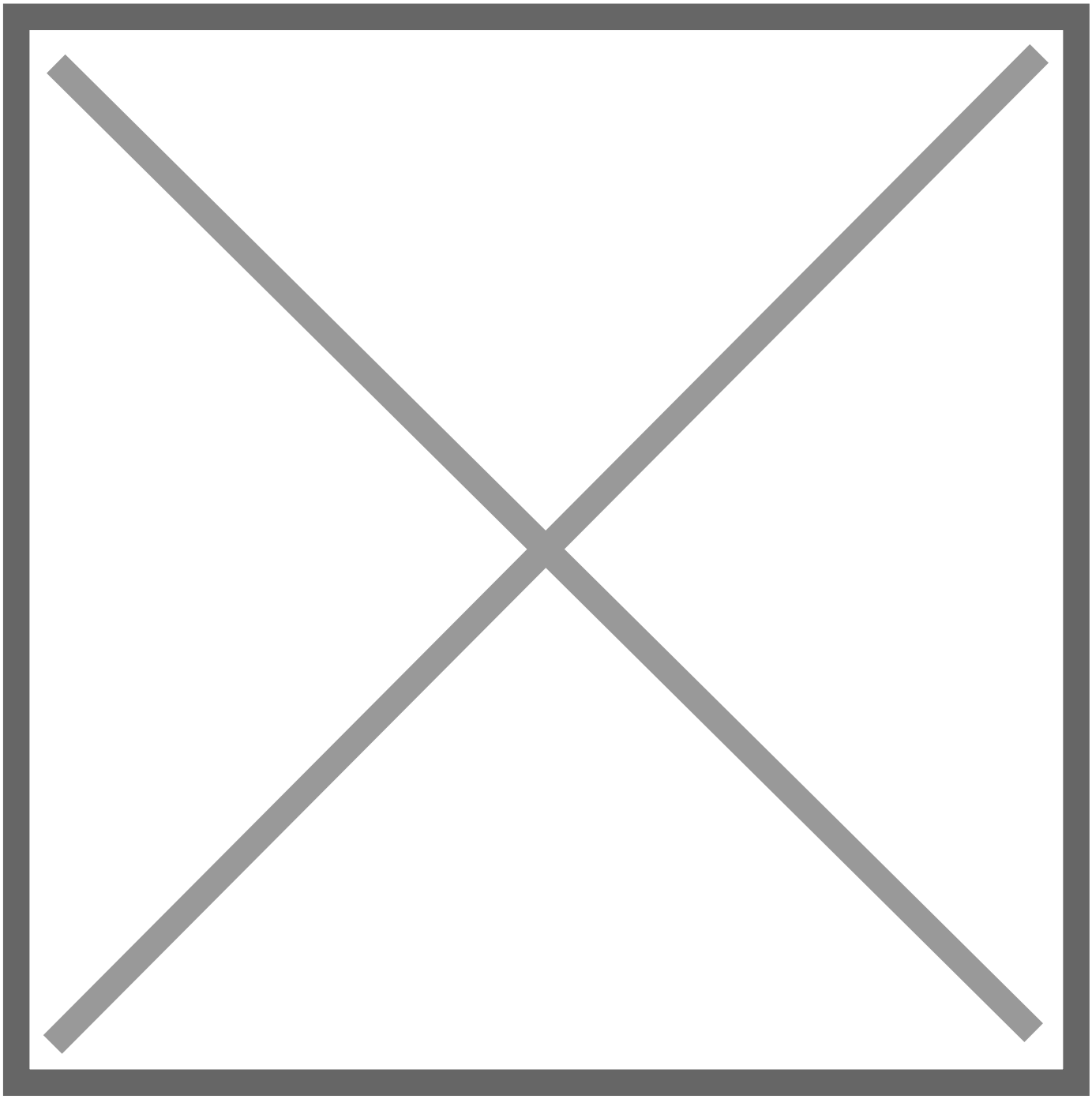
Thyroid Cancer

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Women, 2022



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