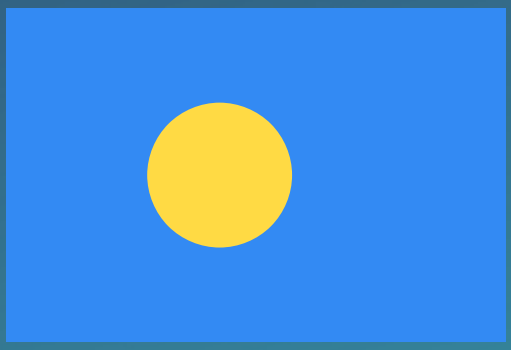
Palau



Country report card

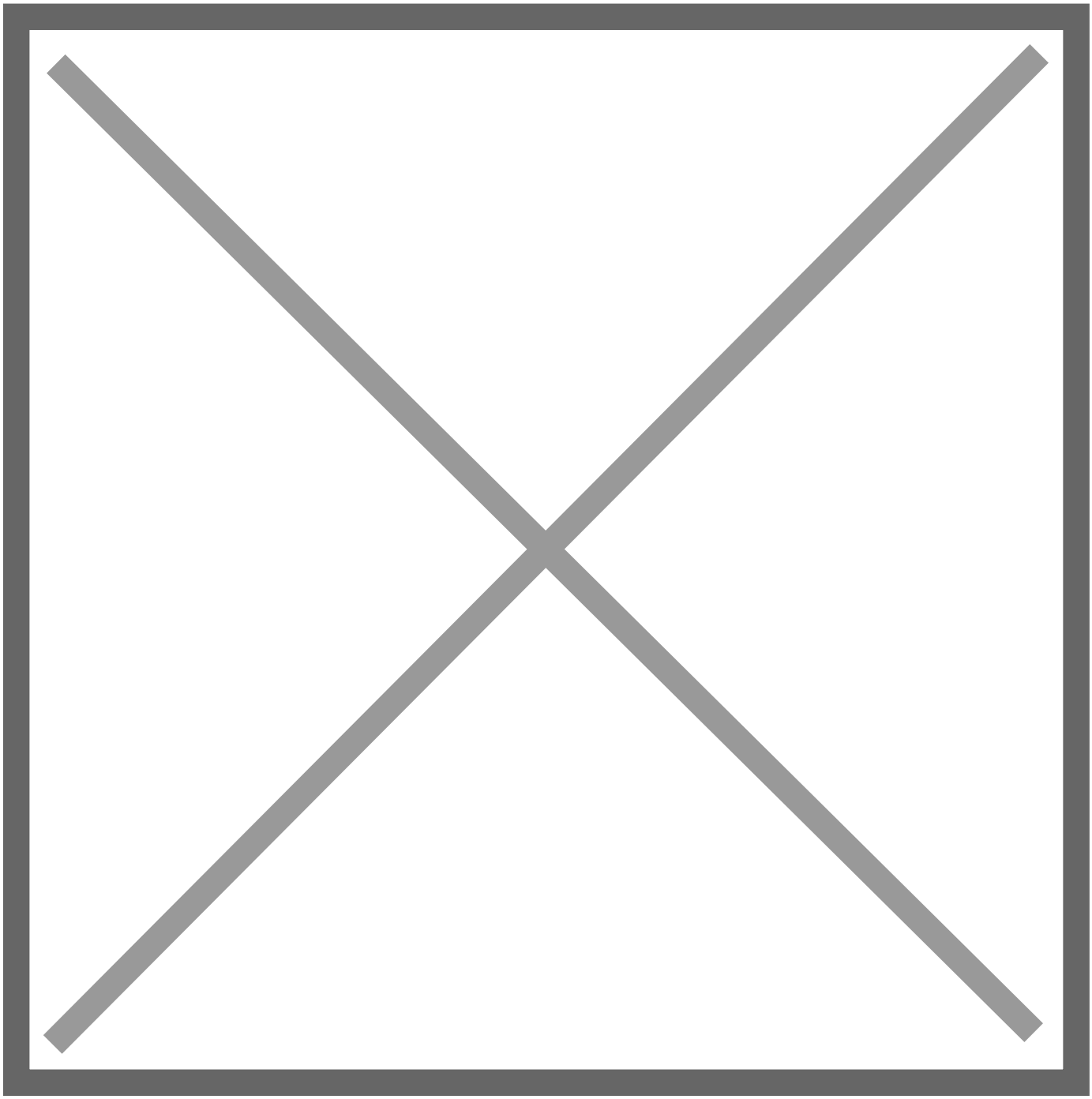
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity . Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at https://data.worldobesity.org/country/palau-166/.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2023

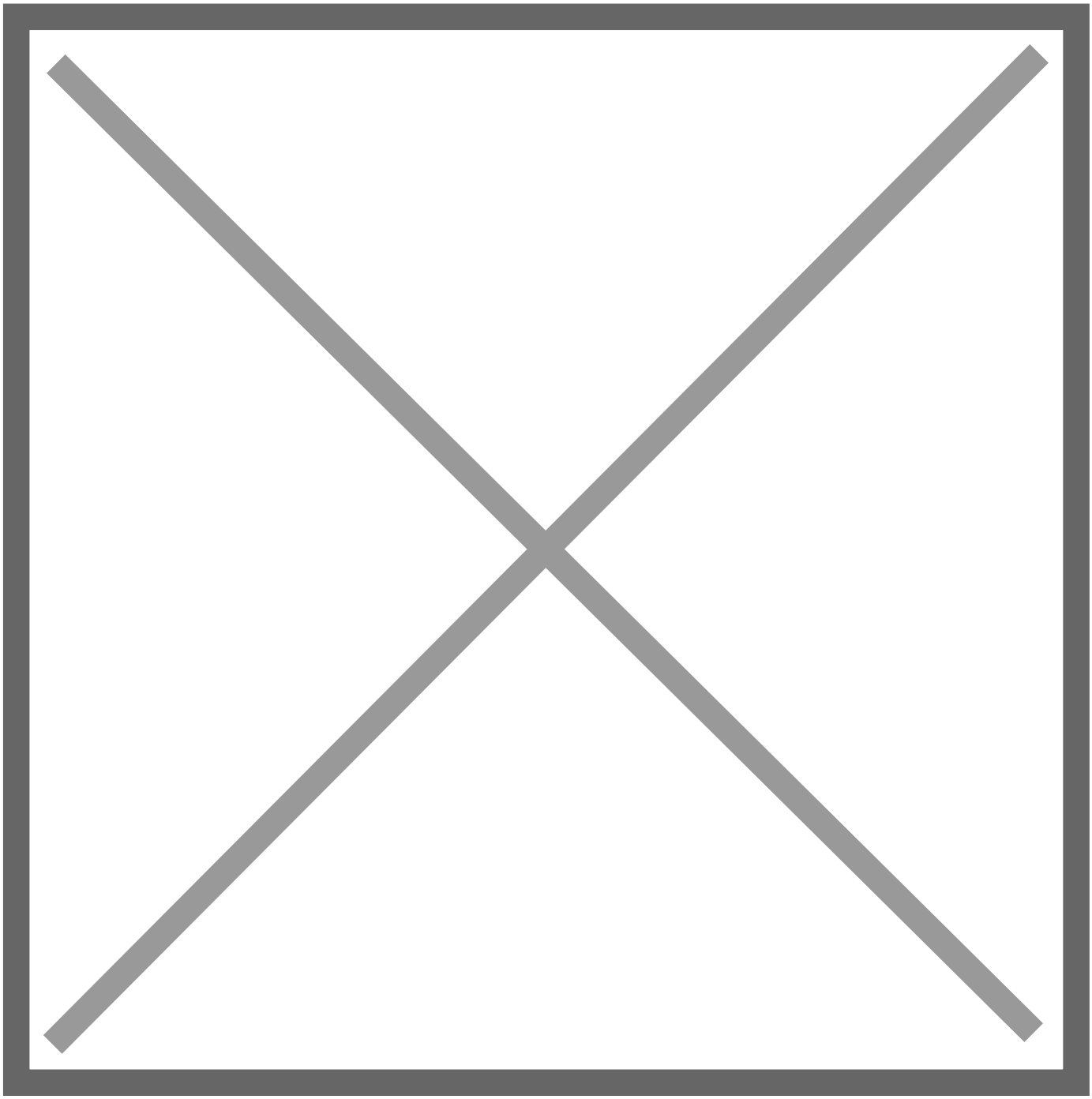


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Overweight/obesity by education

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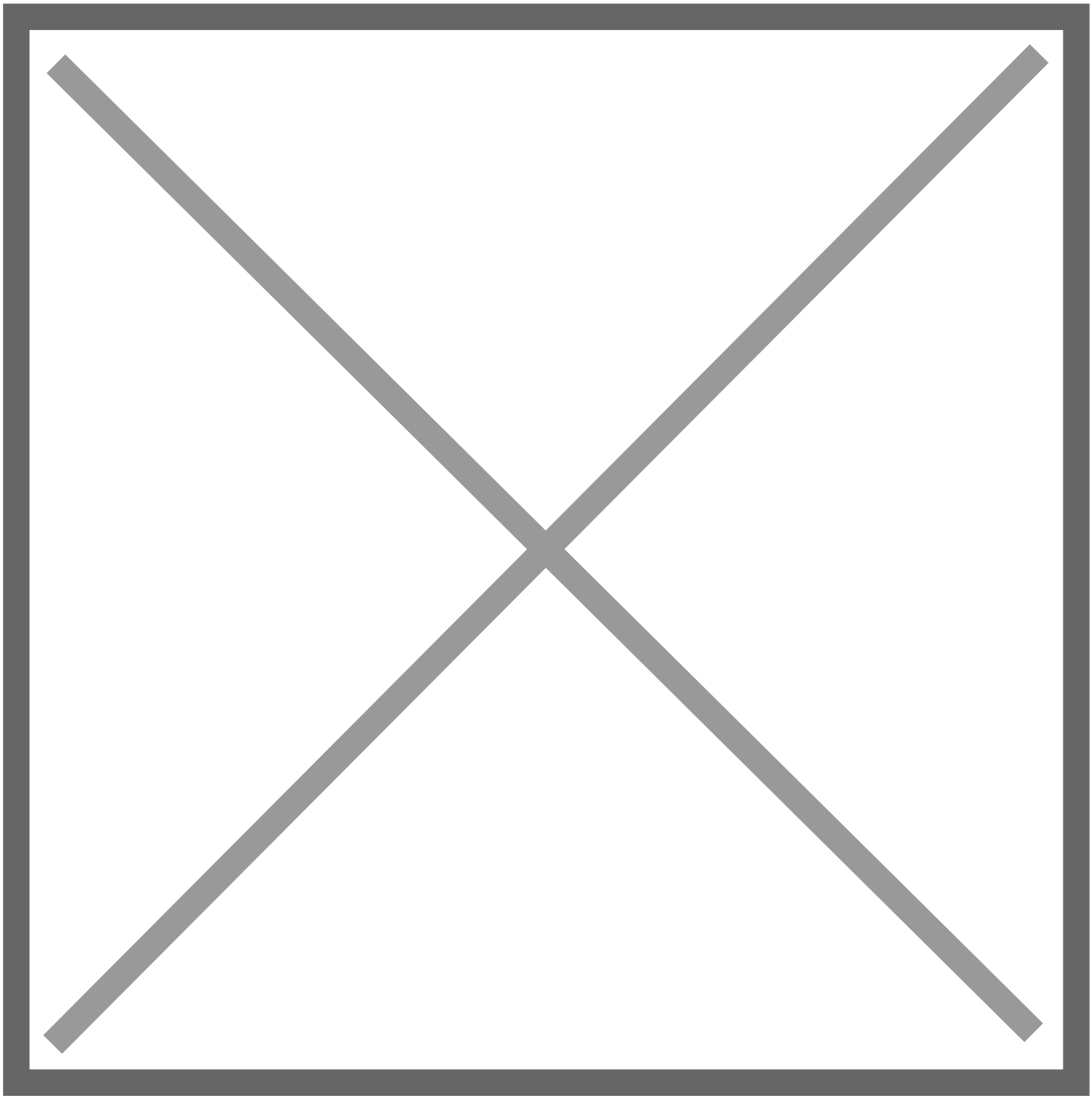


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Overweight/obesity by age

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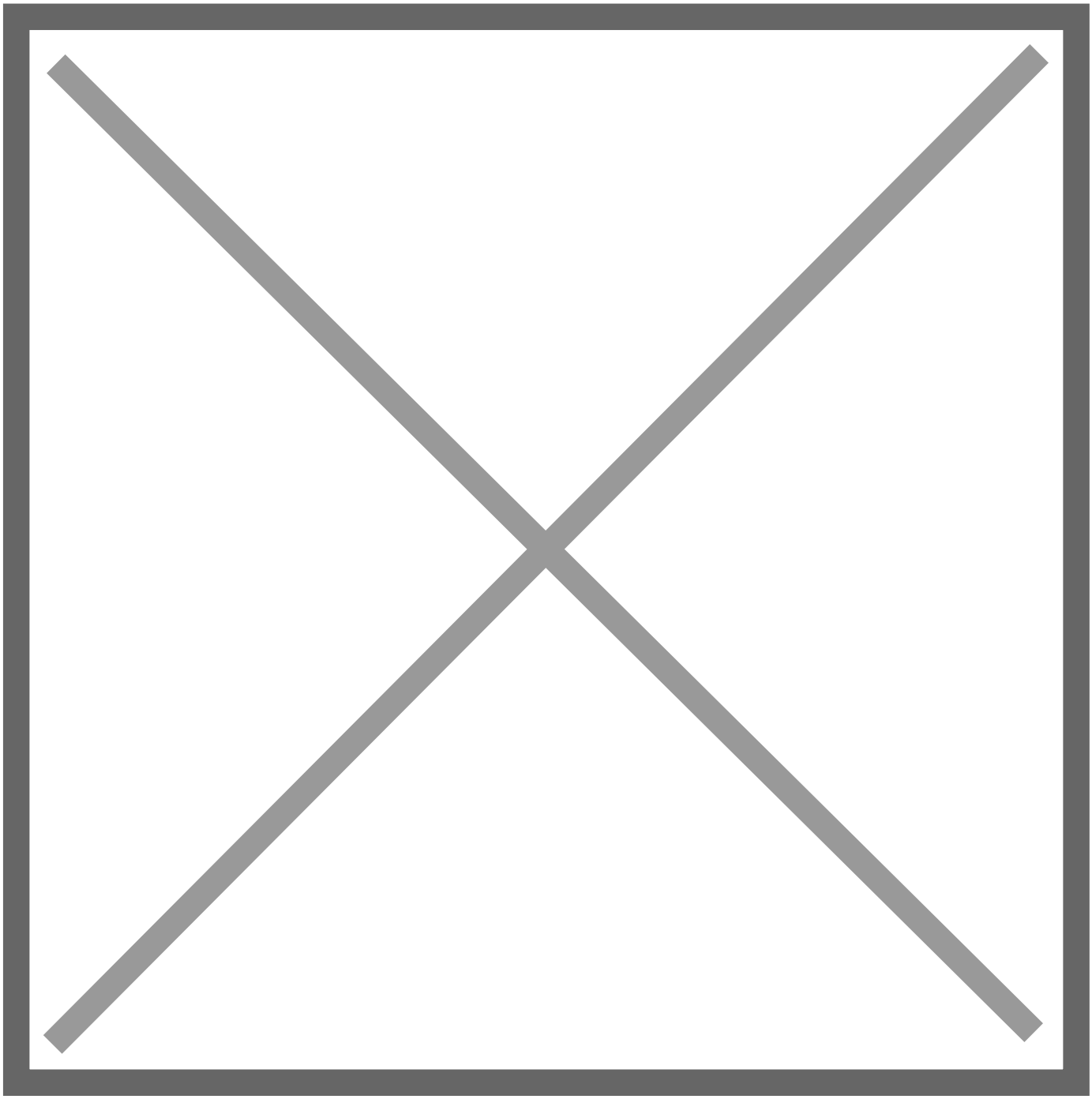


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Overweight/obesity by region

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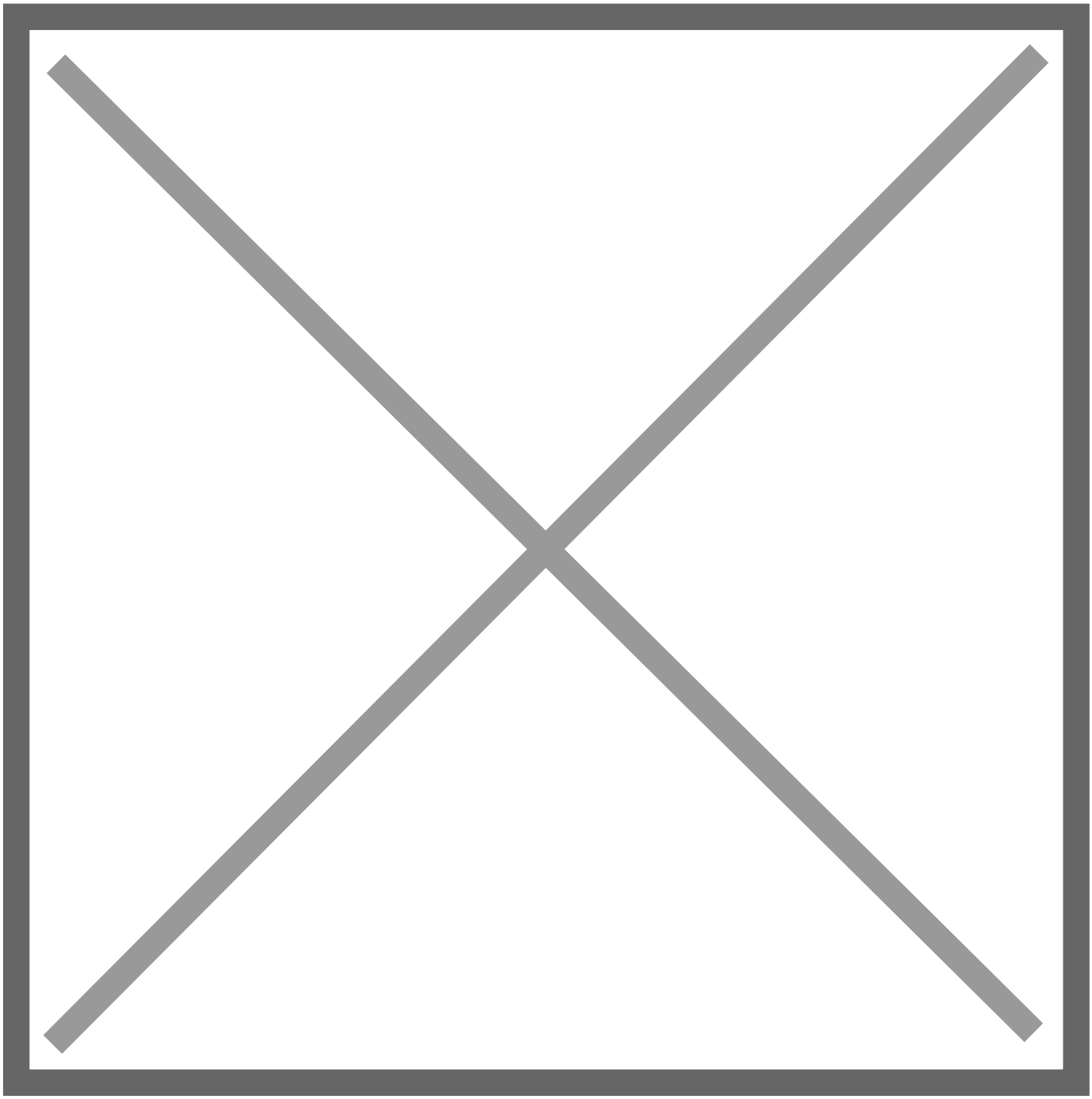


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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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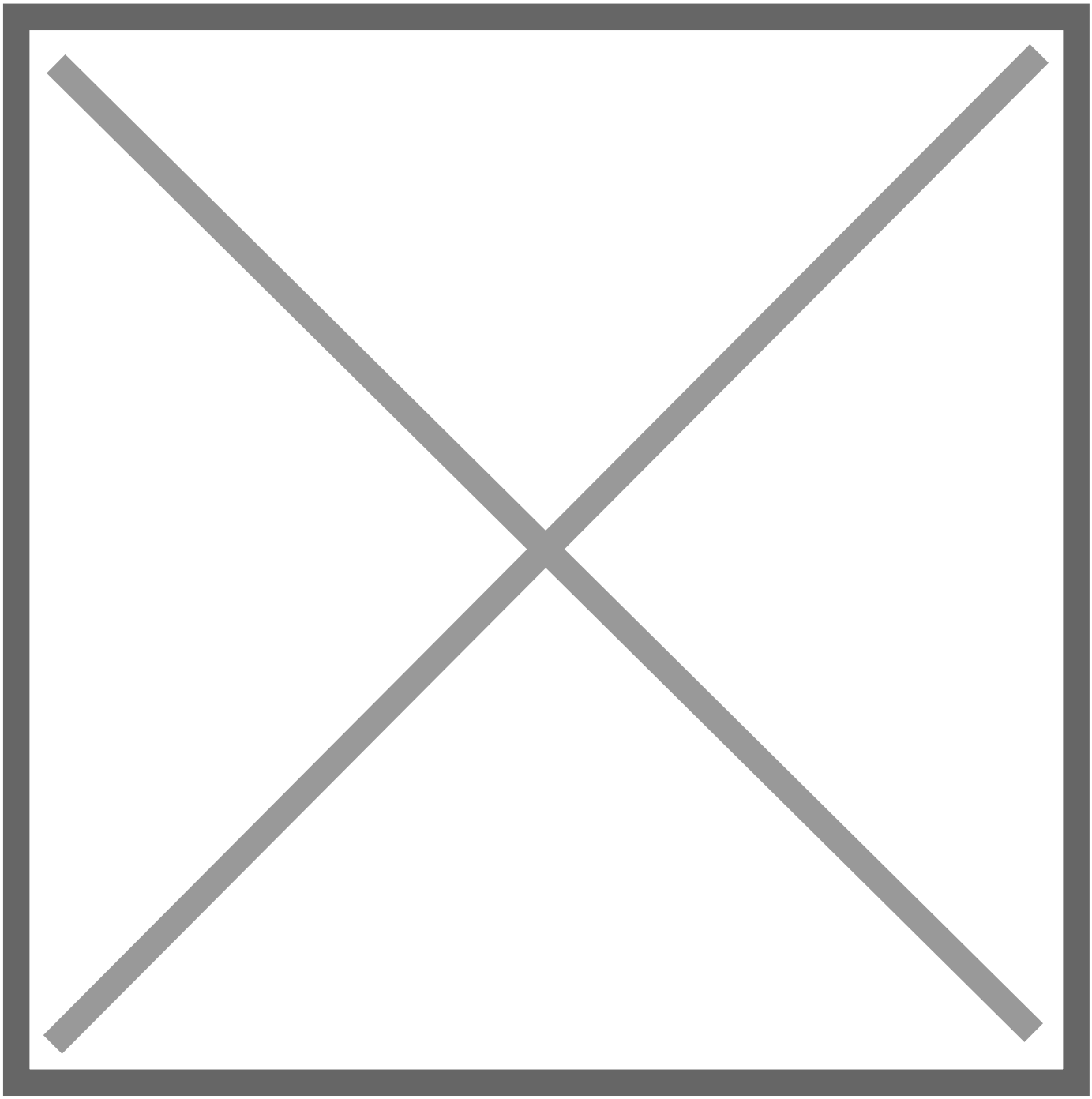
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Overweight/obesity by ethnicity

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Adults, 2023

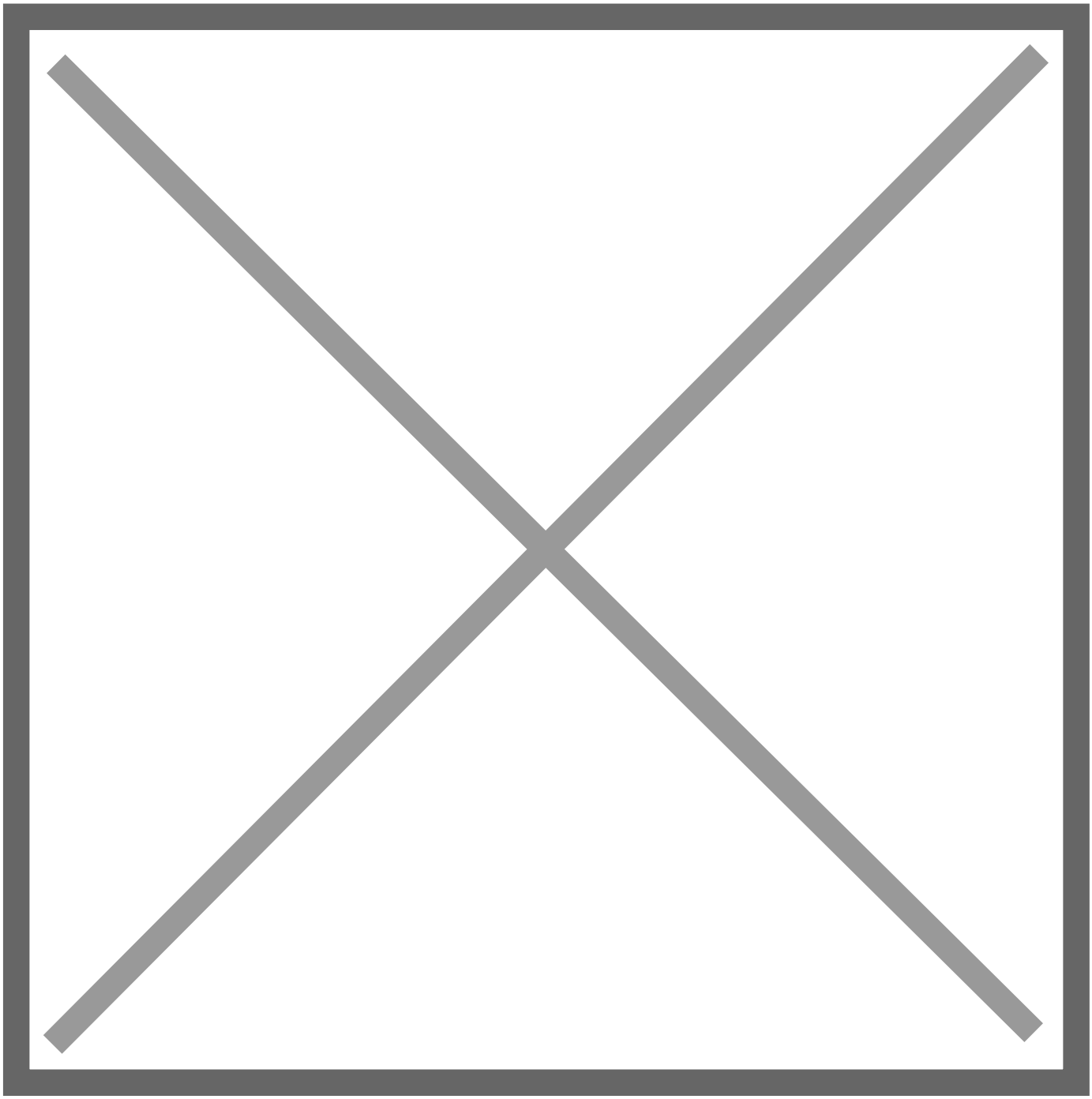


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Double burden of underweight & obesity

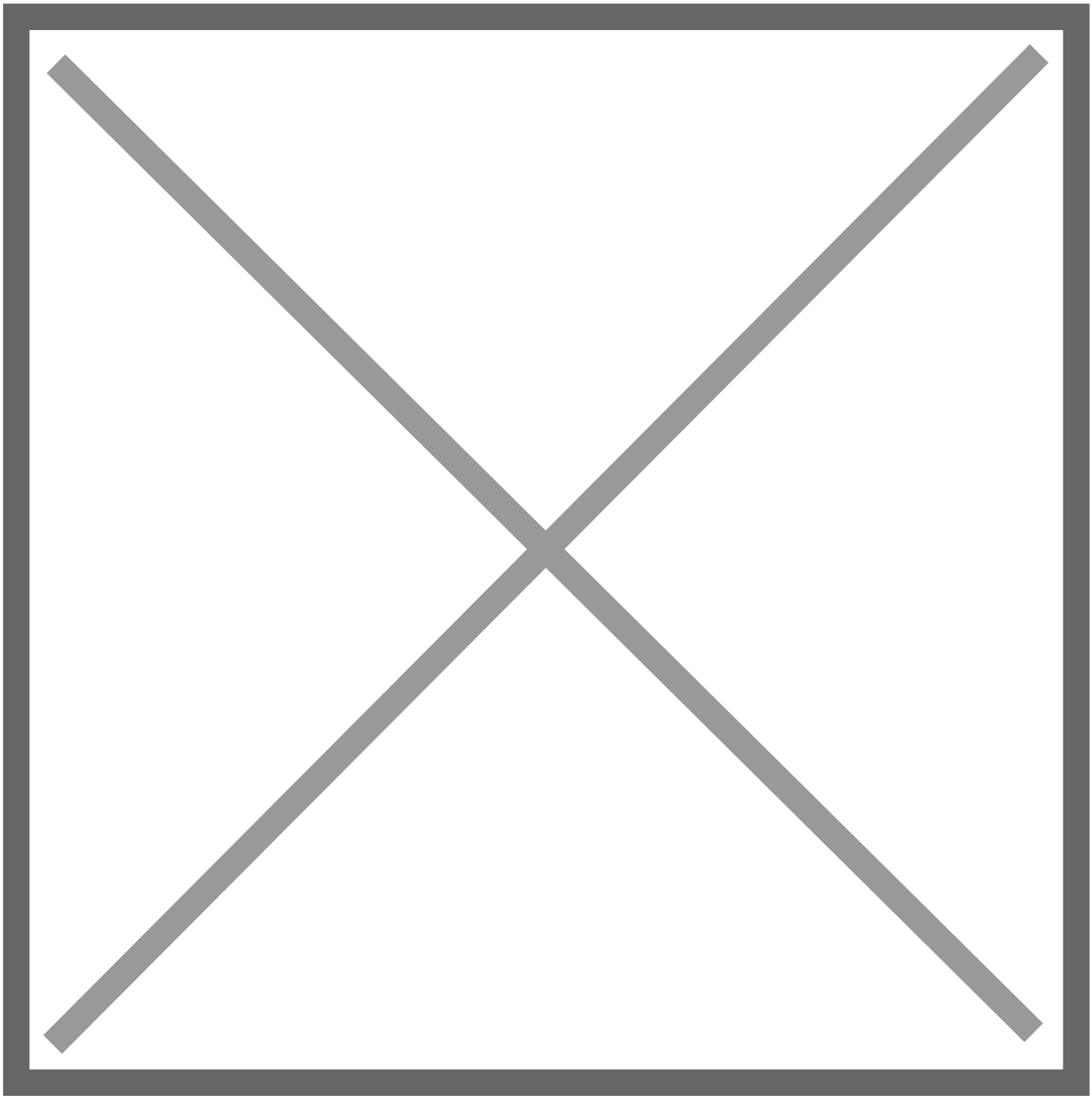
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Children, 2022

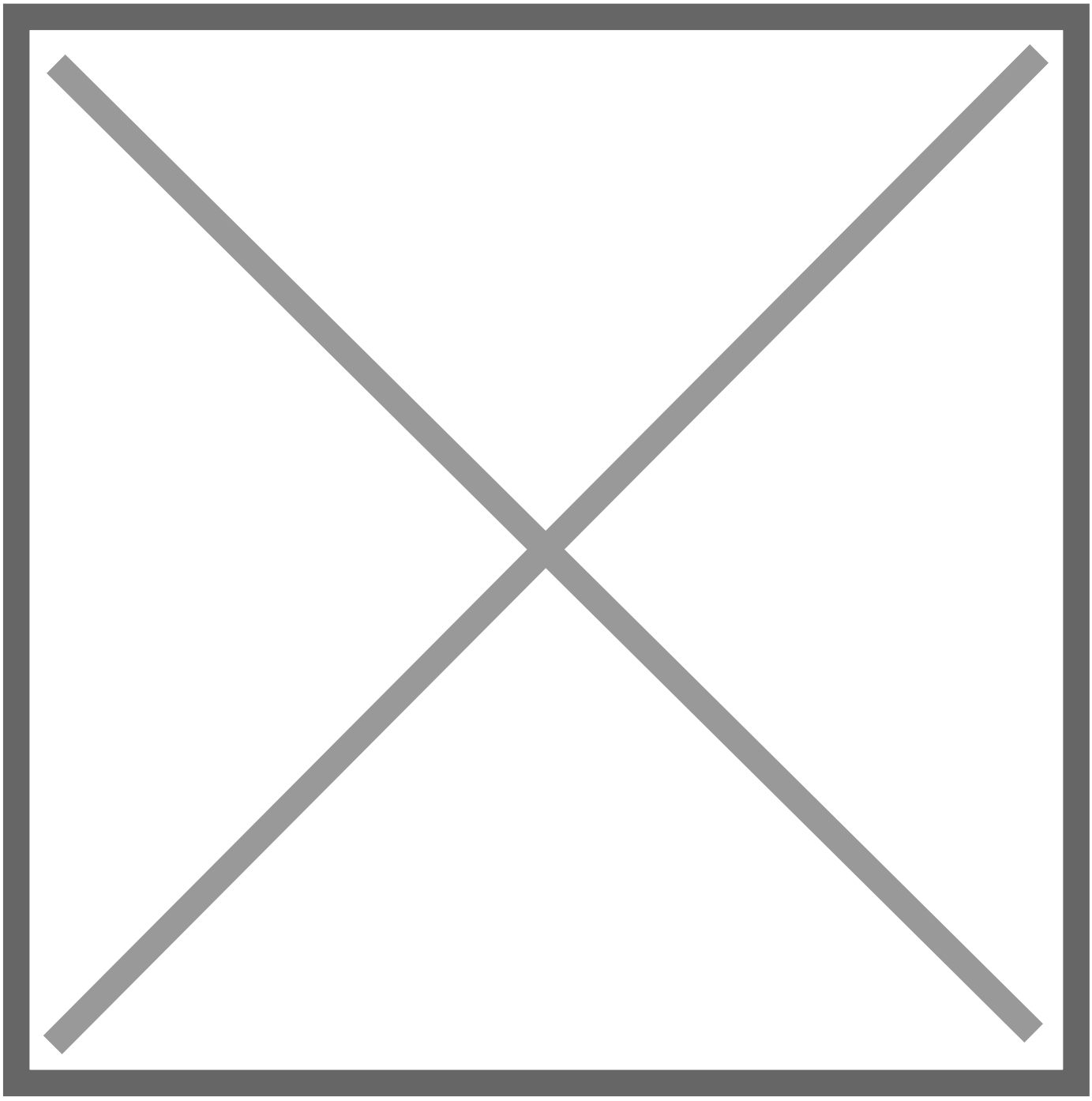


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Cutoffs:	BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD

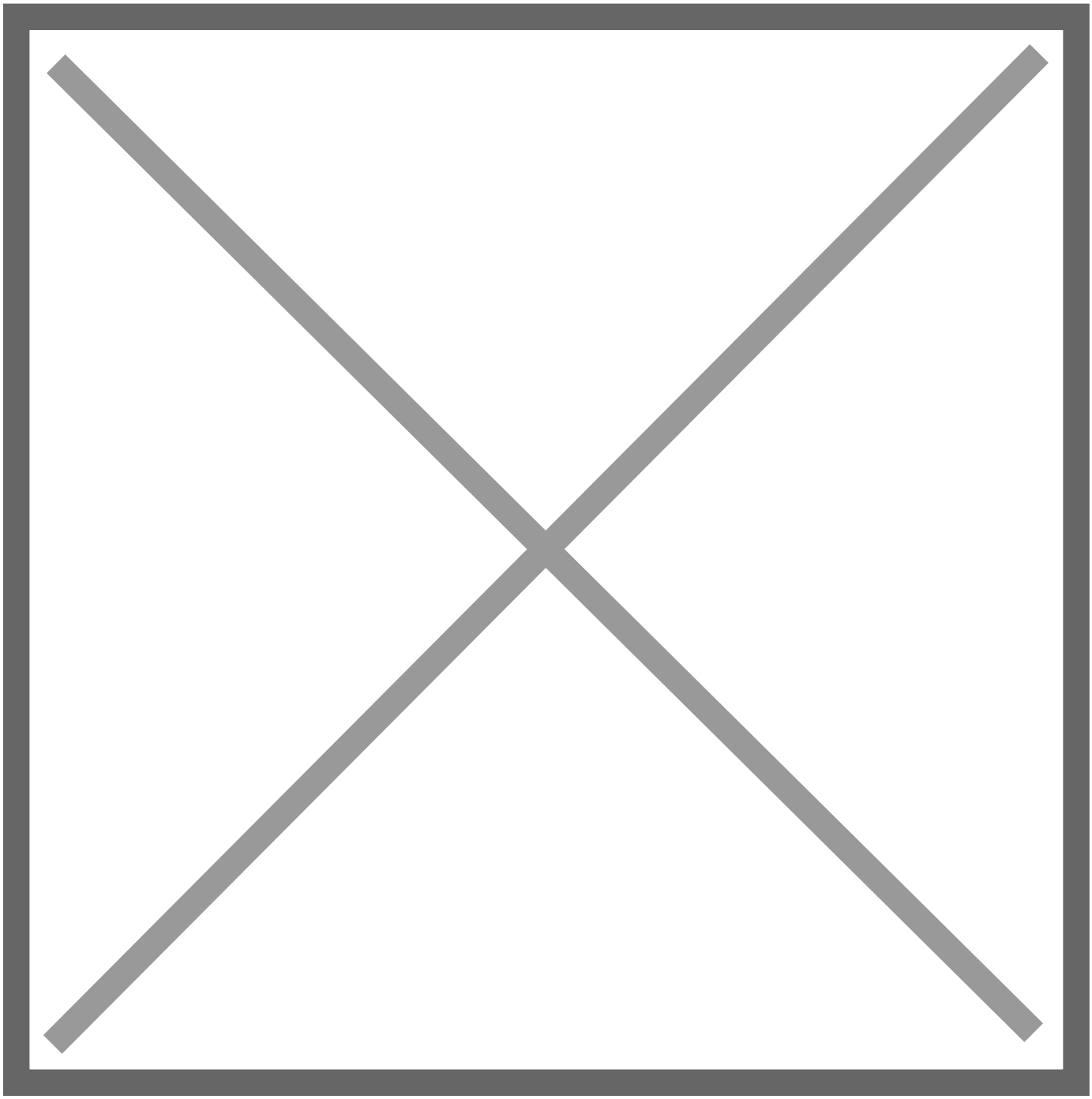
Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2016



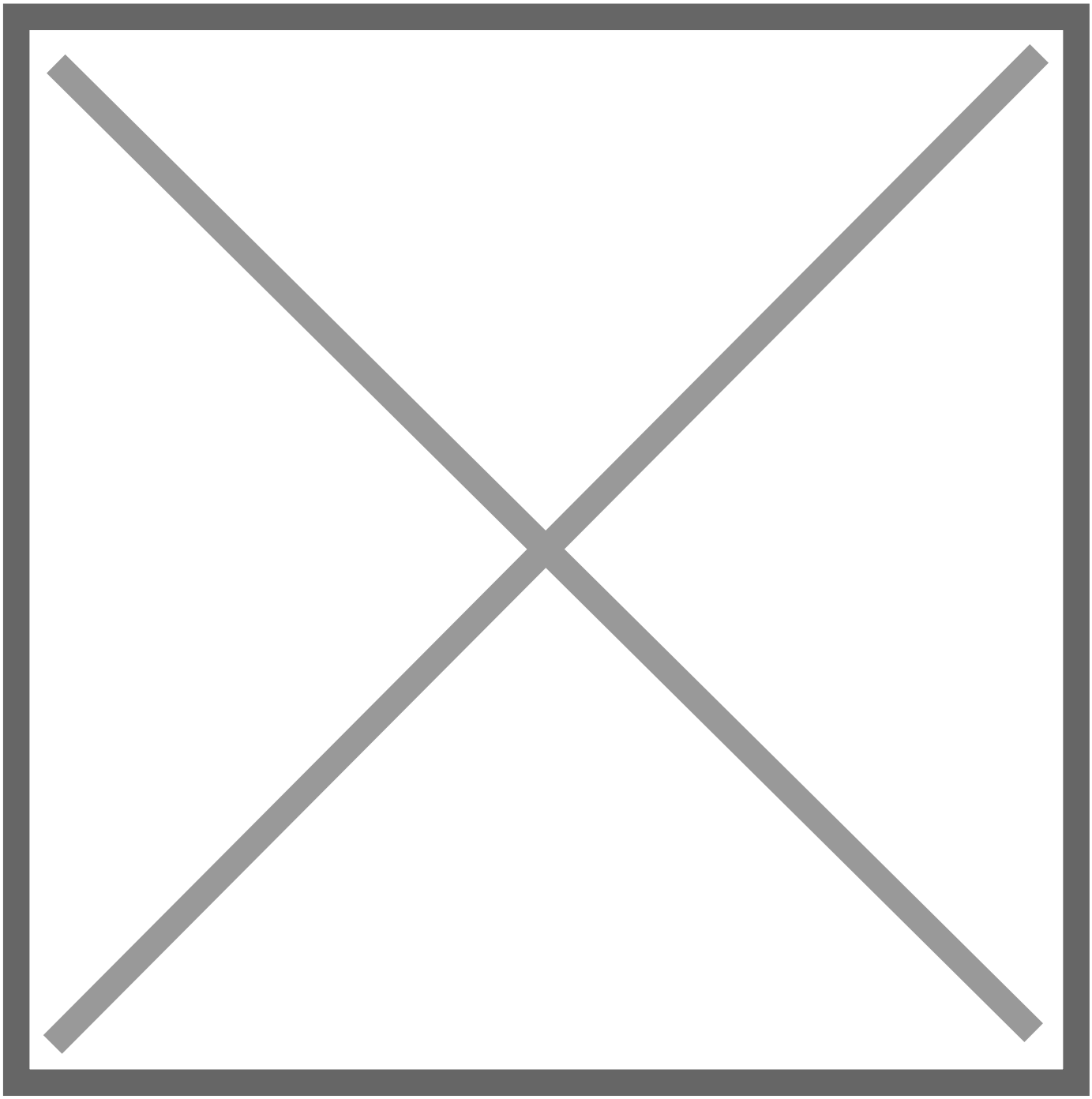
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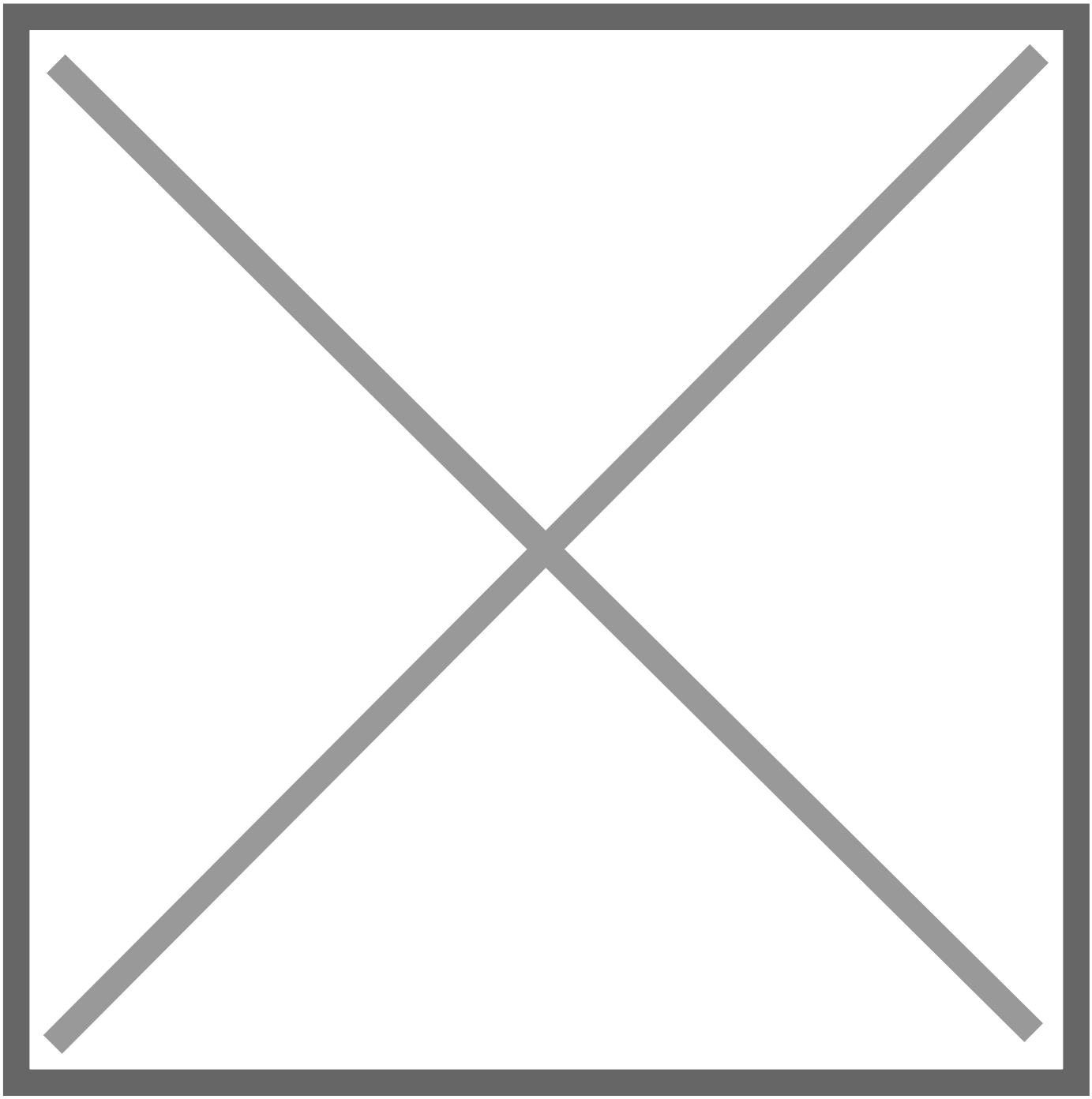
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Women, 2016



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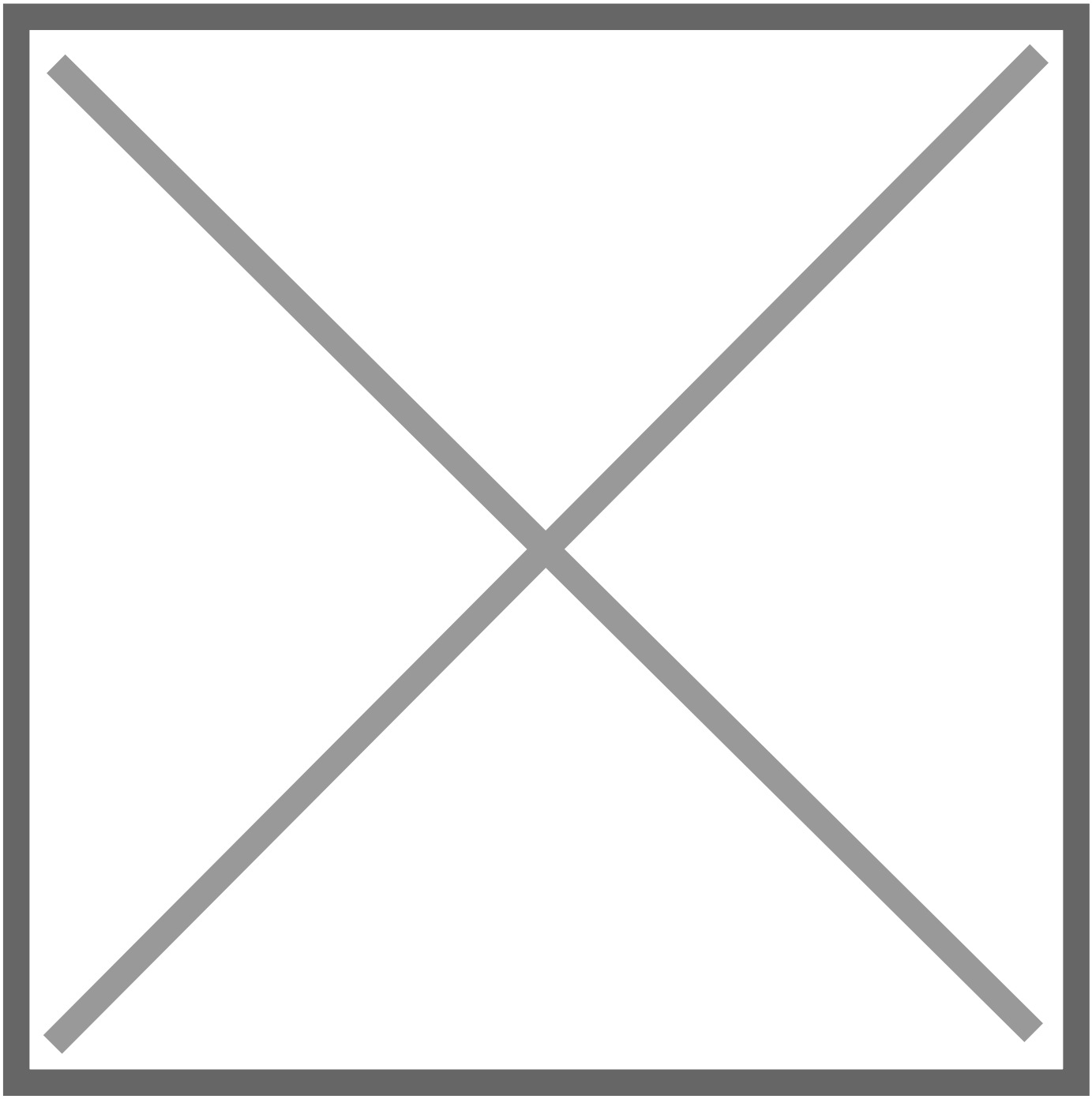
Children, 2016



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	11-17
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Definitions:	% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

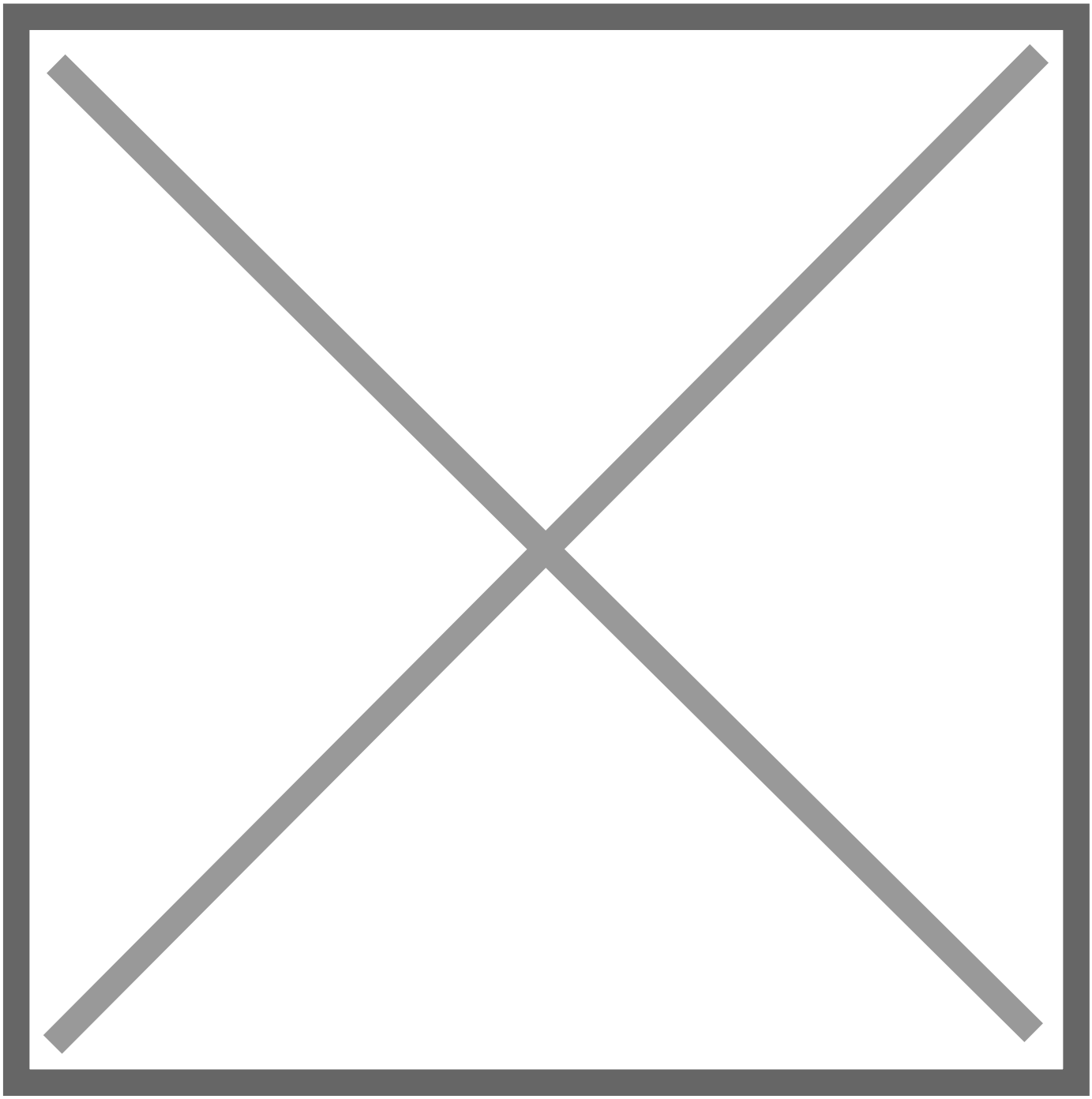
Boys, 2016



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Girls, 2016

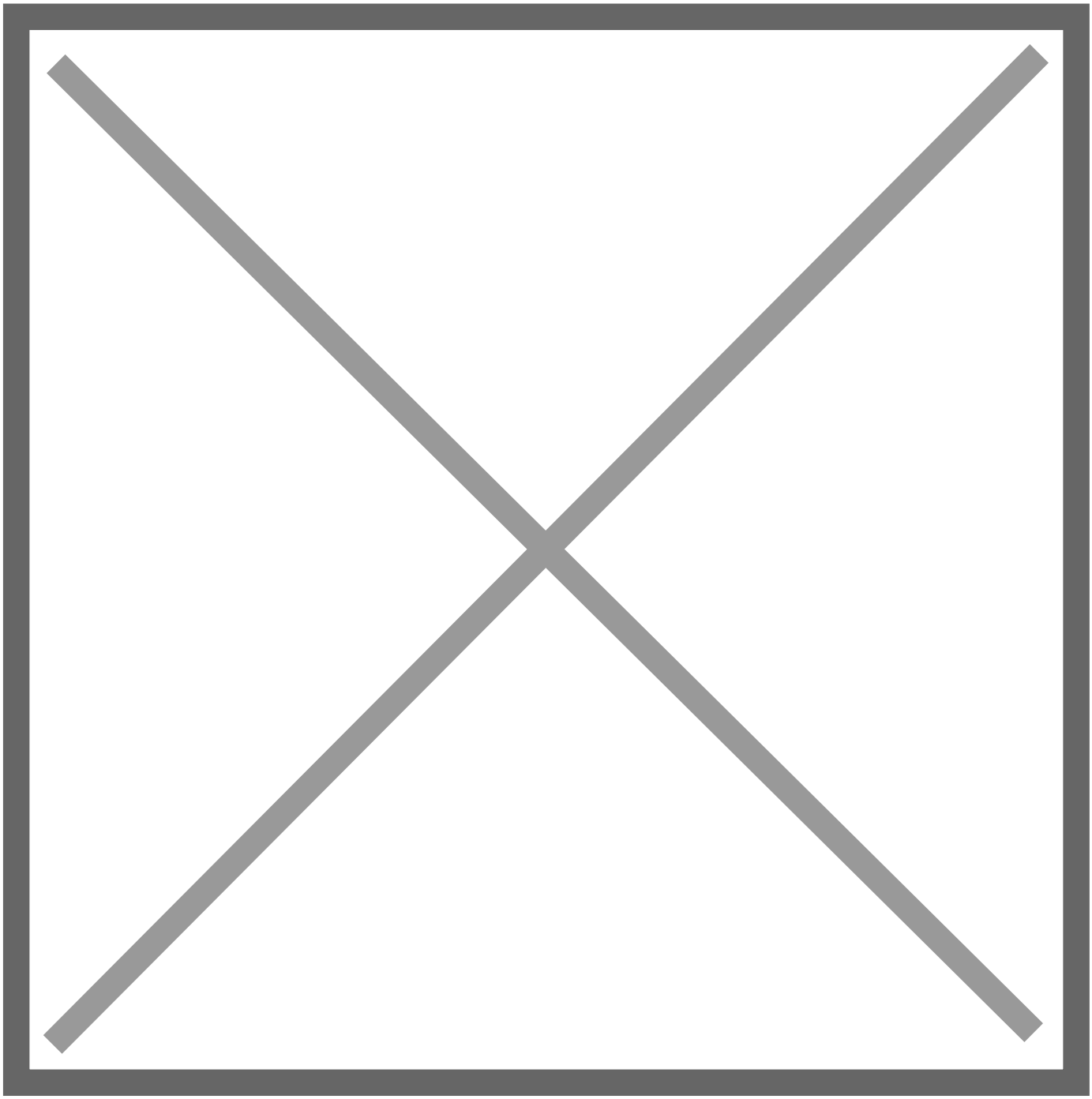


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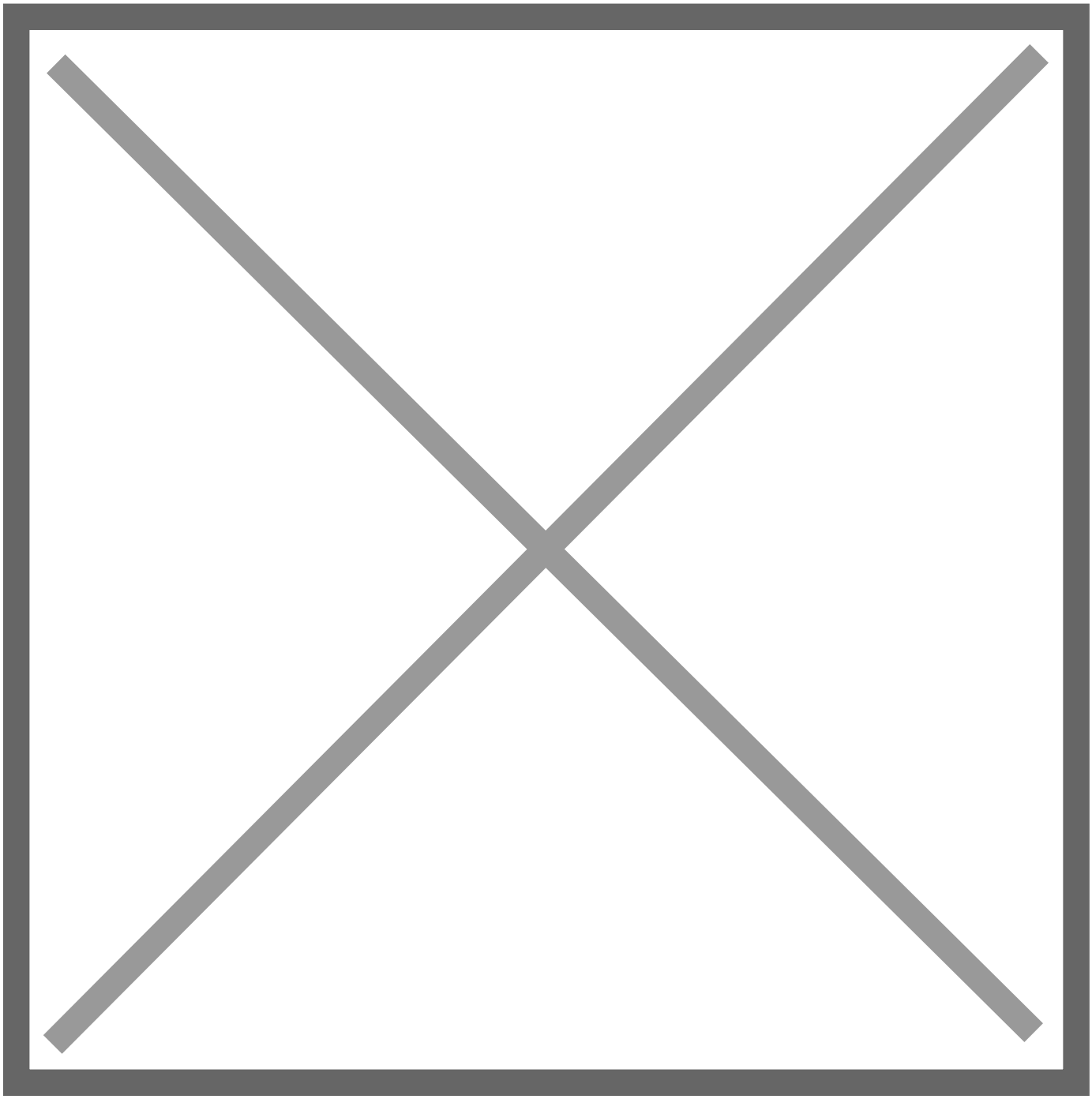
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2023



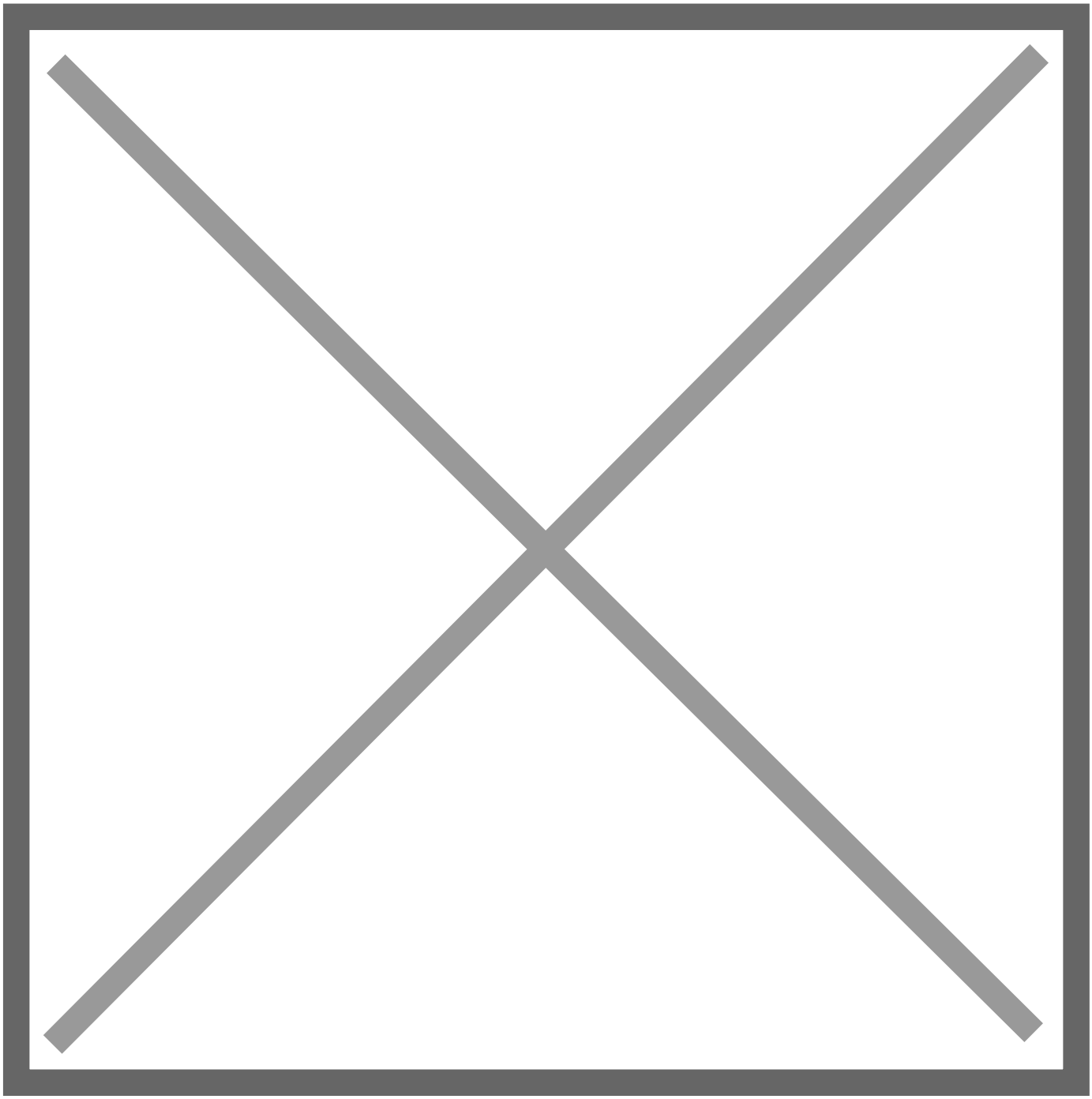
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Definitions:	Estimated number living with depressive disorders per 100,000 population (20+ years of age)

Men, 2023



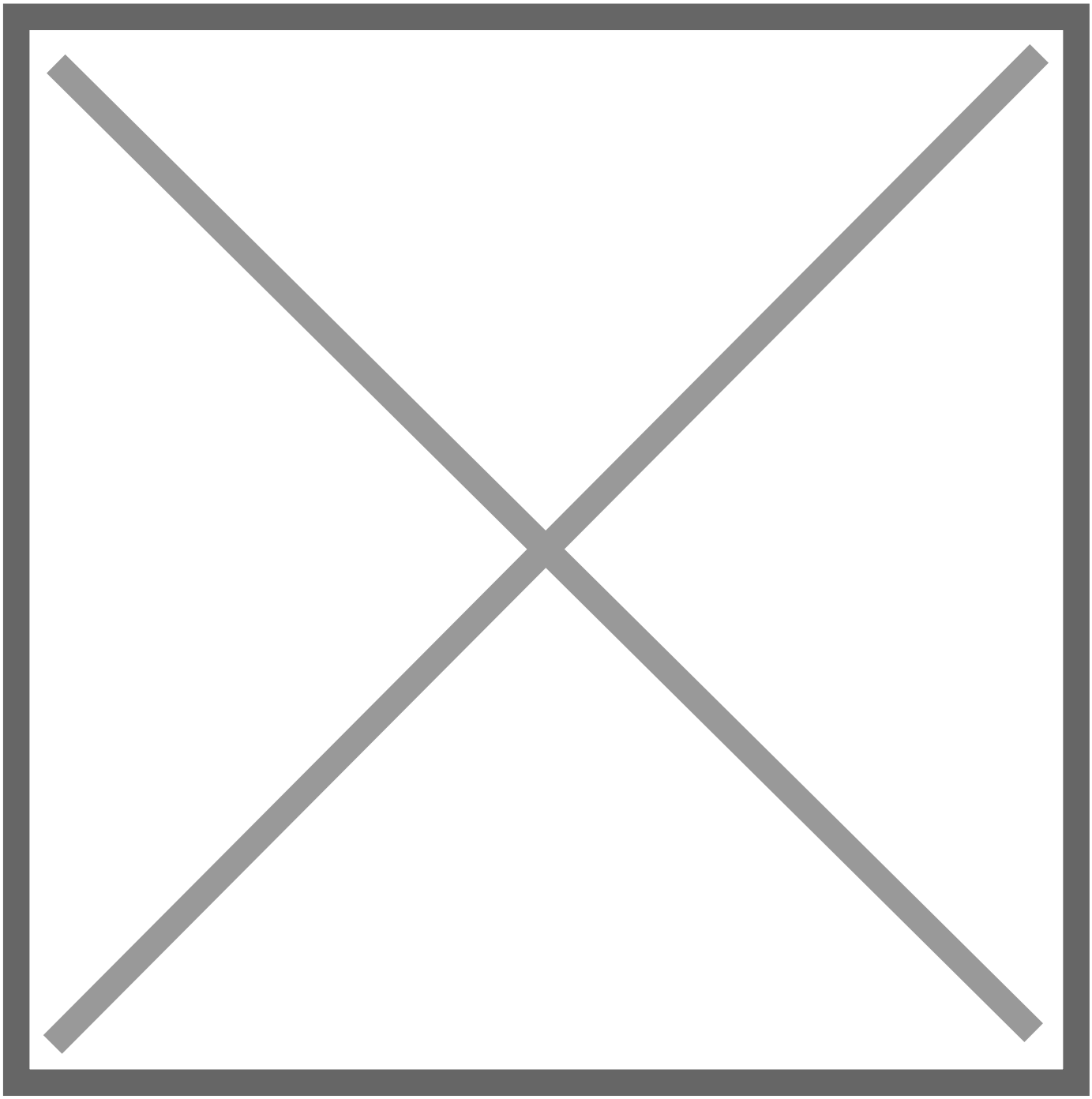
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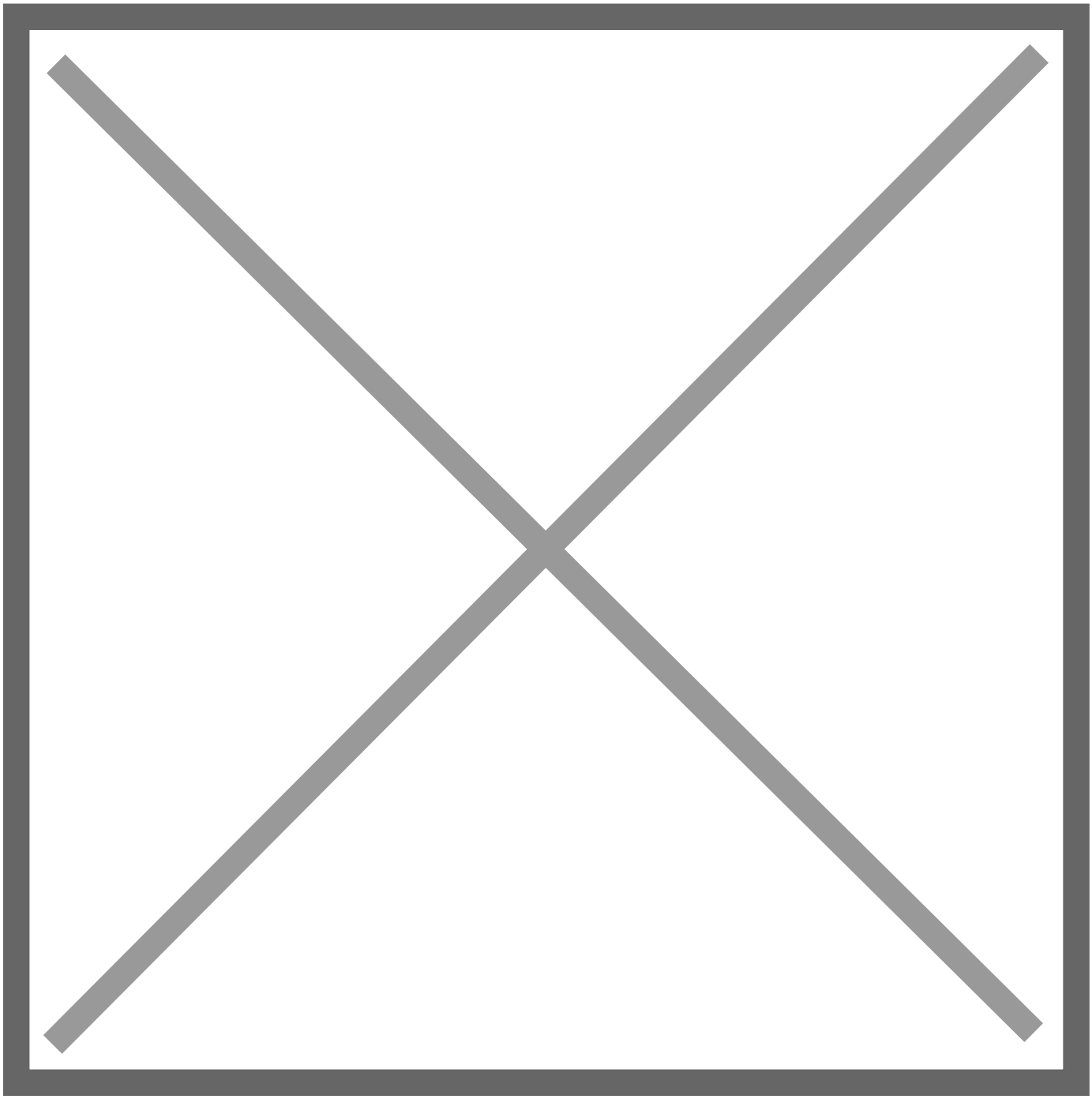
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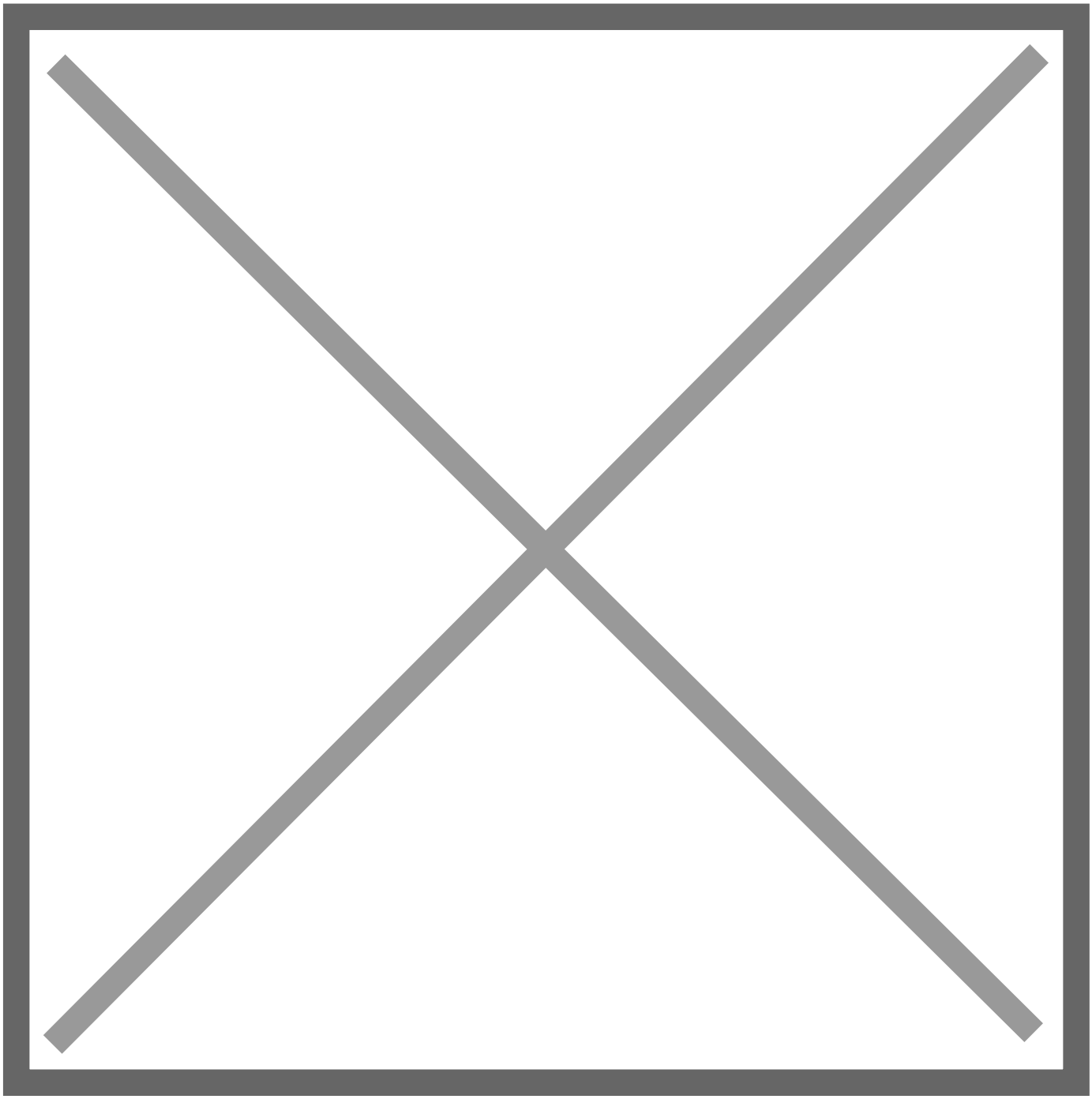
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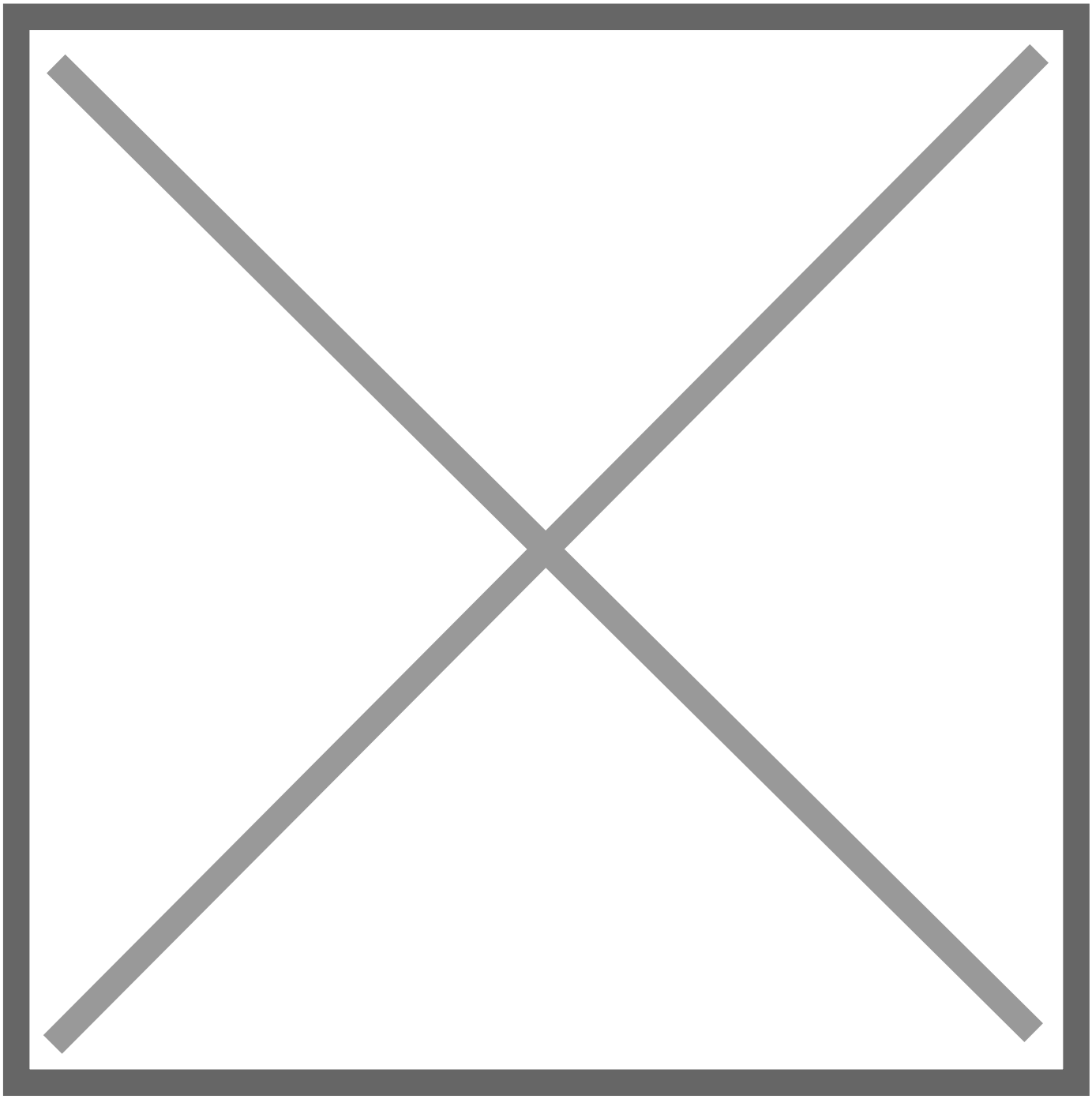
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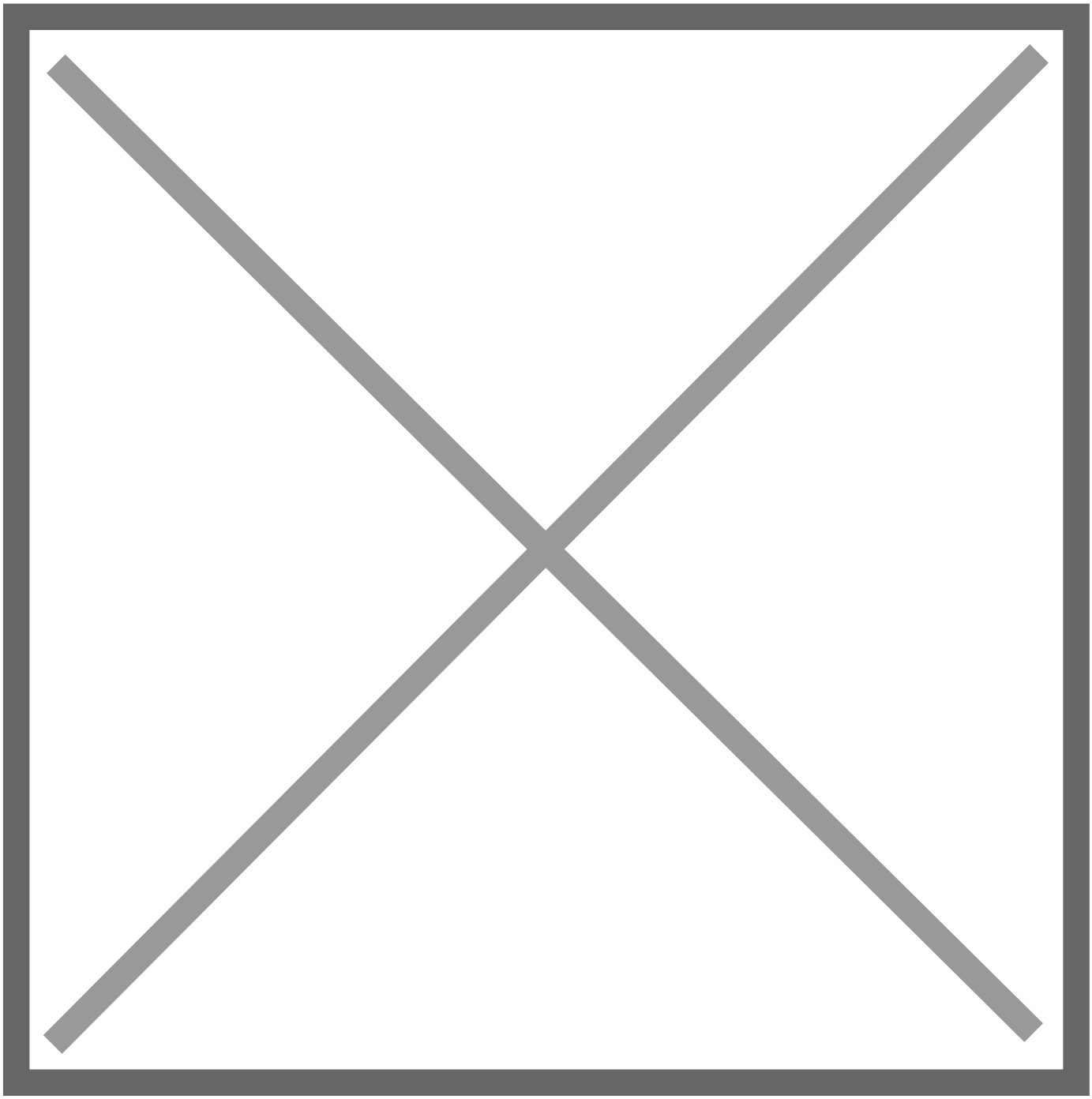
Mental health - anxiety disorders

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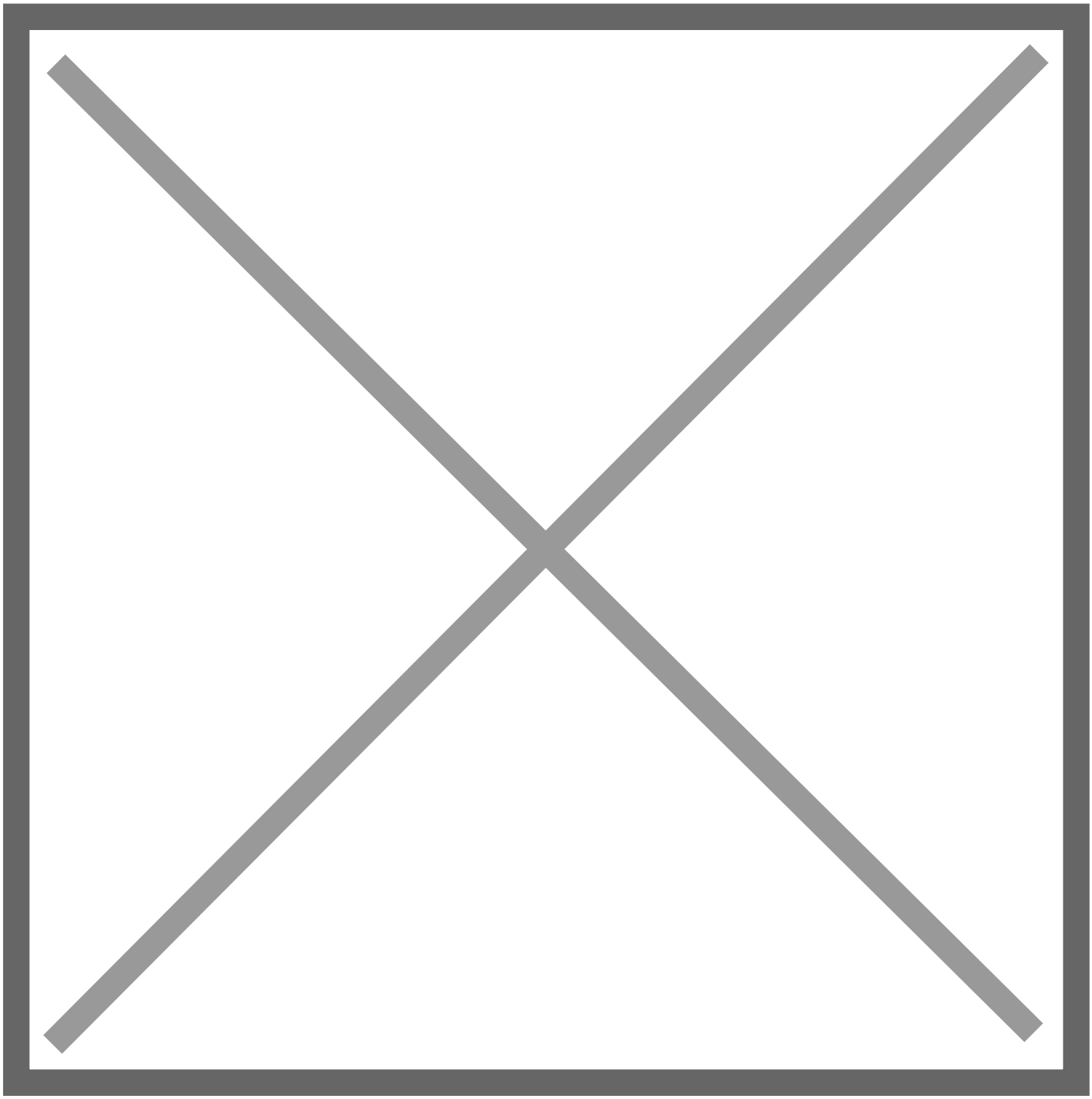
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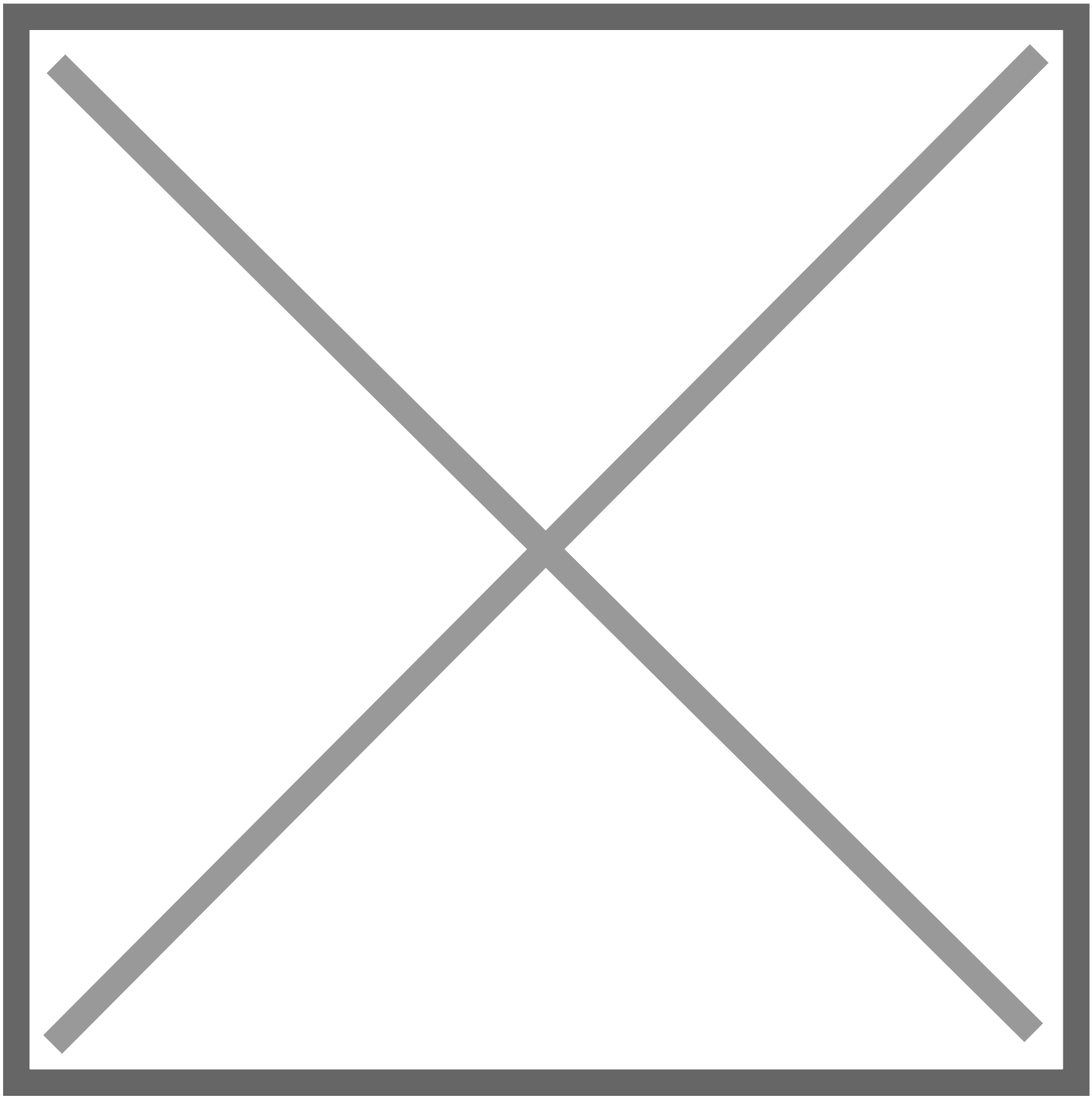
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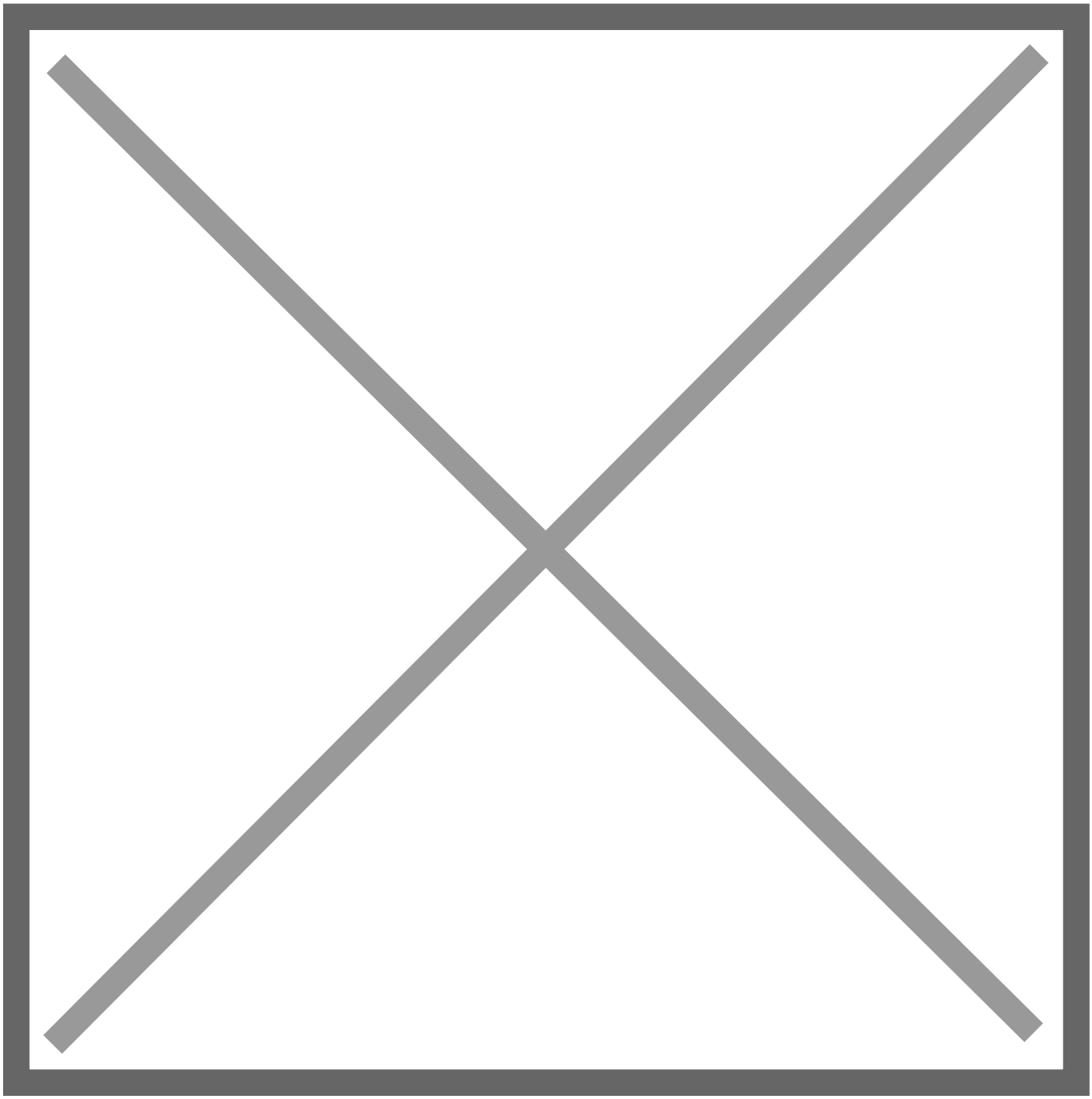
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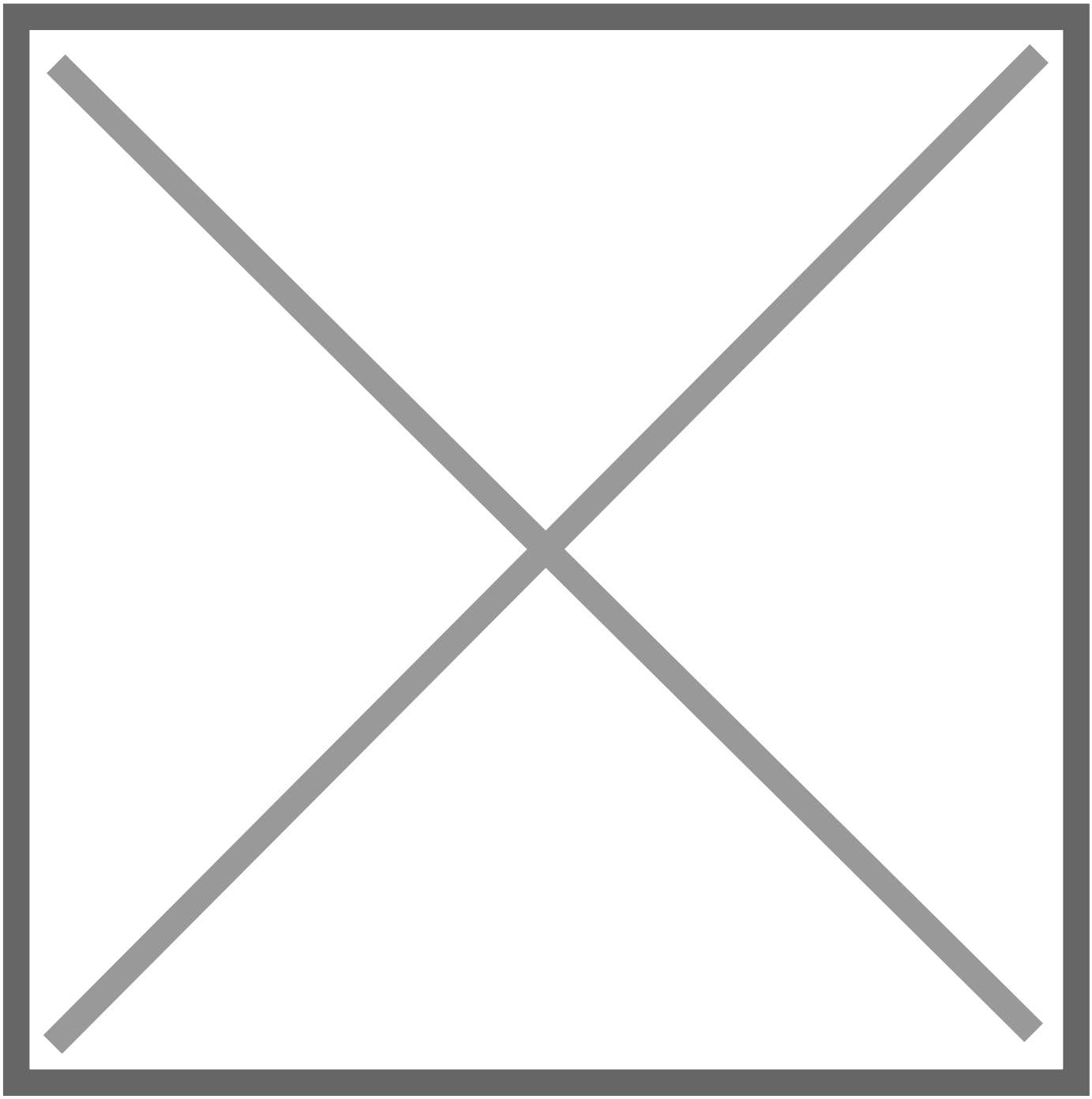
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Definitions:	Estimated number living with anxiety disorders per 100,000 population (under 20 years of age)

Boys, 2023



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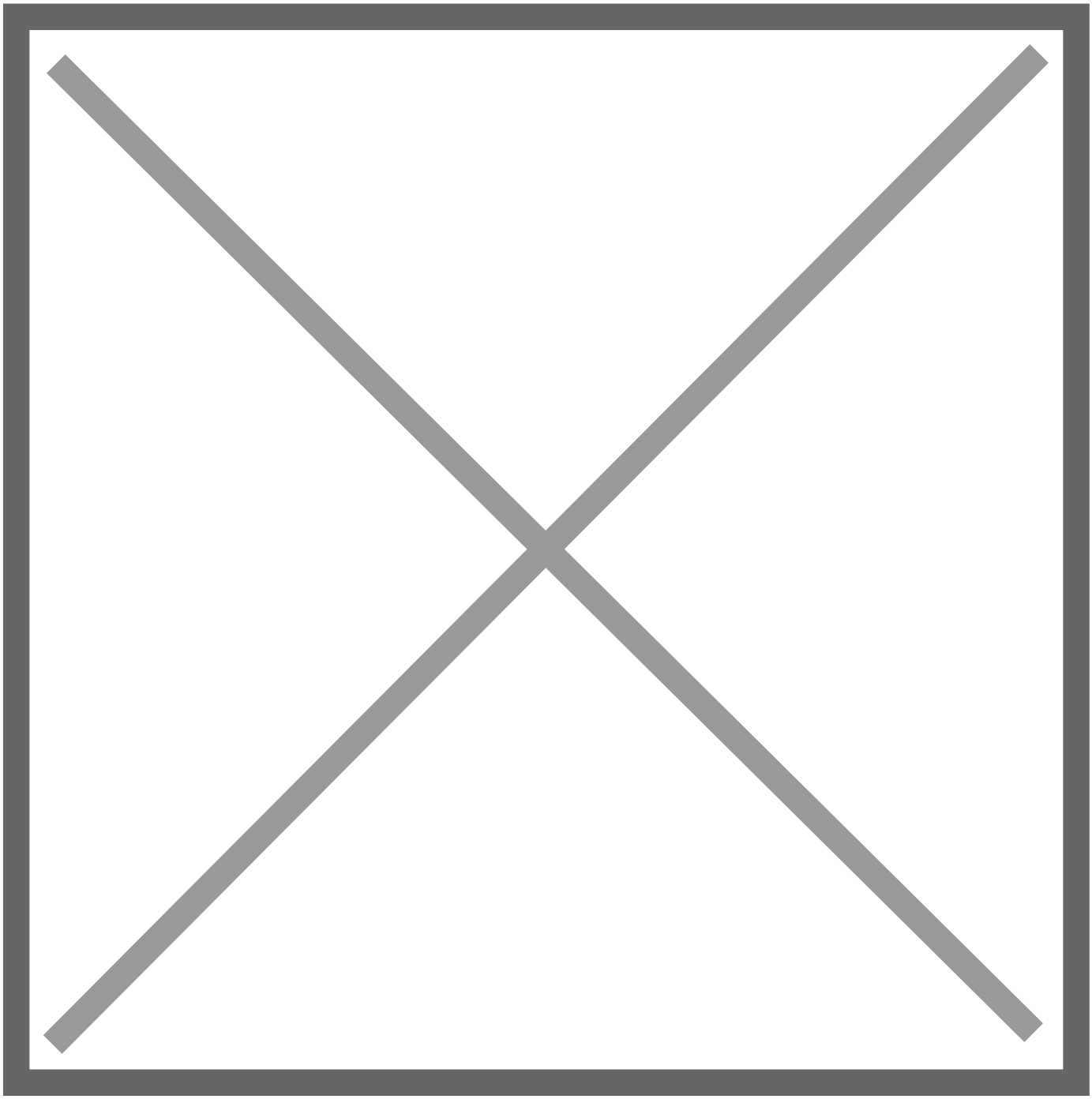
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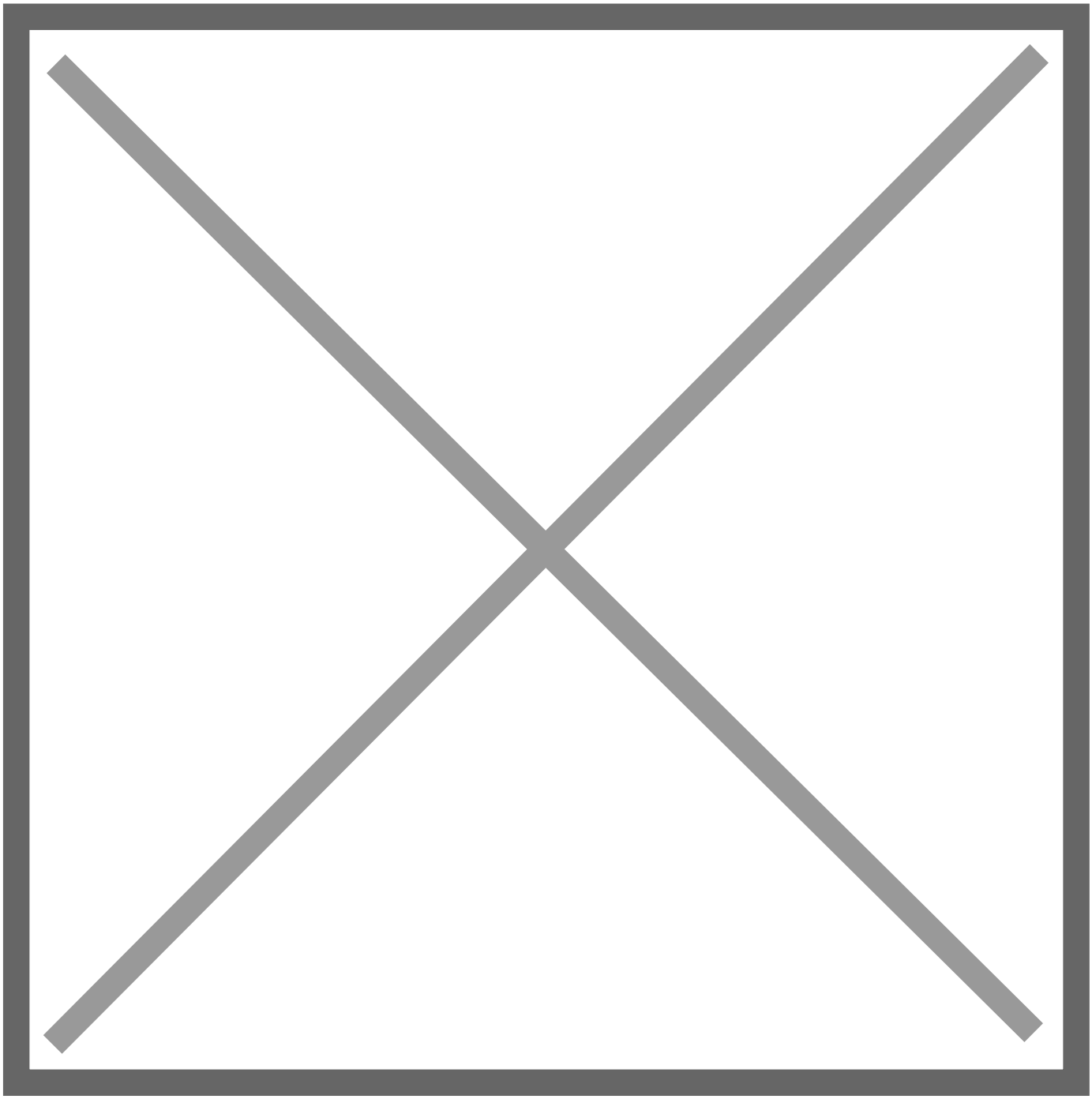
Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2019



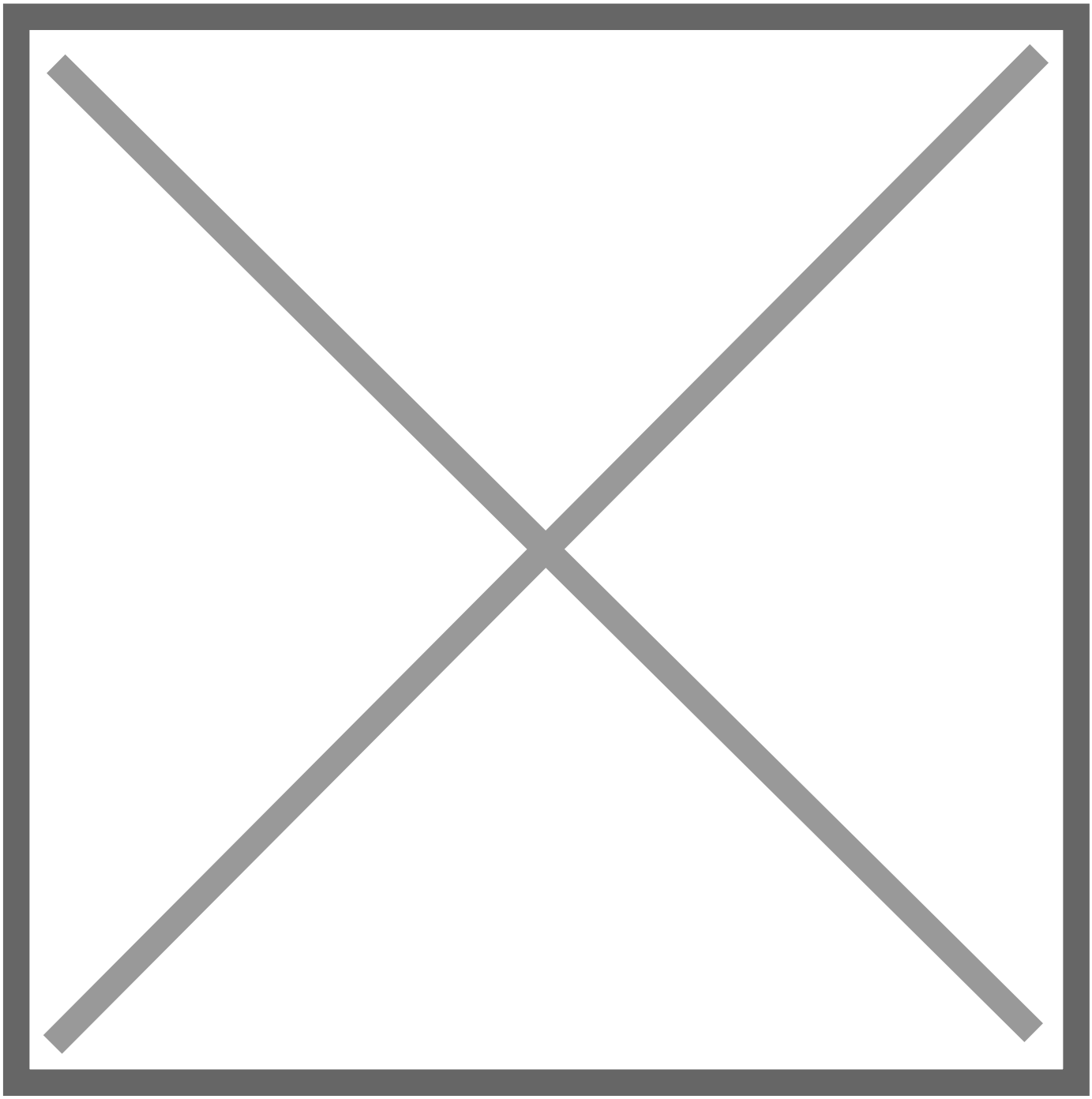
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Definitions:	Prevalence of raised blood pressure (defined as having systolic blood pressure ≥140 mmHg or diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg) among adults aged 30-79.

Men, 2019



Age:	30-79
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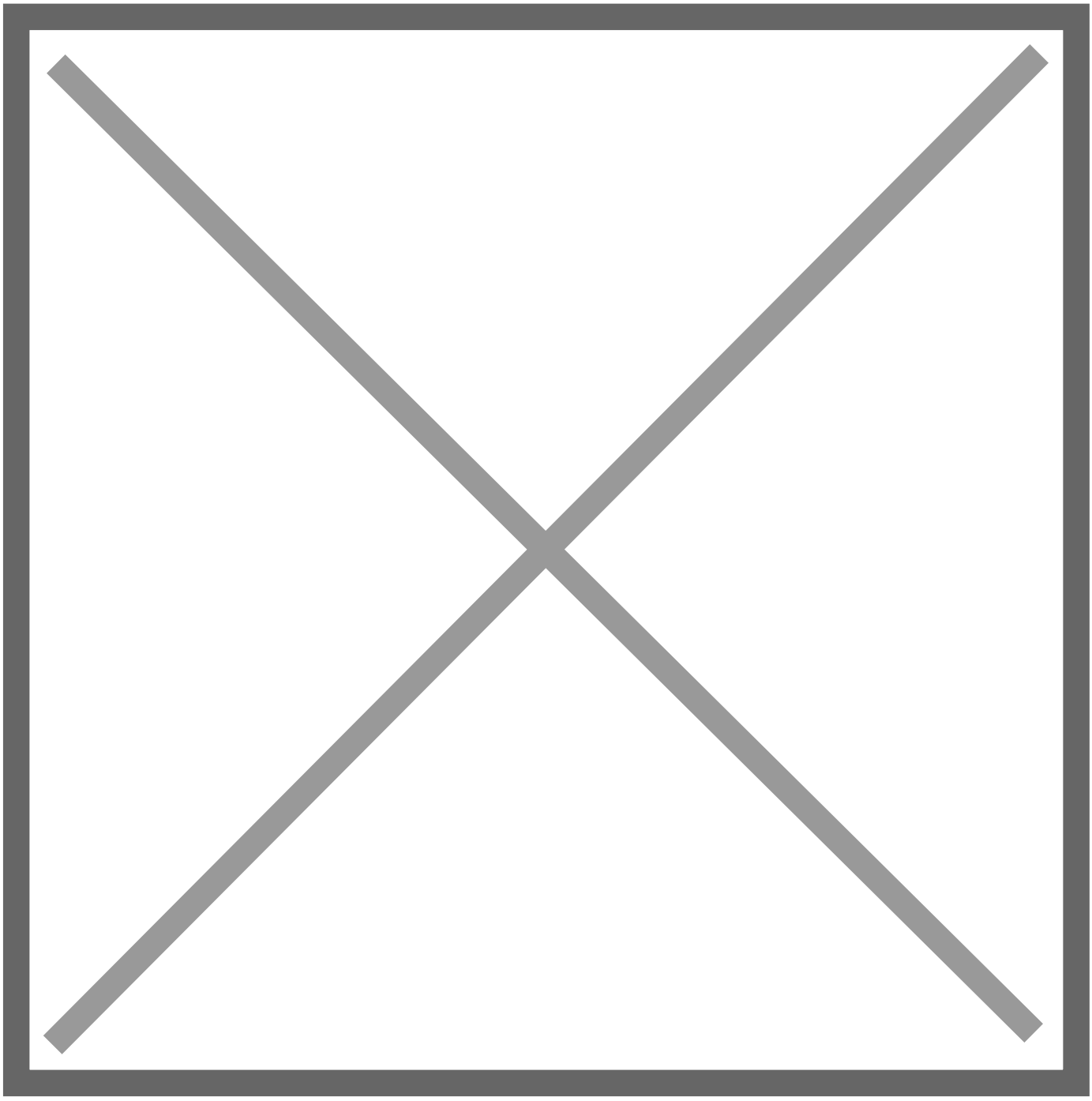
Women, 2019



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References:	World Health Organization. 2024. Hypertension: raised blood pressure (uncontrolled hypertension) among adults aged 30-79 years (%). Global Health Observatory. https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-raised-blood-pressure-among-adults-30-79-years [Accessed 16.03.26]
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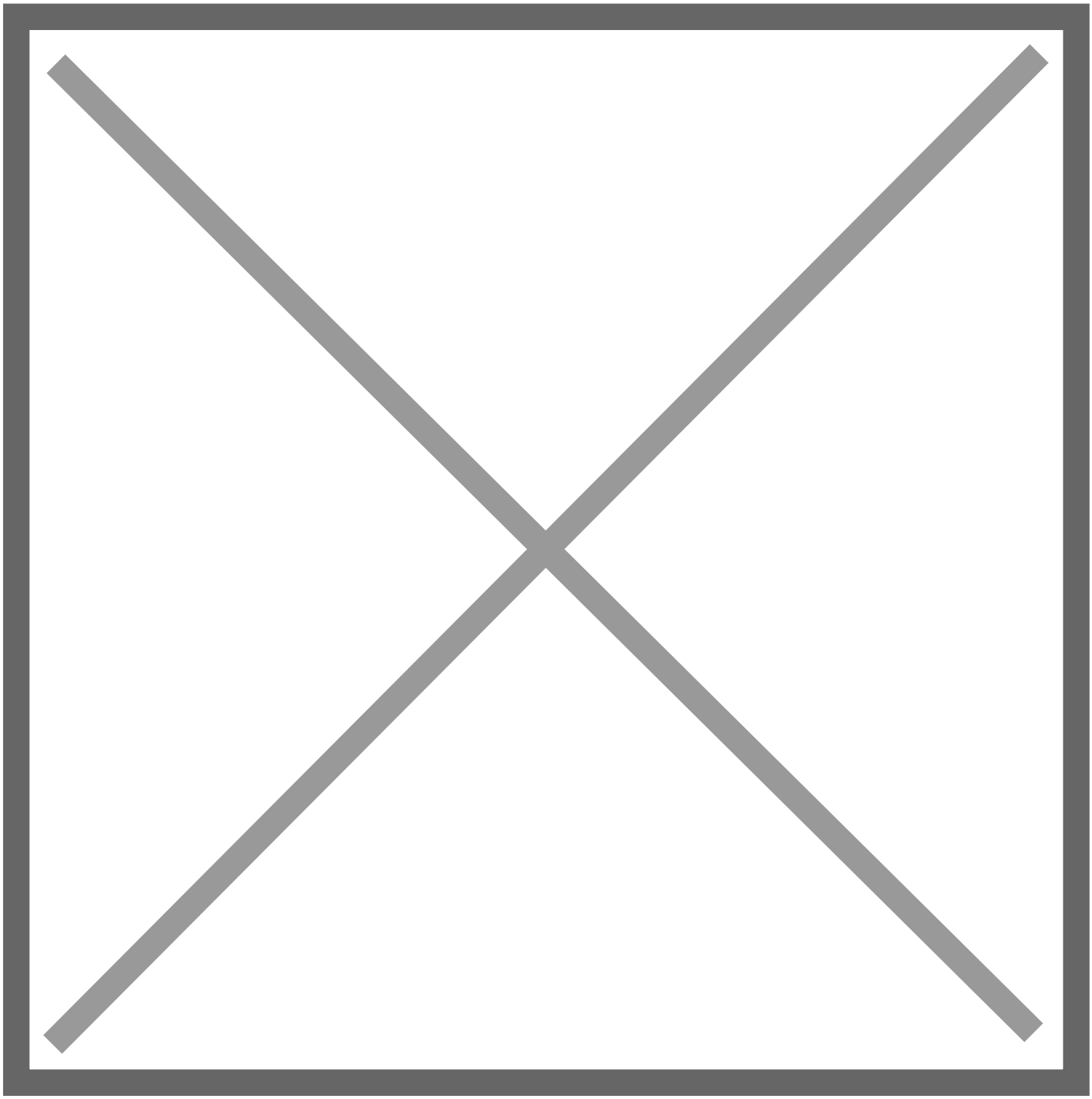
Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



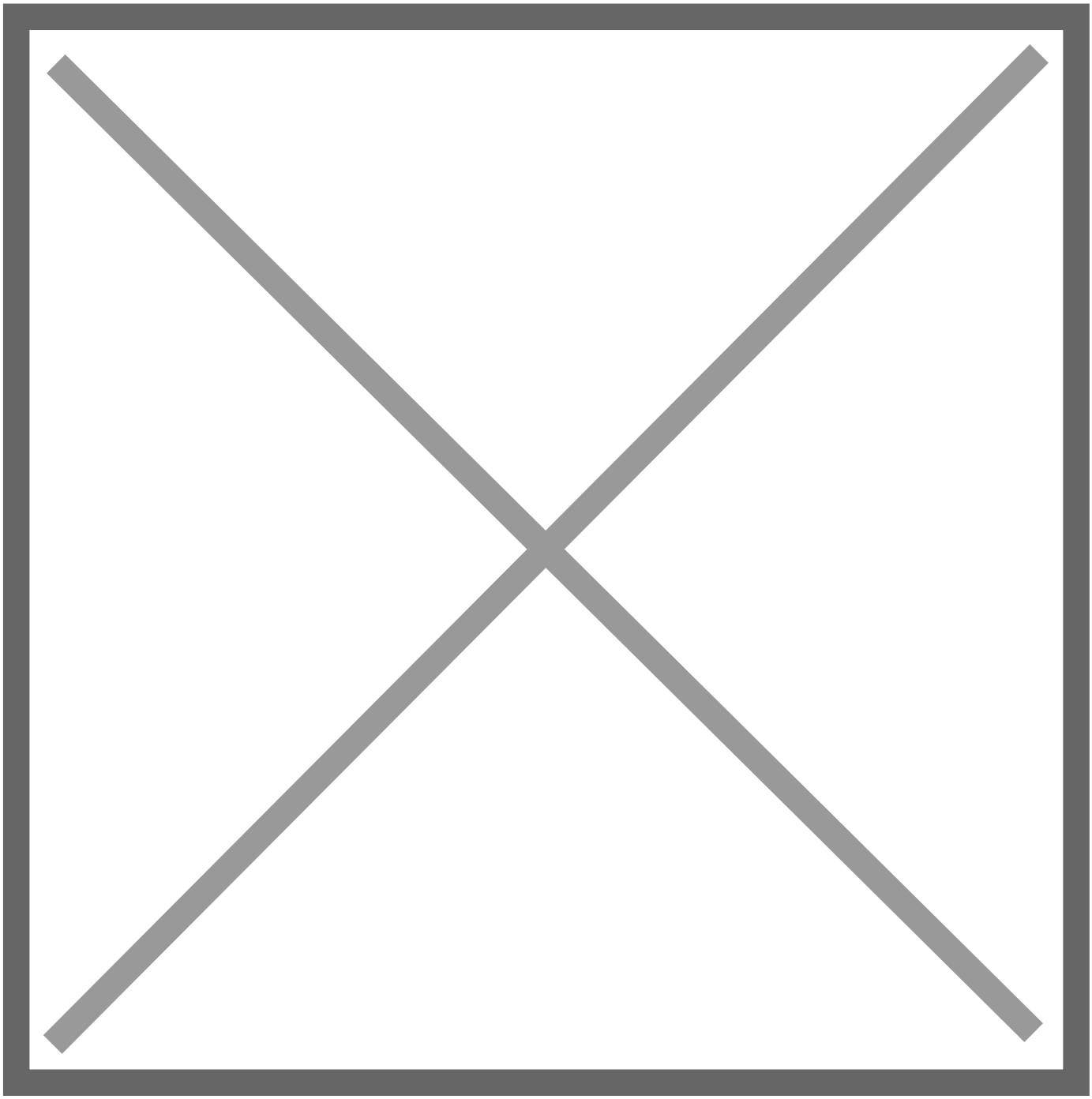
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Definitions:	% Raised total cholesterol (>= 5.0 mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).

Men, 2008



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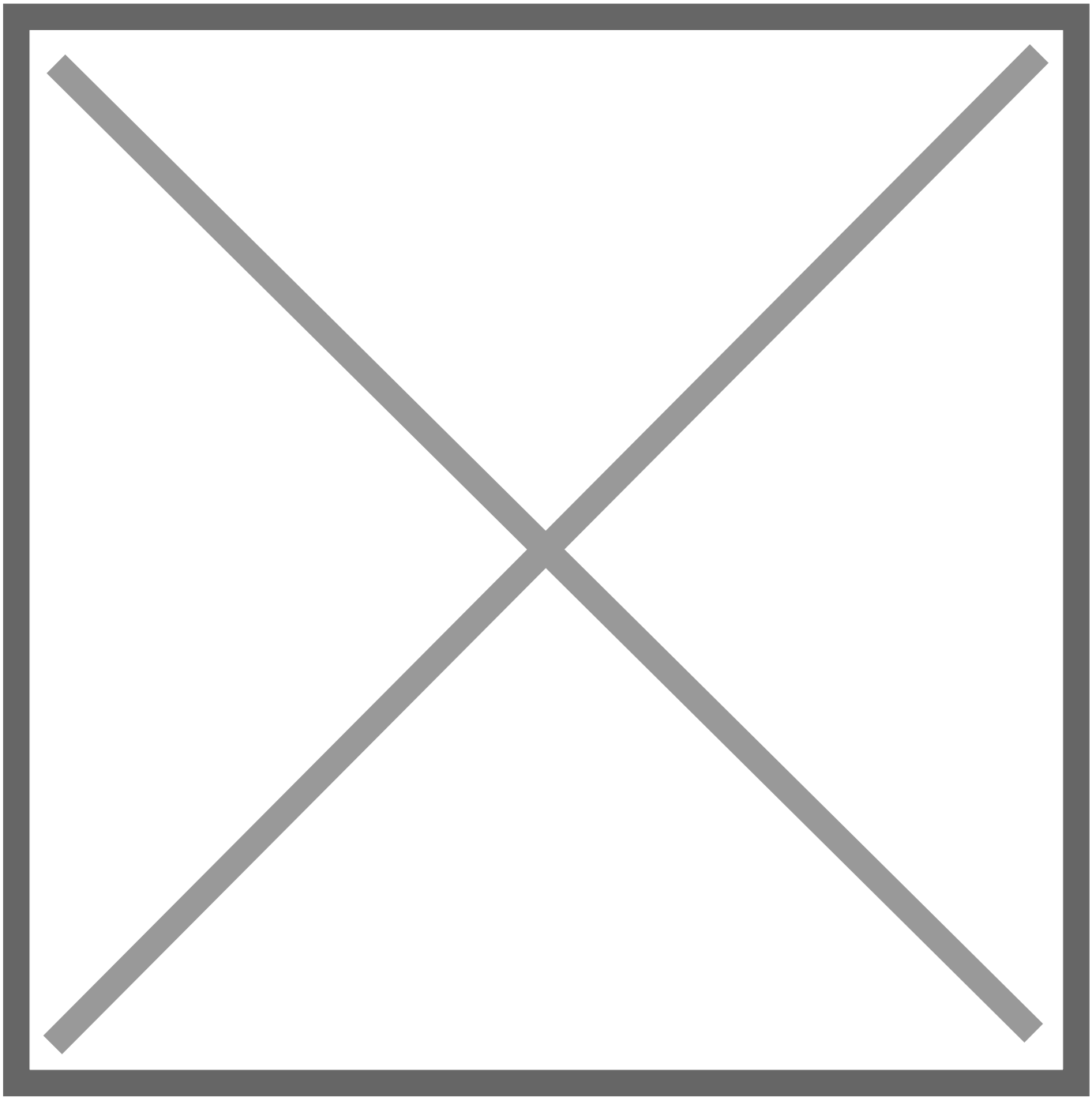
Women, 2008



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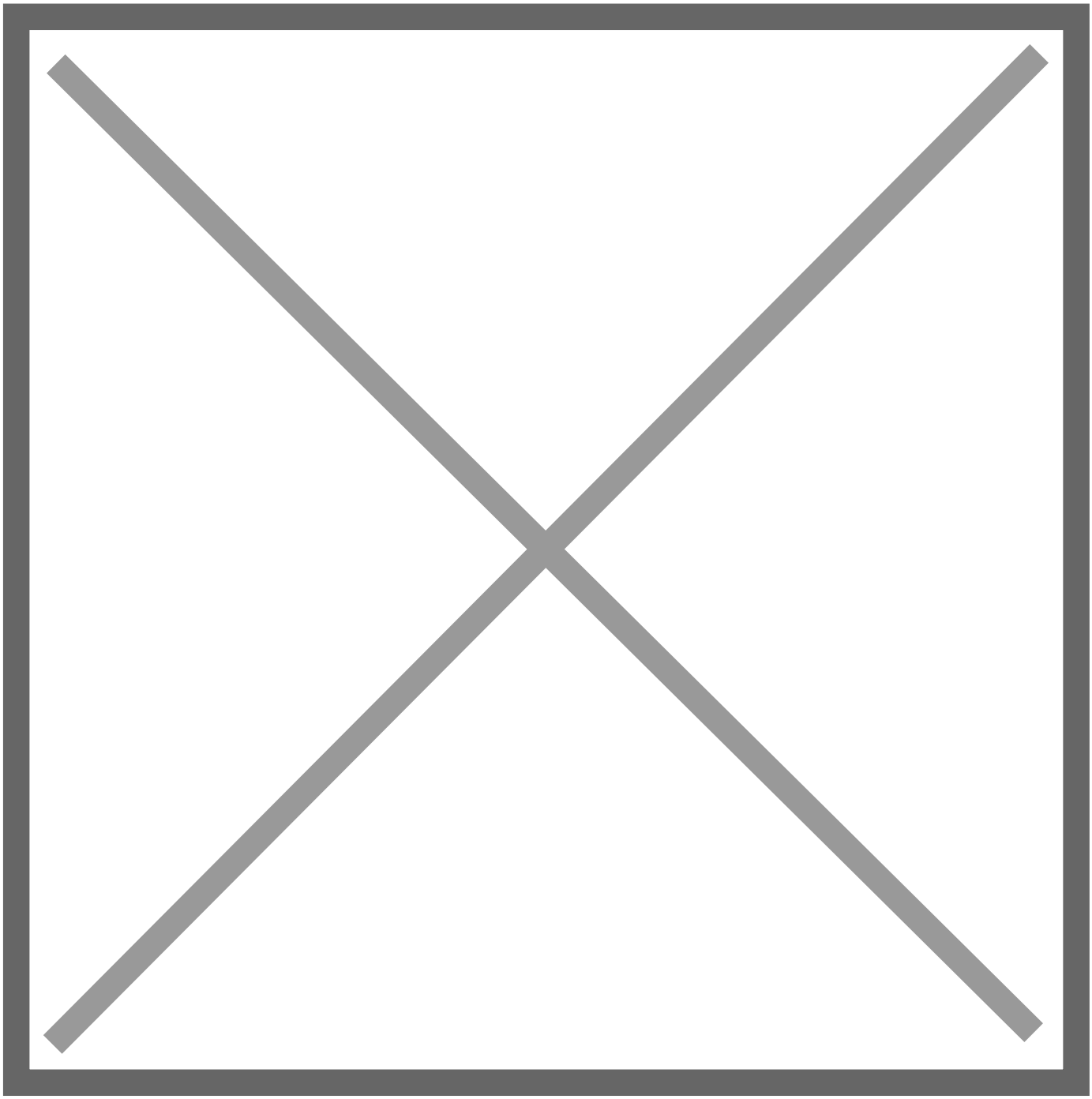
Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A869?lang=en
Definitions:	Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose (>= 7.0 mmol/L or on medication).

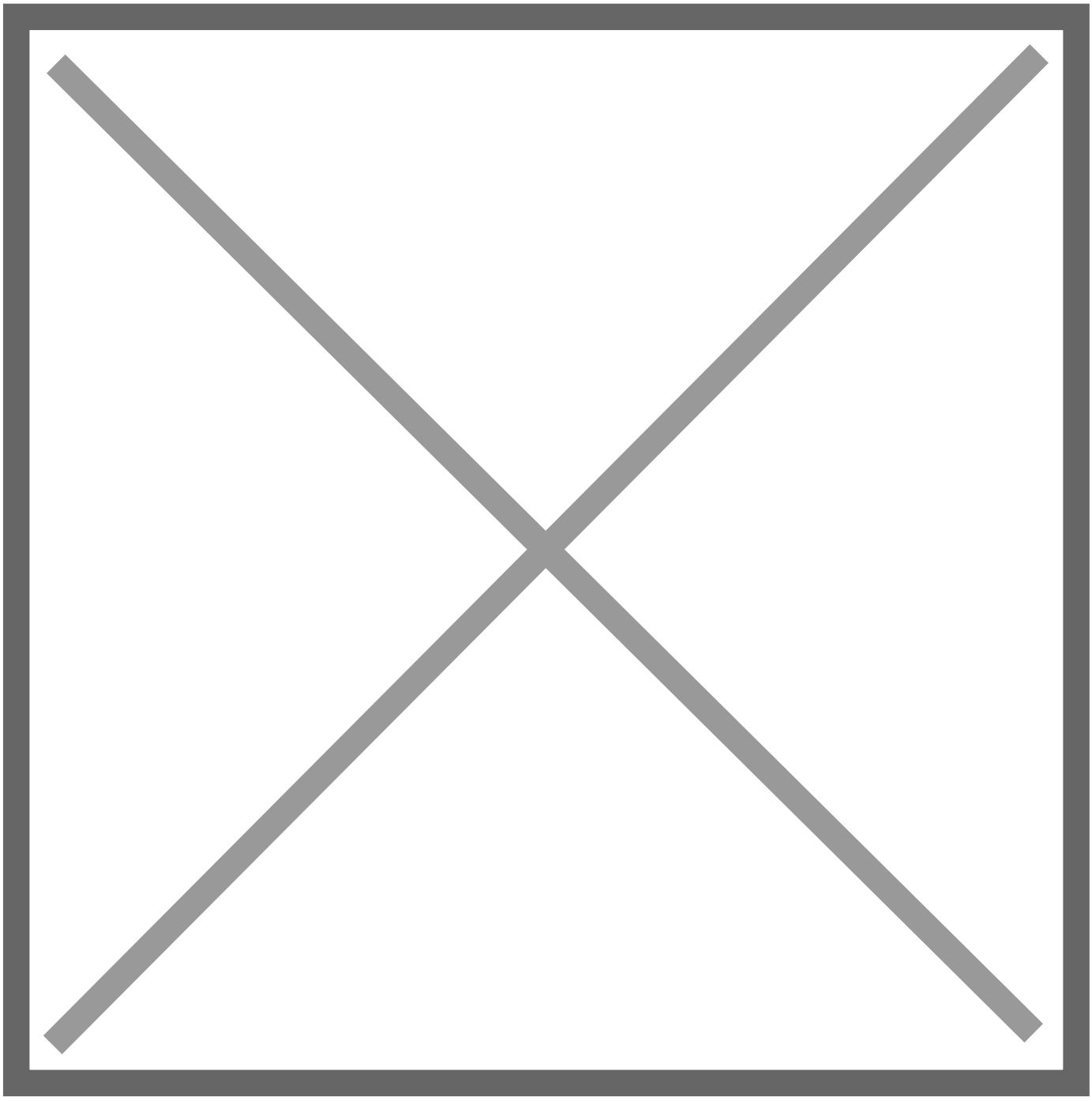
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Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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