Timor-Leste



Country report card - adults

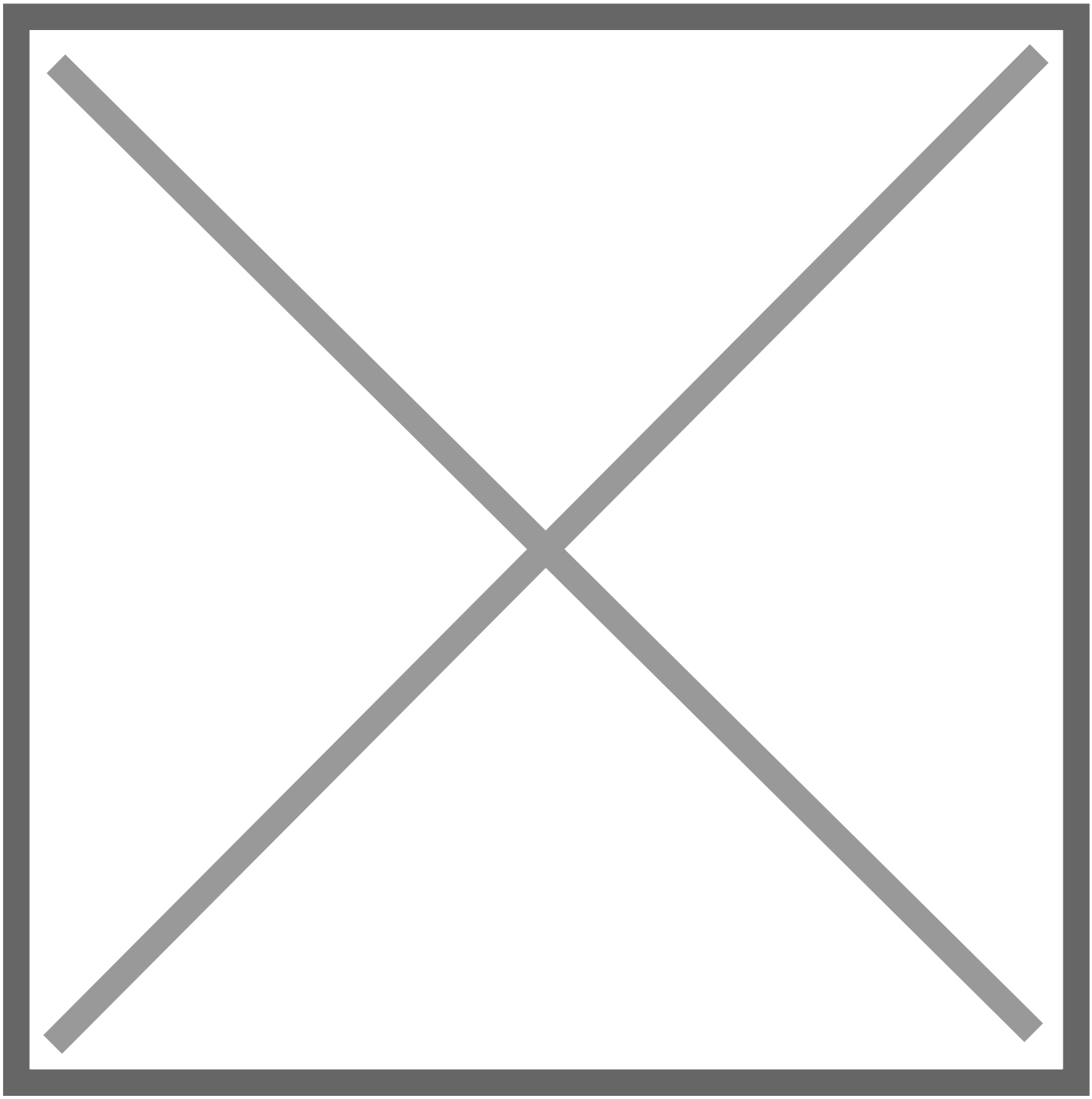
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at https://data.worldobesity.org/country/timor-leste-203/.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2023

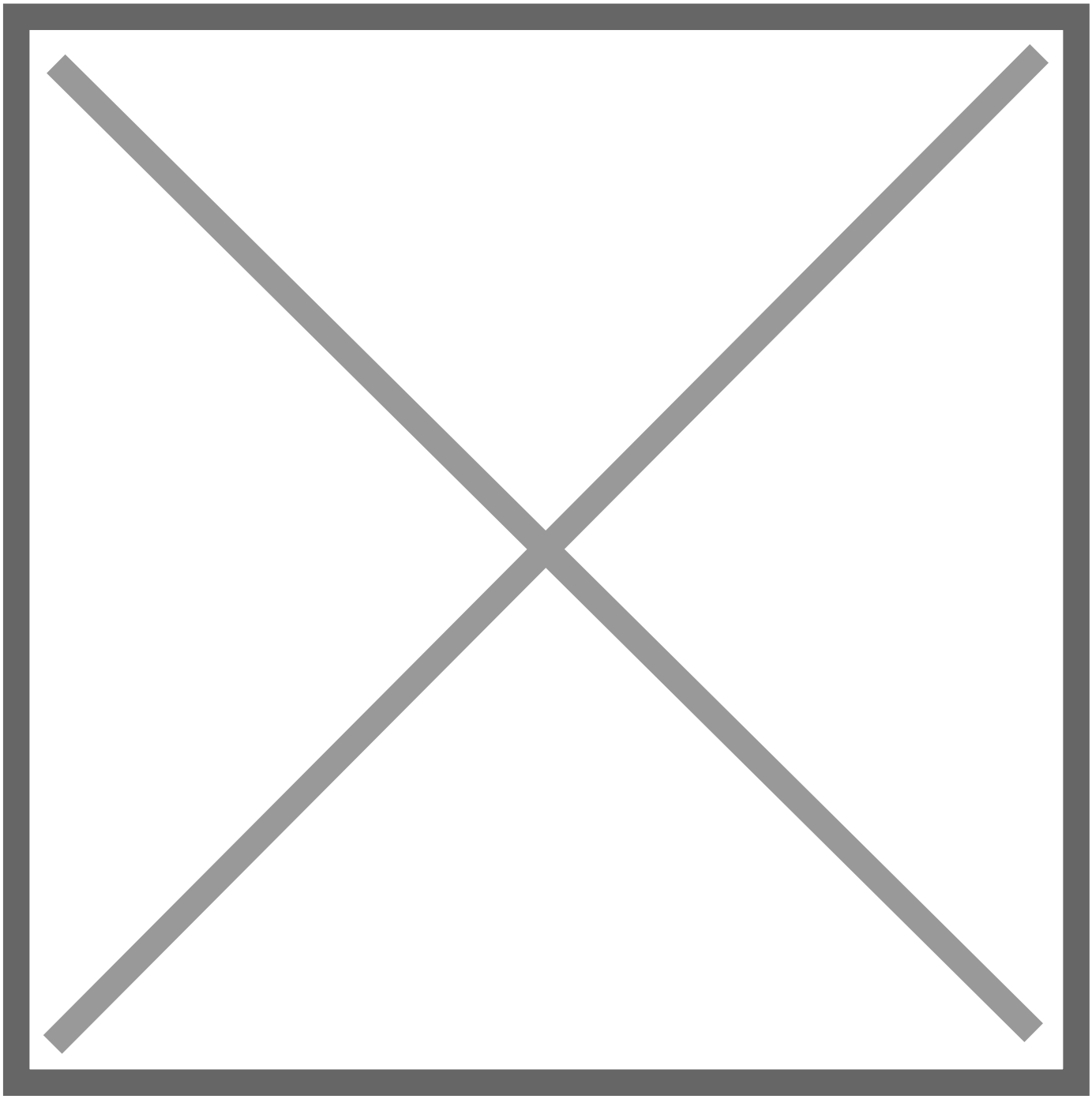


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Age:	18-69
Sample size:	3,434
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO: Timor-Leste. National Survey on NCDs & NCD Risk Factor Among Adults & Availability & Readiness Of NCD Services in Health Facilities, Timor-Leste 2023. https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/2023-steps-country-report-timor-leste [Accessed 05.08.26]

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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Timor-Leste 2009-2020

Women

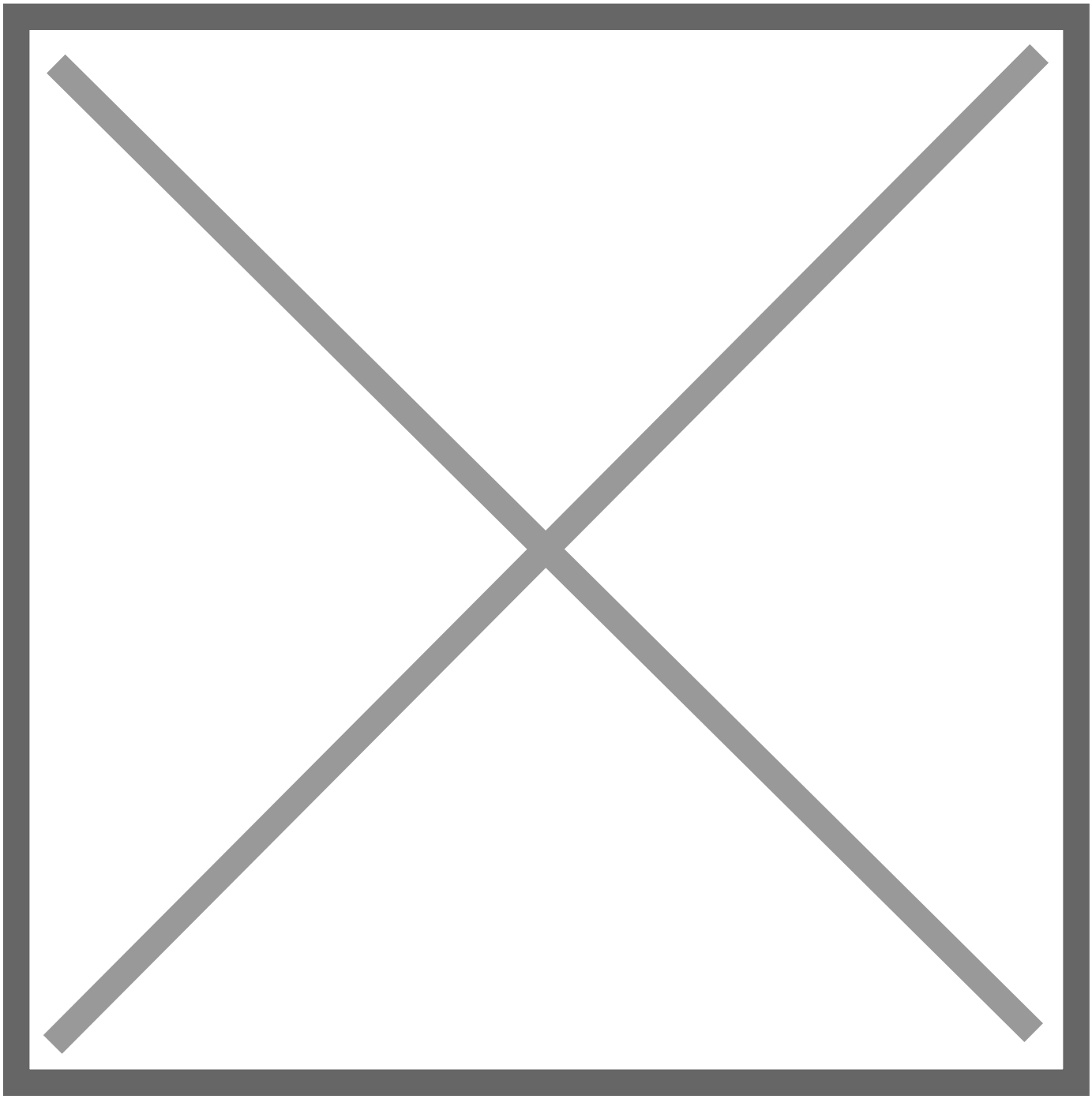


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Notes:	Age 15-49

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Overweight/obesity by education

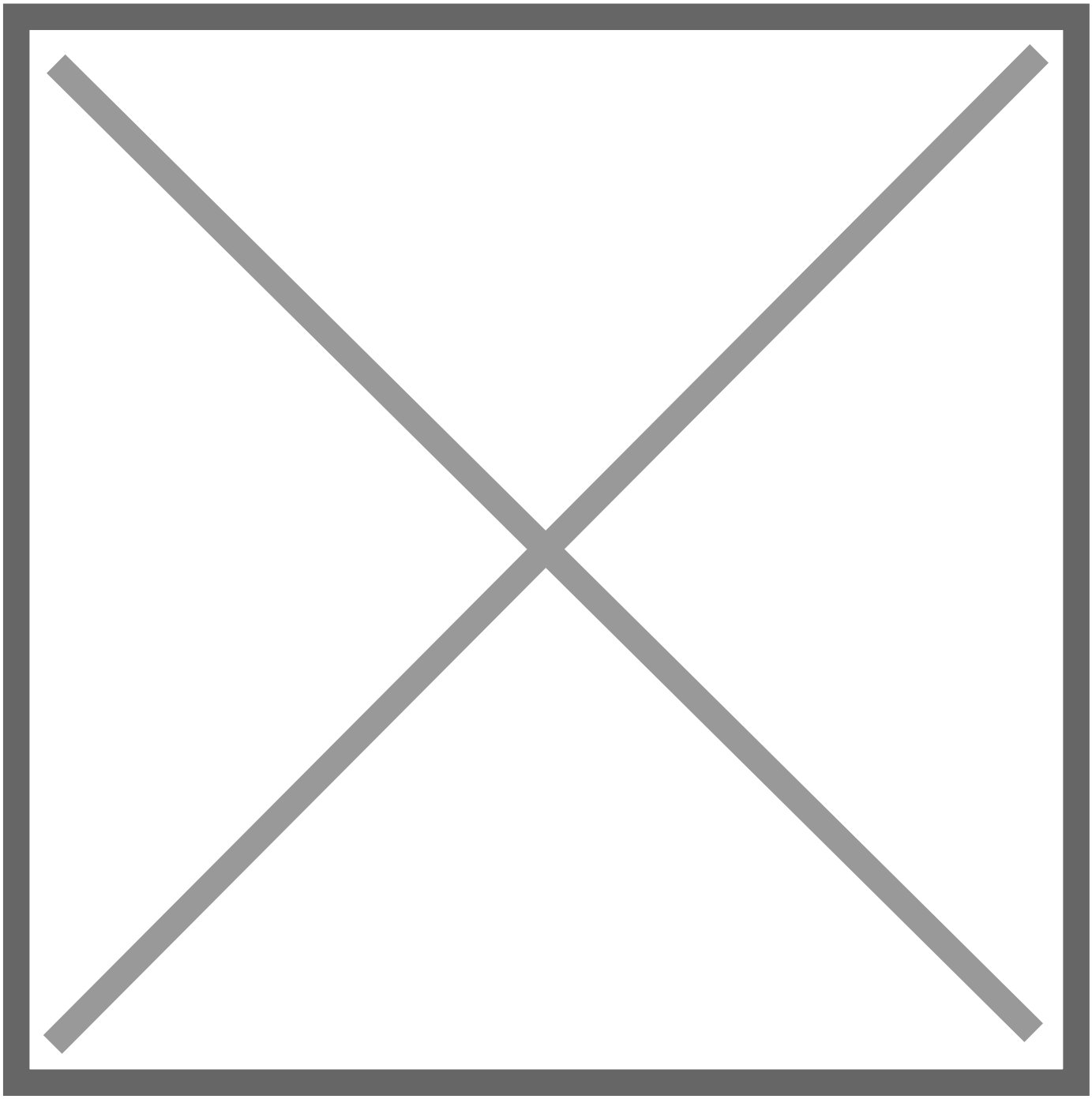
Men, 2016



Survey type:	Measured
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Area covered:	National
References:	General Directorate of Statistics - GDS/Timor-Leste. Ministry of Finance/Timor-Leste and ICF. 2018. Timor-Leste Demographic and Health Survey 2016. Dili, Timor-Leste and Rockville, Maryland, USA: GDS and ICF.

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Women, 2016

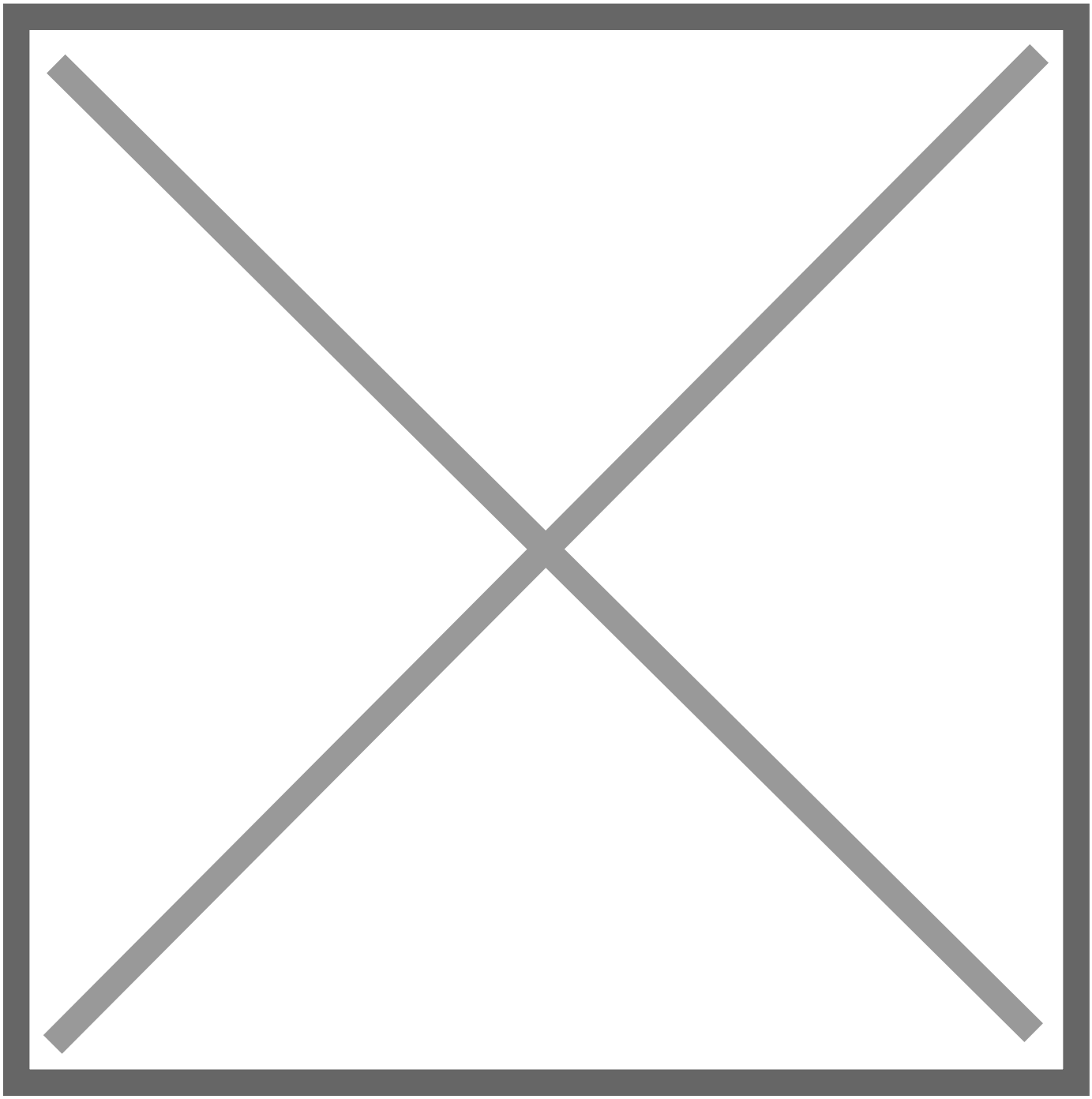


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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2023

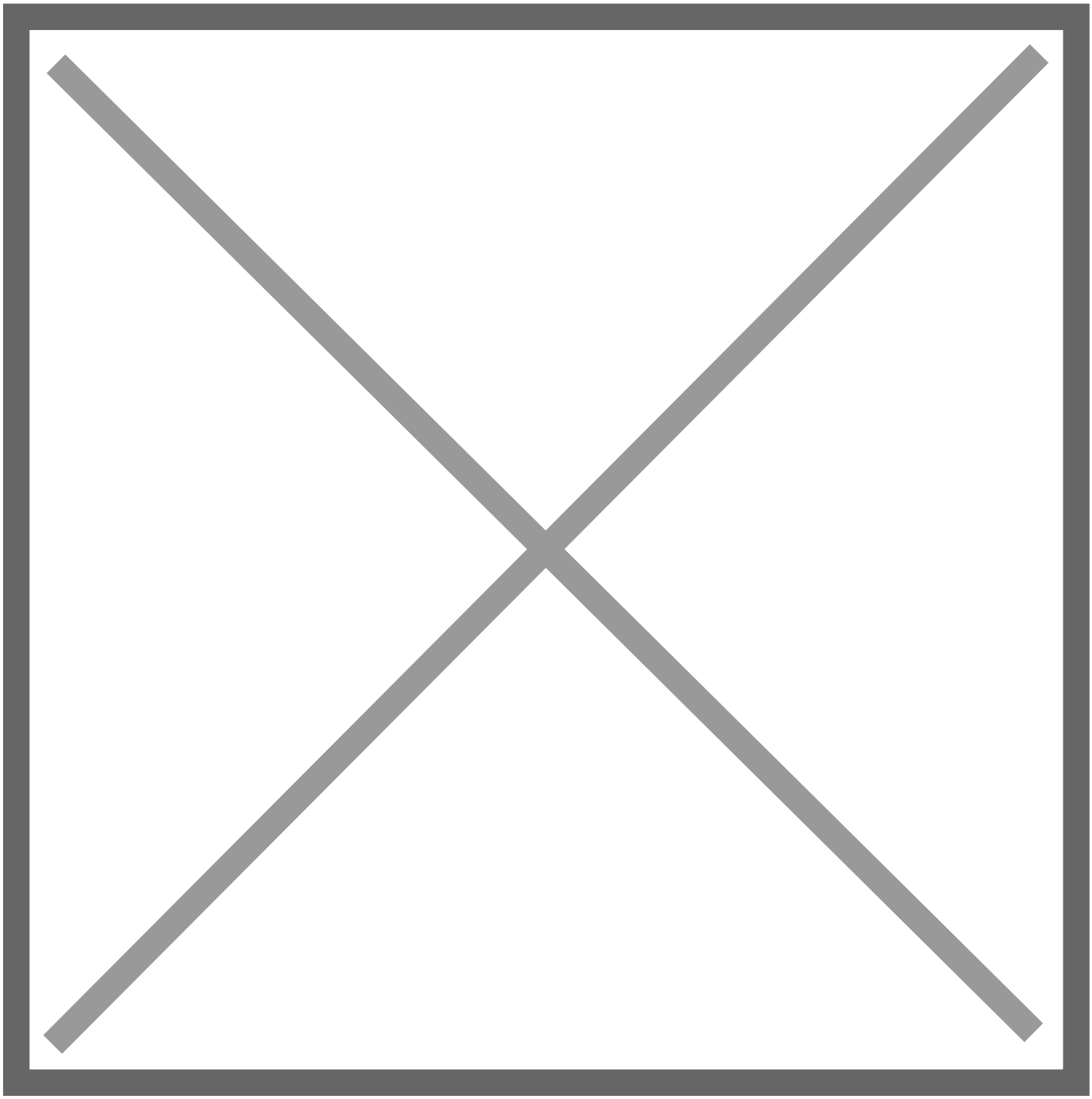


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Overweight/obesity by region

Women, 2020

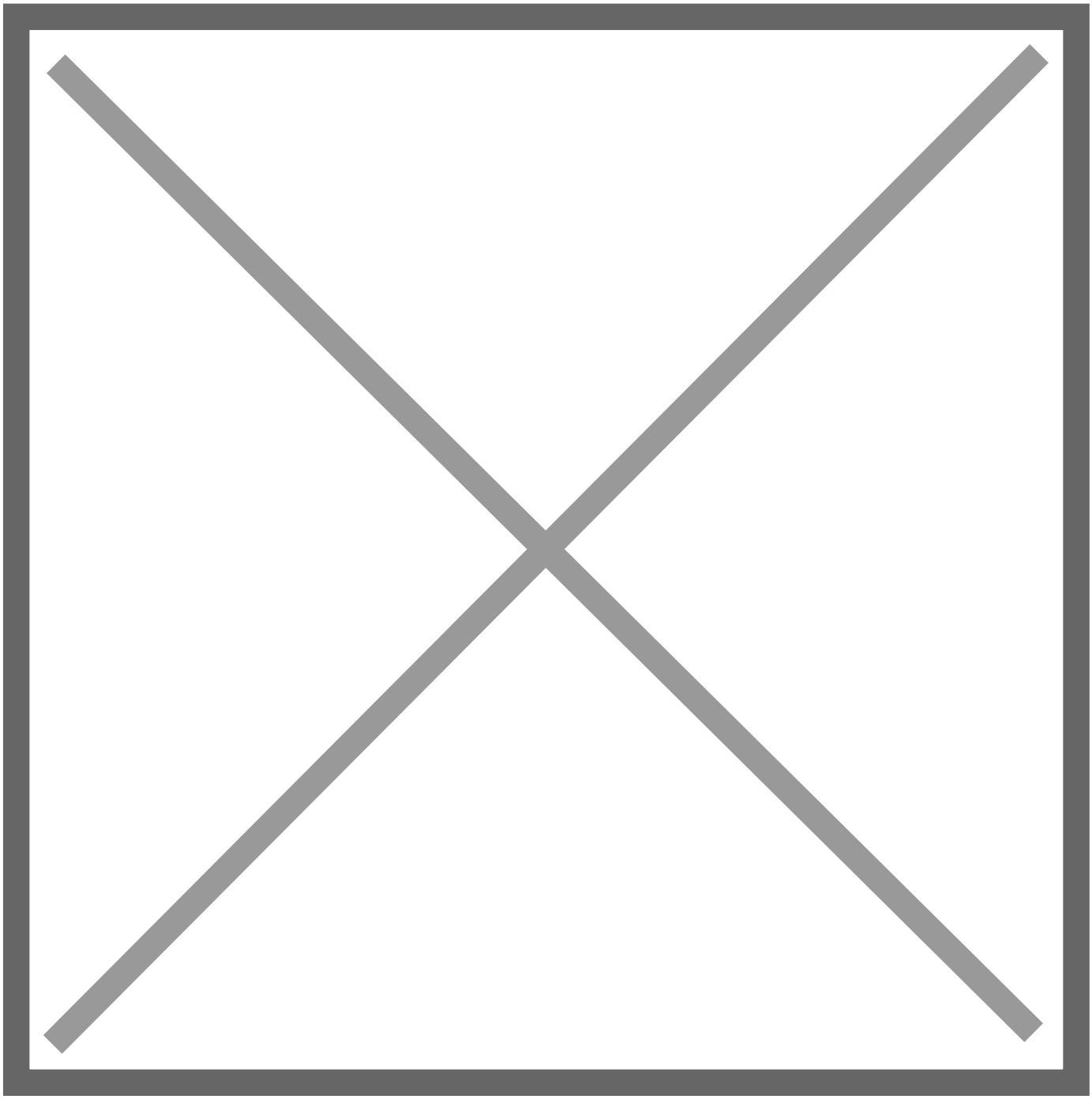


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	15-49
Sample size:	12,356
Area covered:	National
References:	UNICEF Timor-Leste. (2022). Timor-Leste Food and Nutrition Survey 2020: Final Report. https://www.unicef.org/timorleste/reports/timor-leste-food-and-nutrition-survey [Accessed 16.06.26]

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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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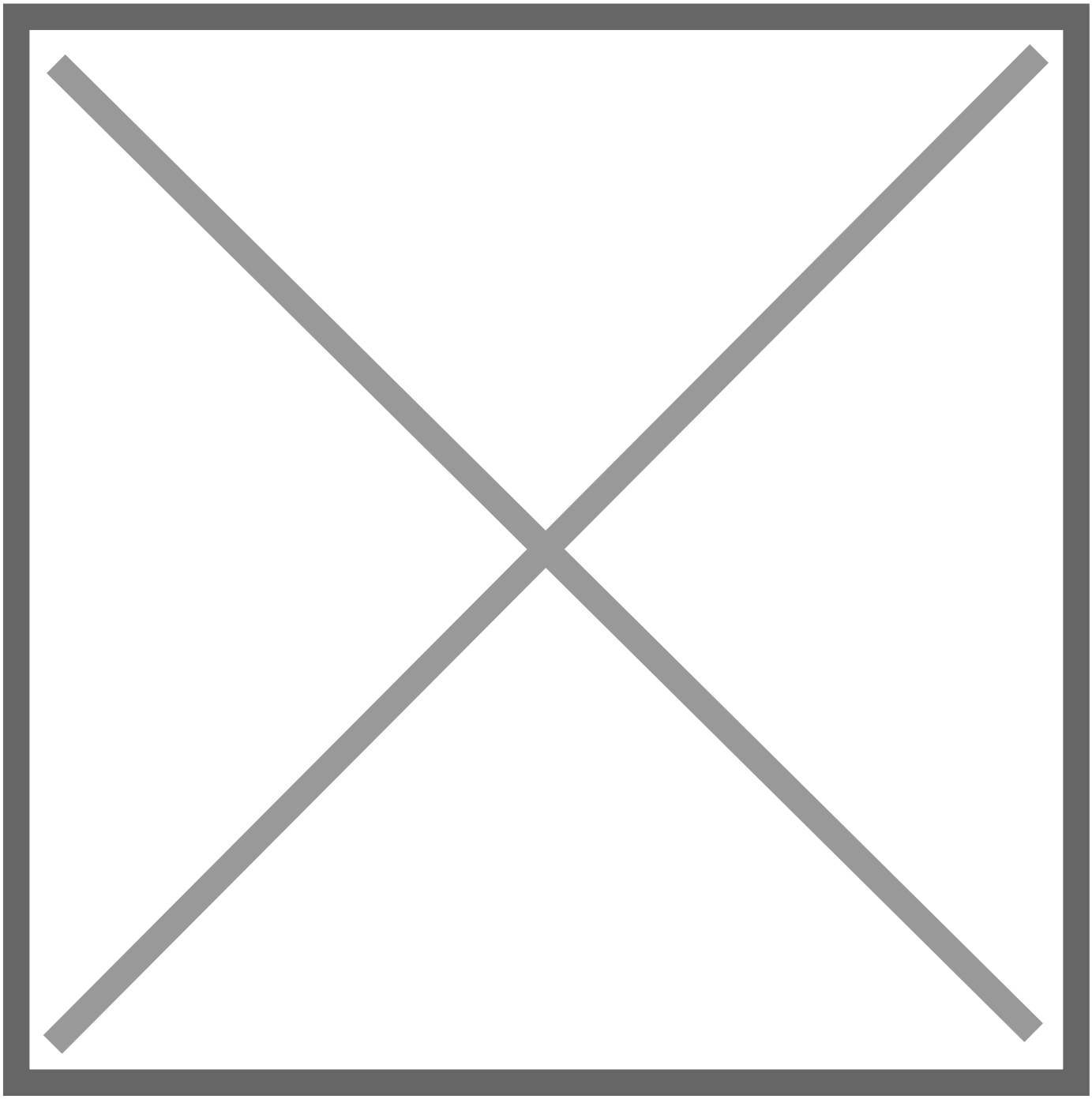


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Double burden of underweight & obesity

Adults, 2022

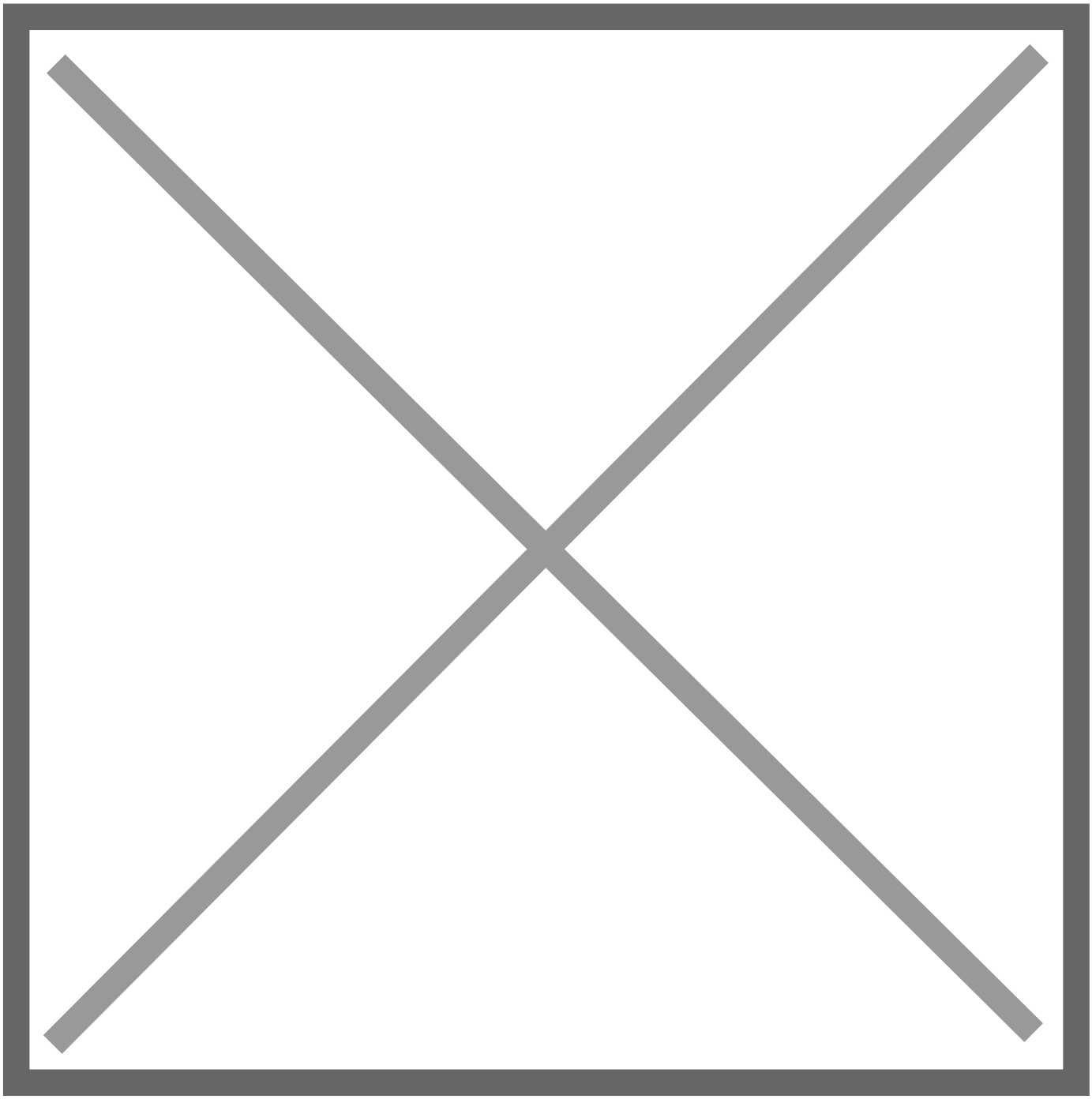


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	20+
References:	NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2.
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

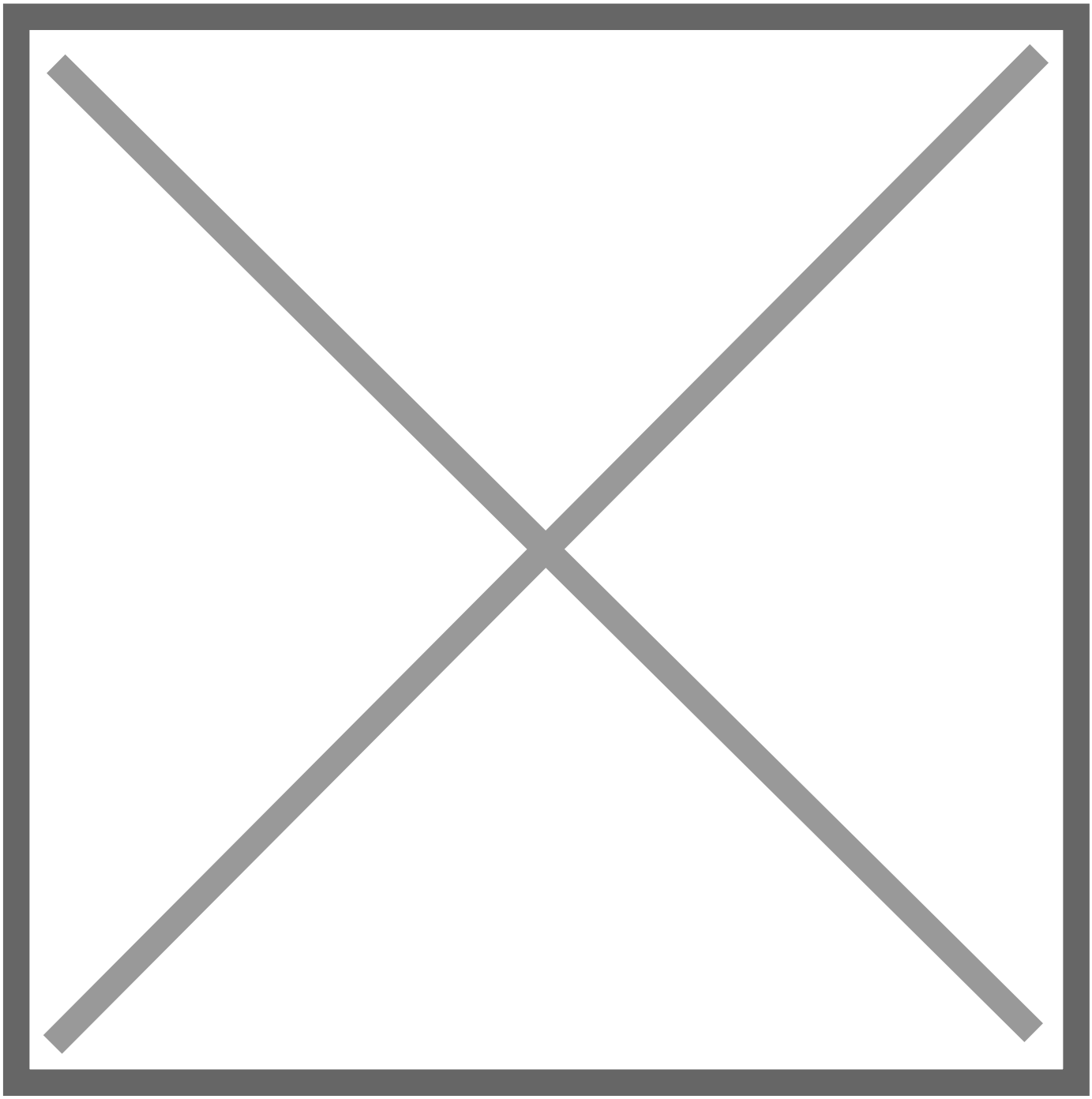
Adults, 2022



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO (2024). Prevalence of insufficient physical activity among adults aged 18-years age-standardized estimate in 2022. Available at https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-18-years-(age-standardized-estimate)-(-)

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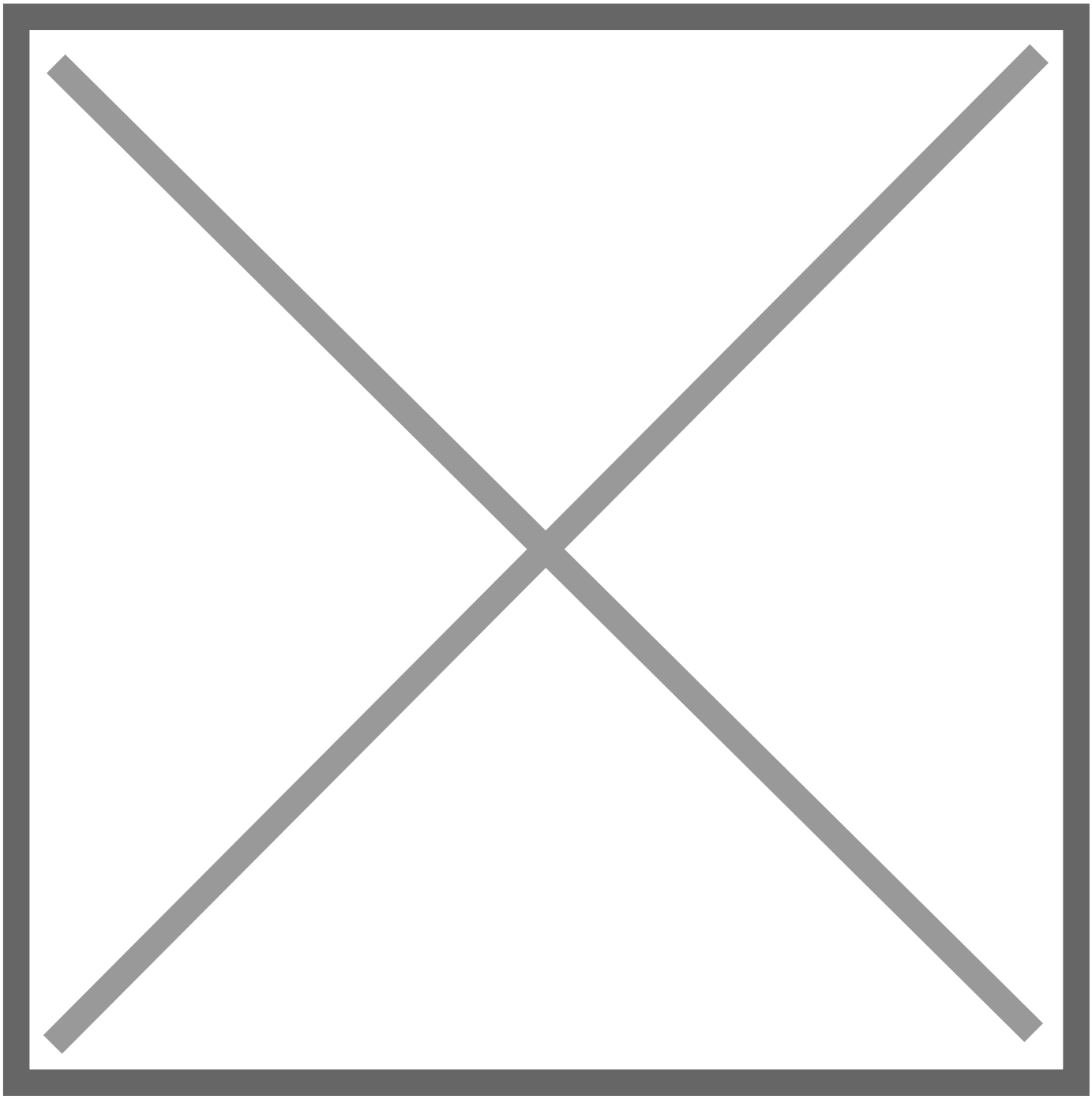
Men, 2022



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Women, 2022

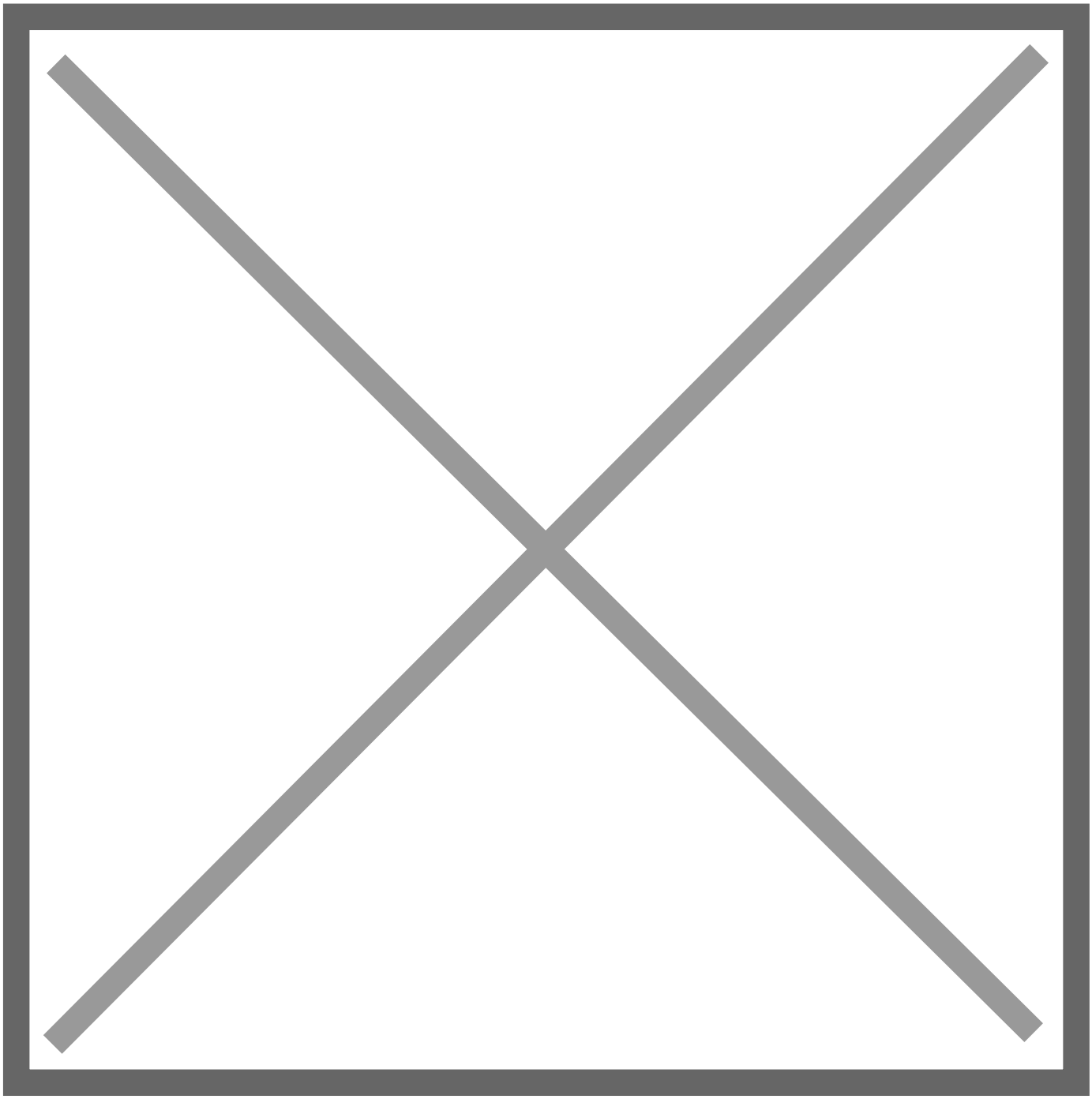


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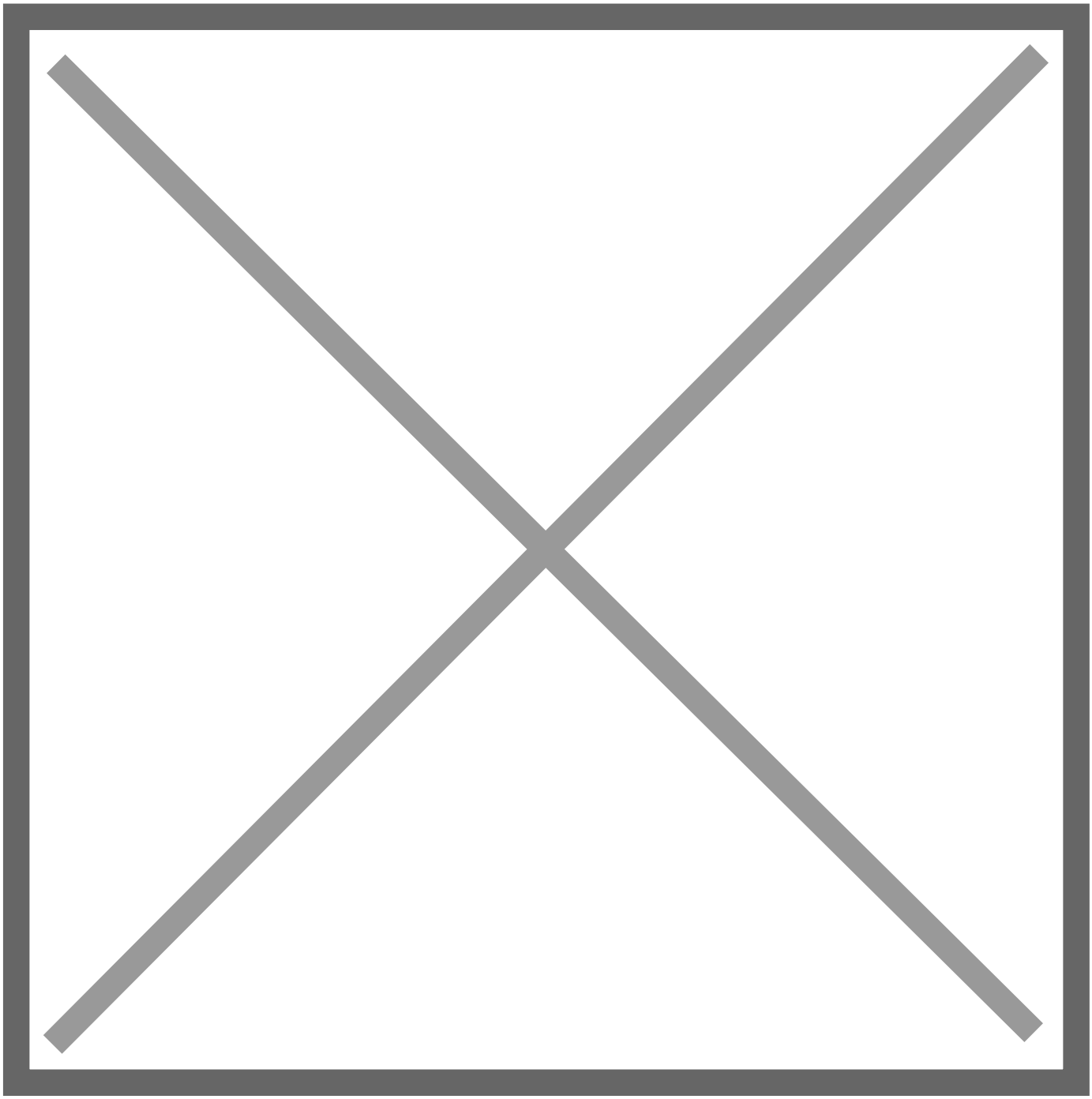
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2023



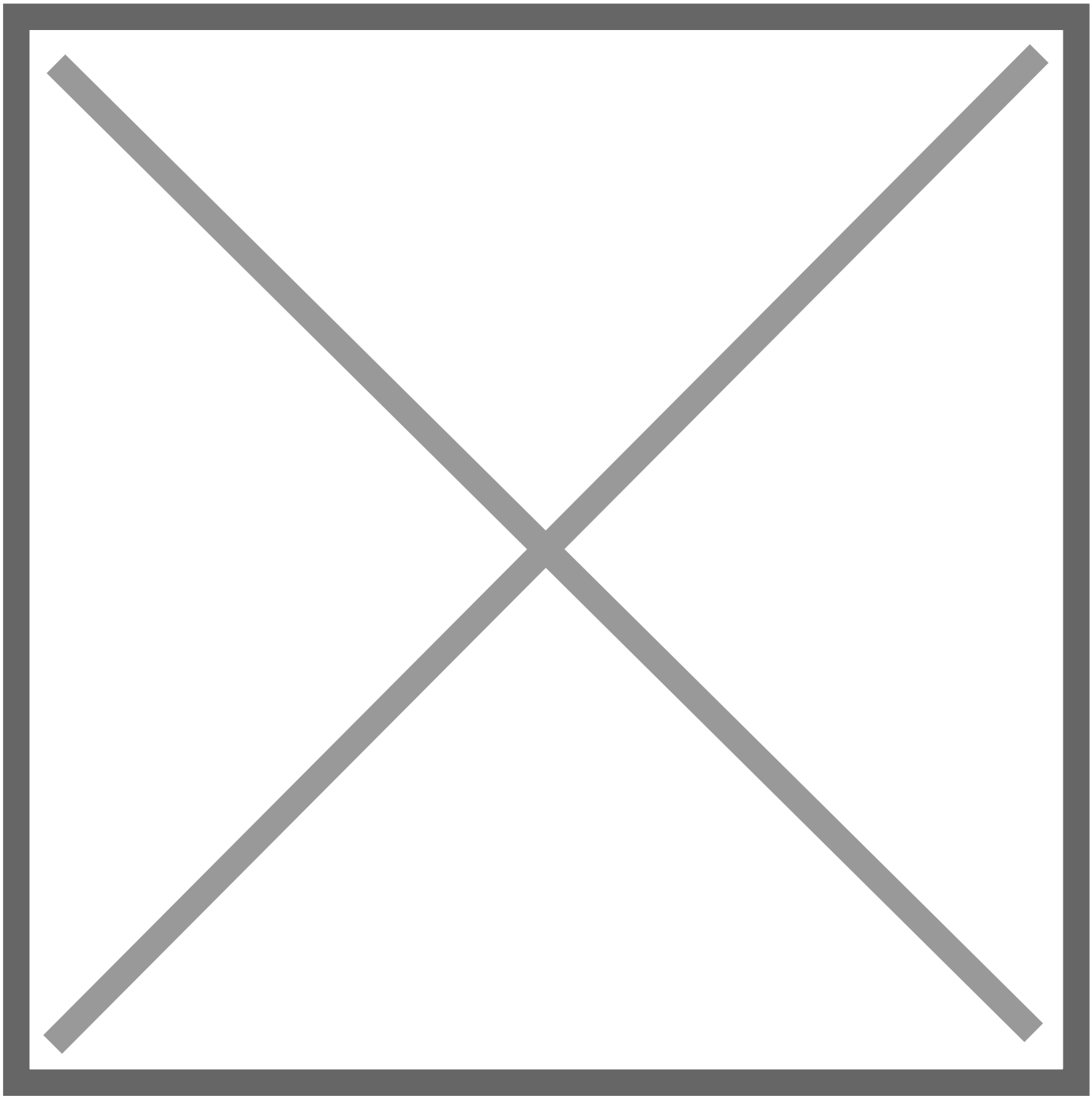
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Definitions:	Estimated number living with depressive disorders per 100,000 population (20+ years of age)

Men, 2023



Age:	20+
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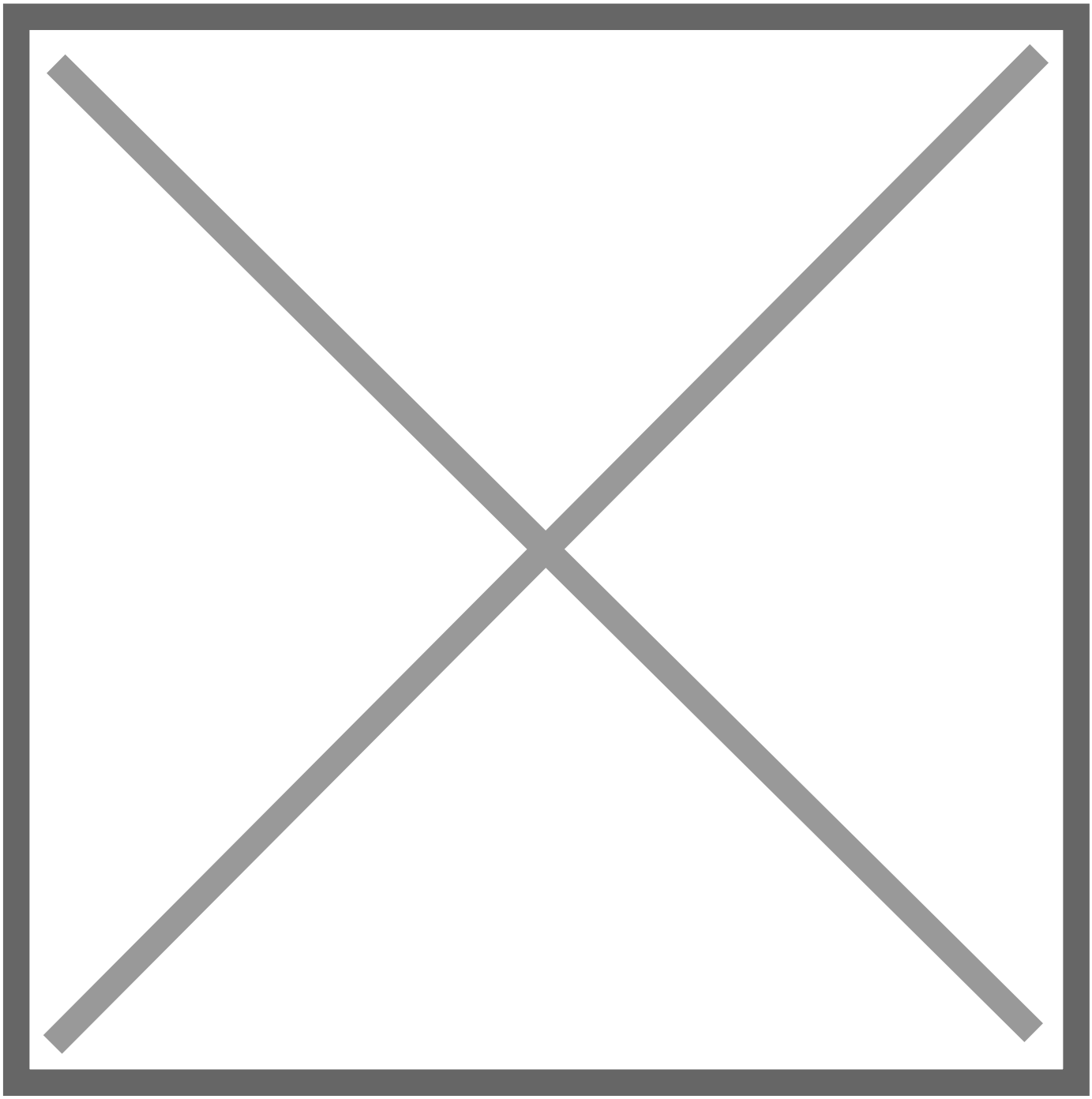
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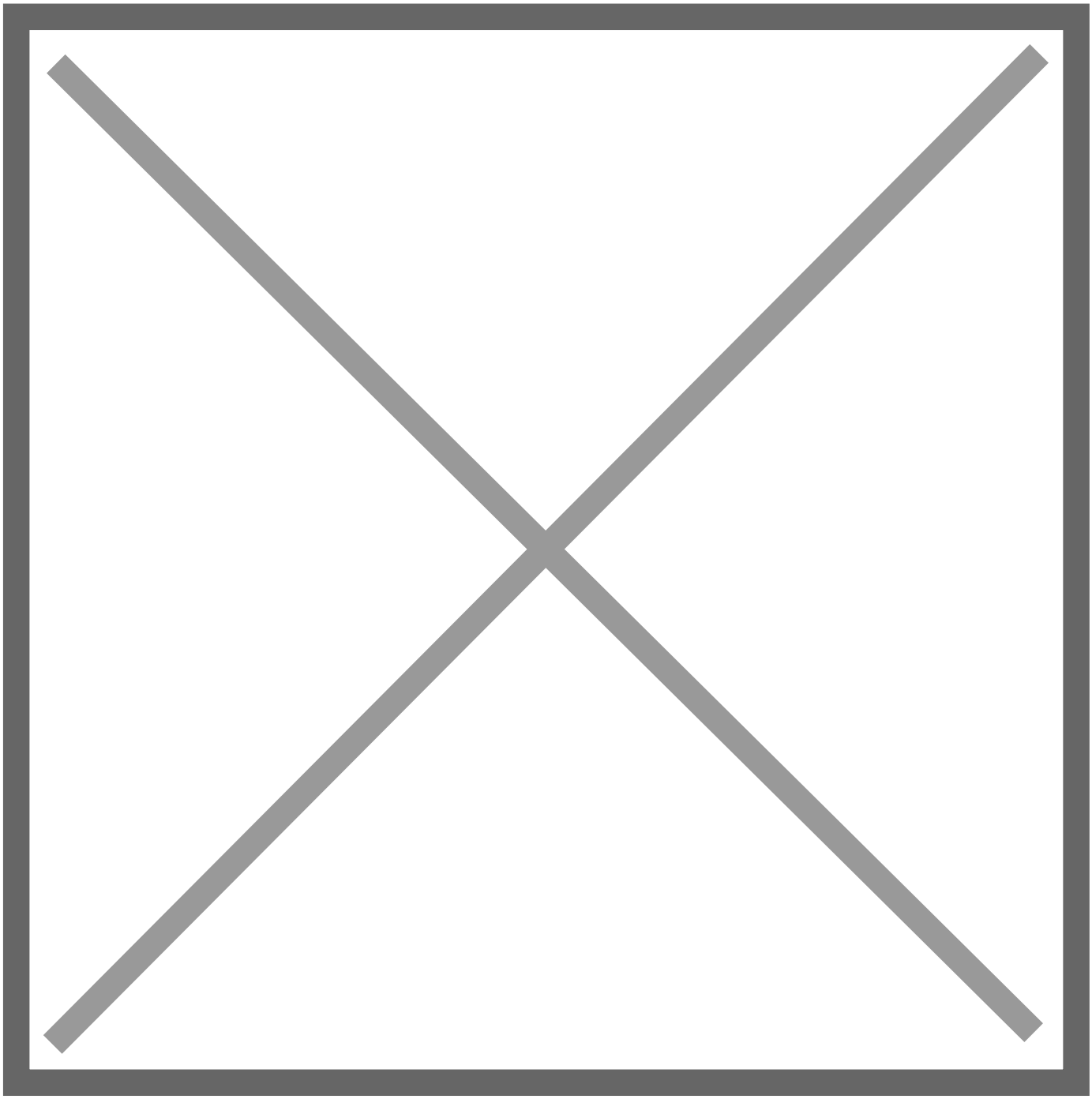
Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2023



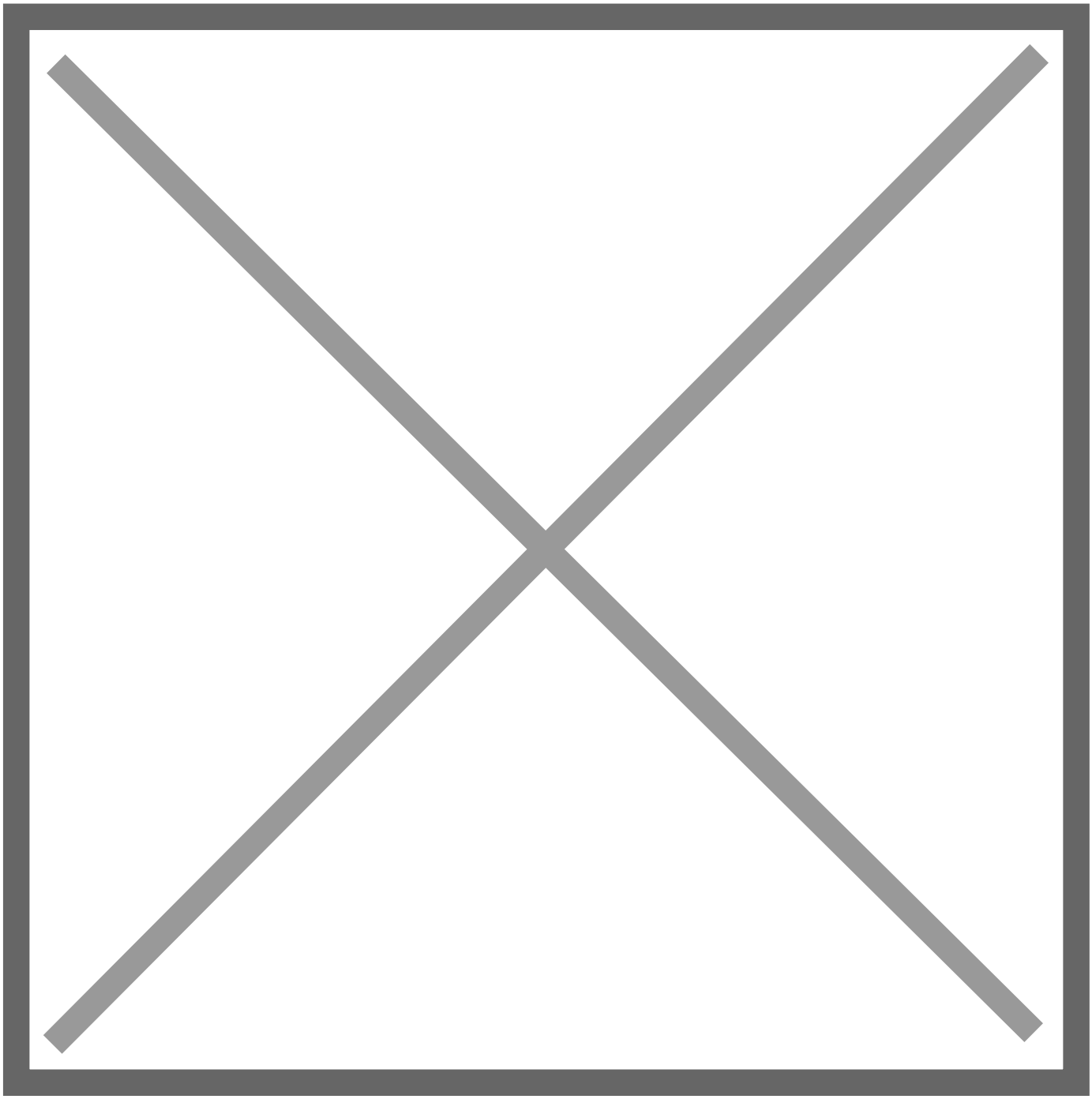
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Men, 2023



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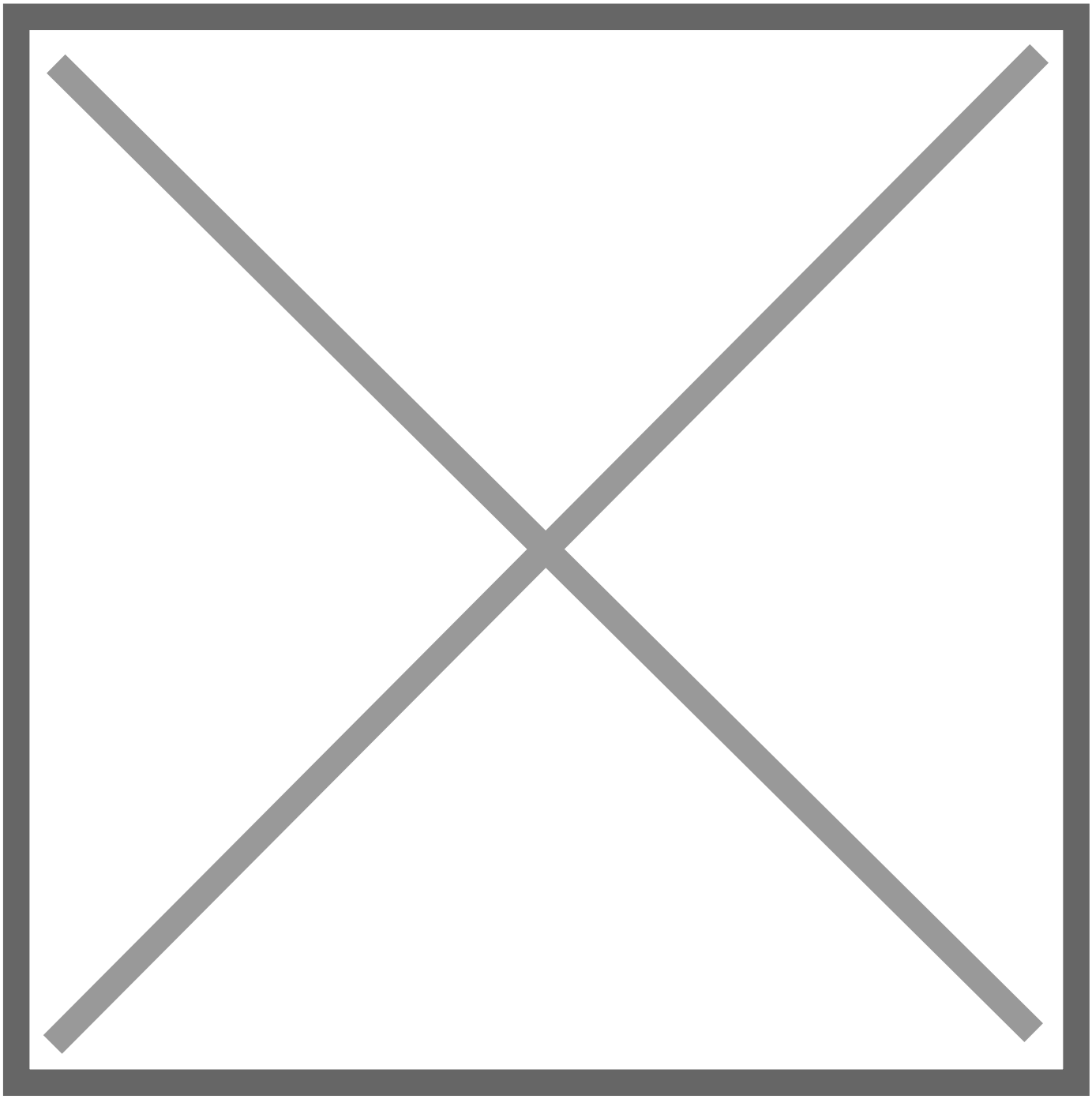
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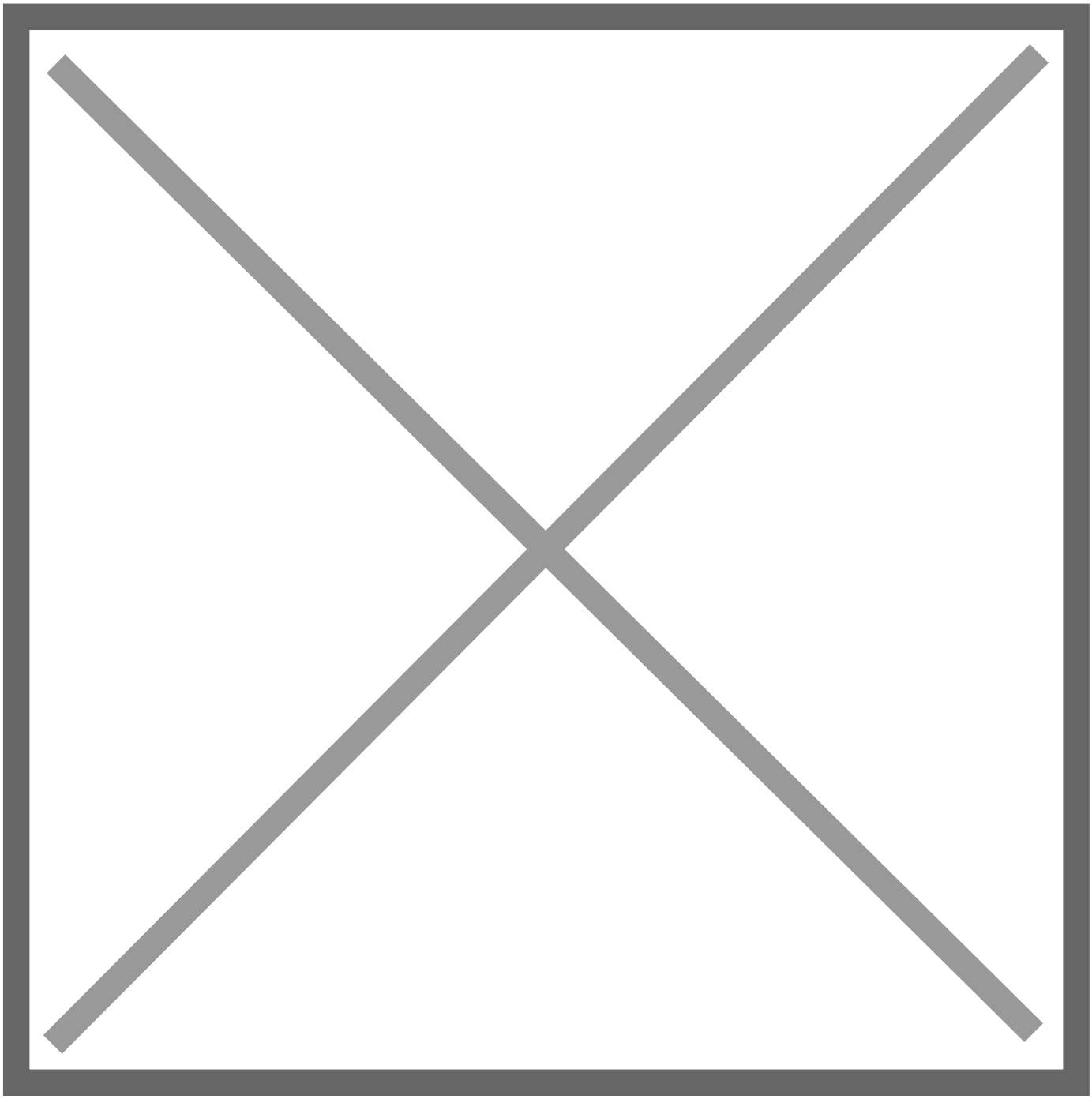
Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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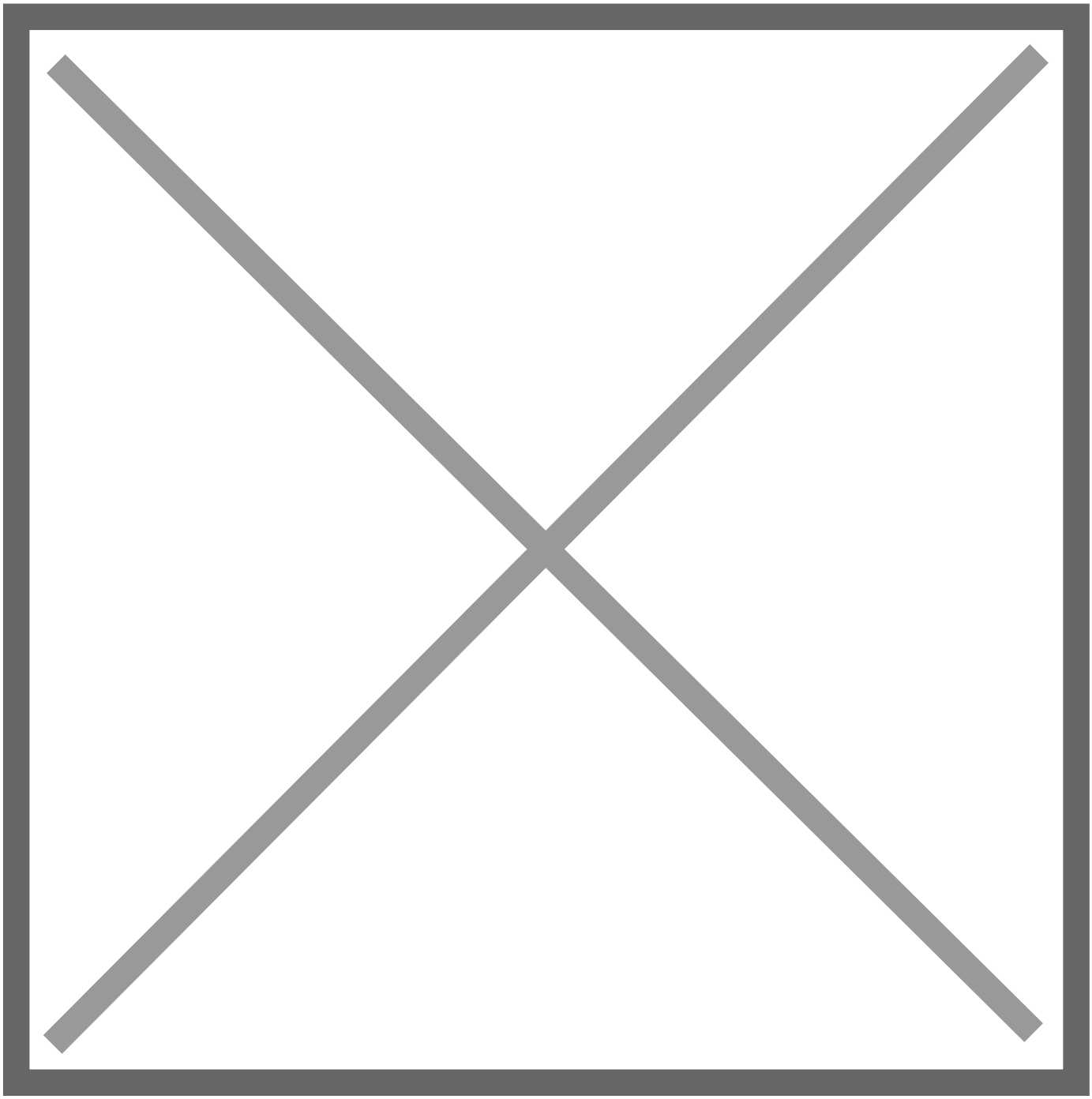
Women, 2022



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Breast cancer

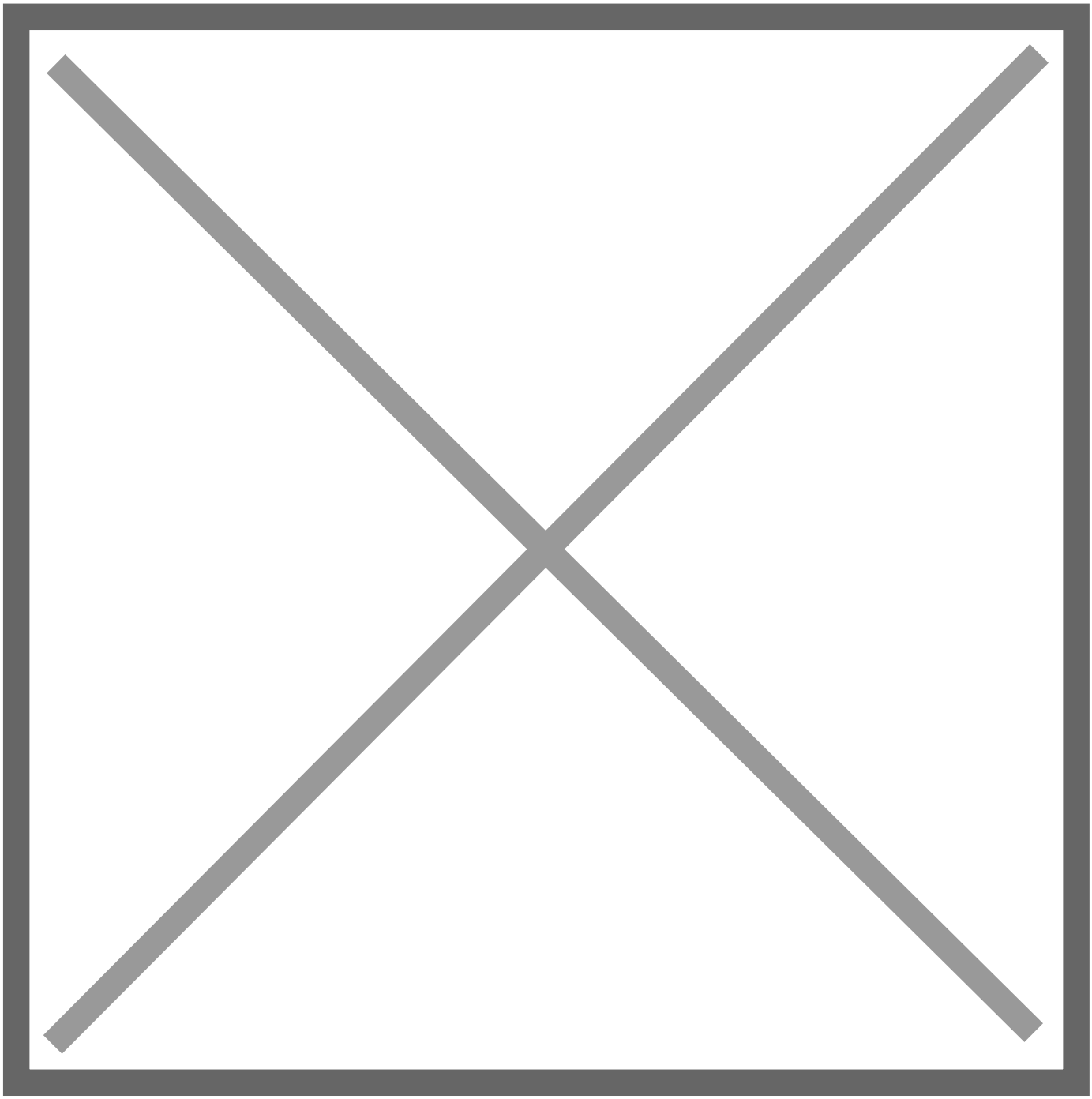
Women, 2022



Area covered:	National
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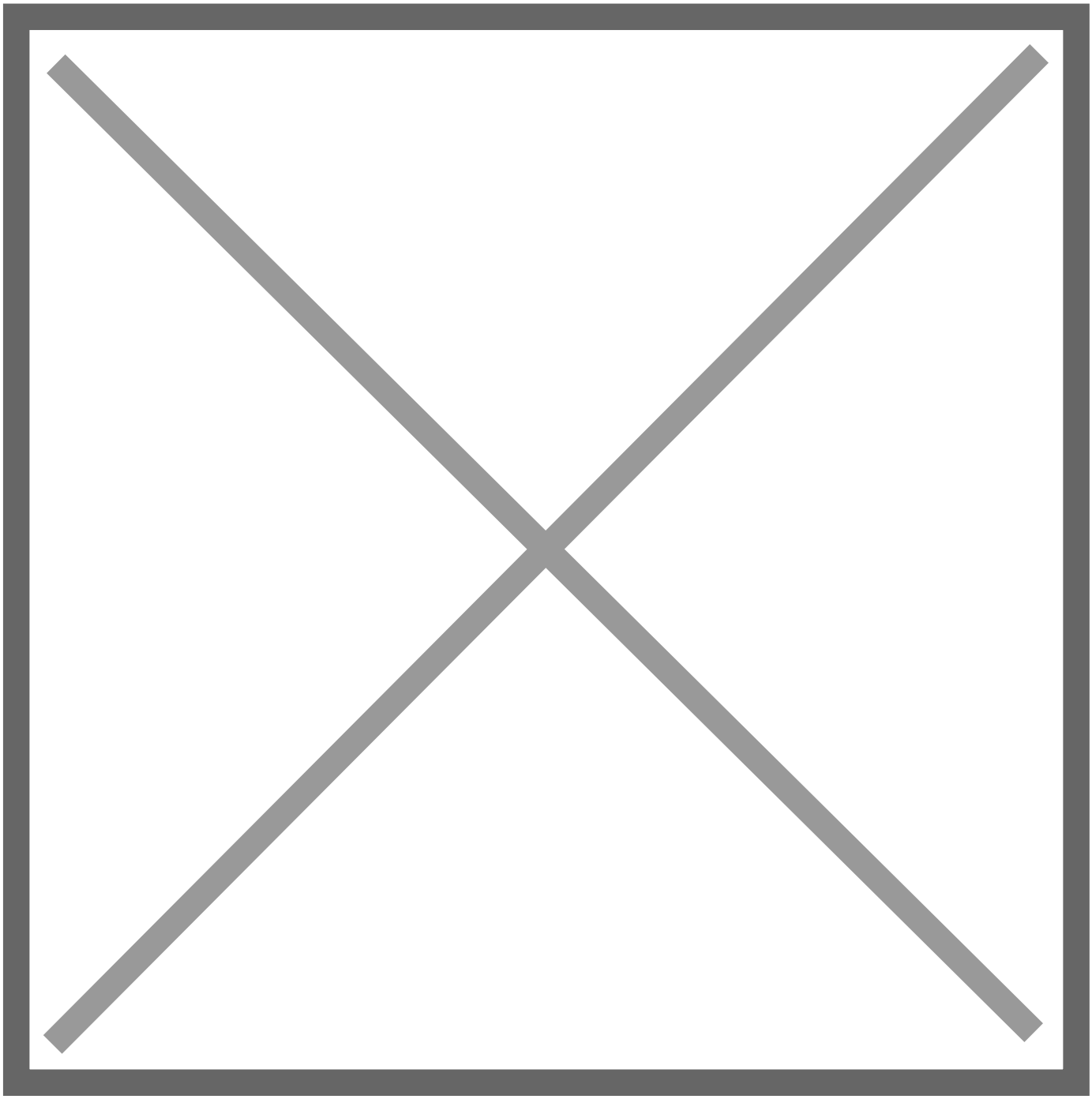
Colorectal cancer

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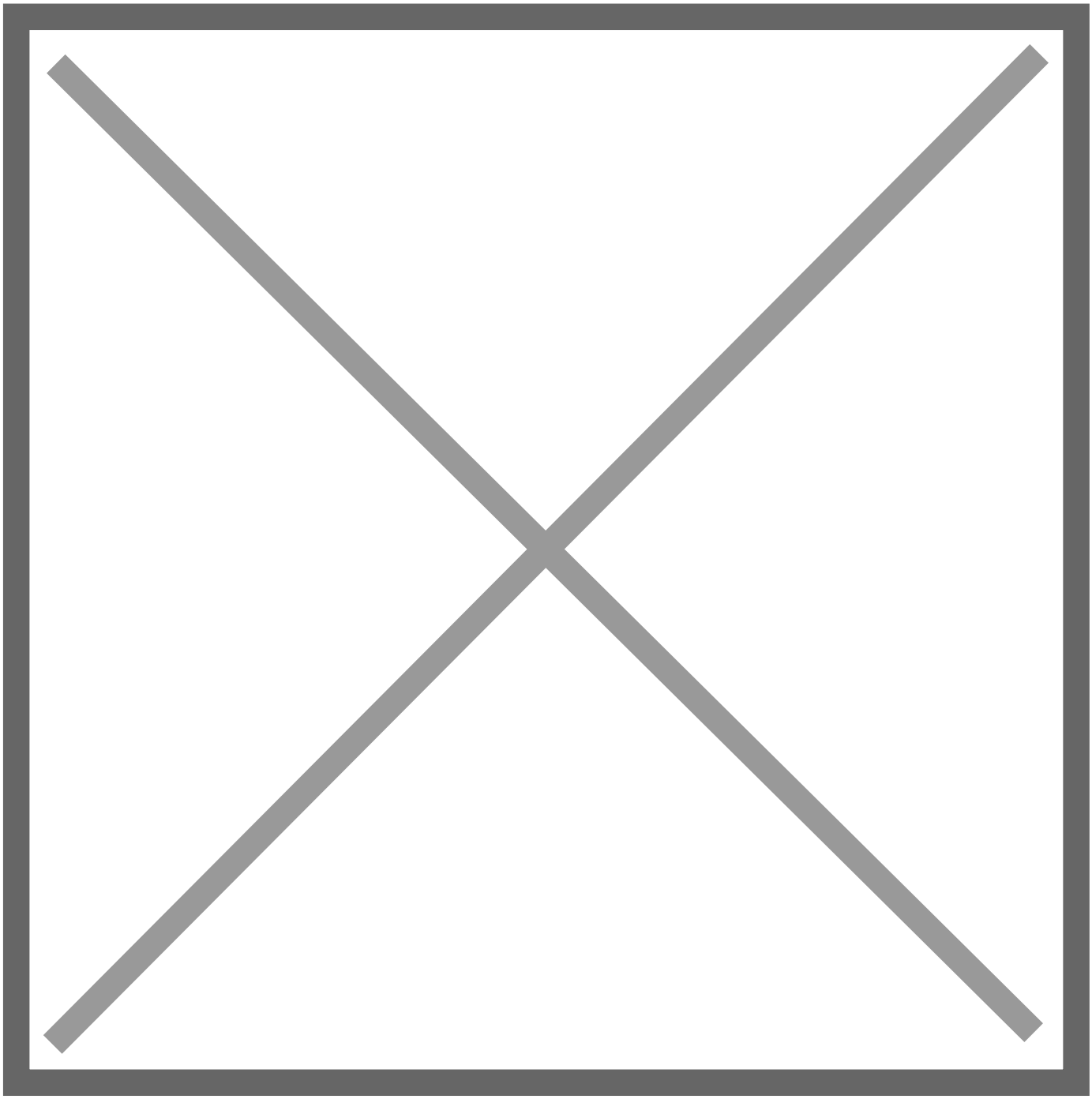
Women, 2022



Age:	20+
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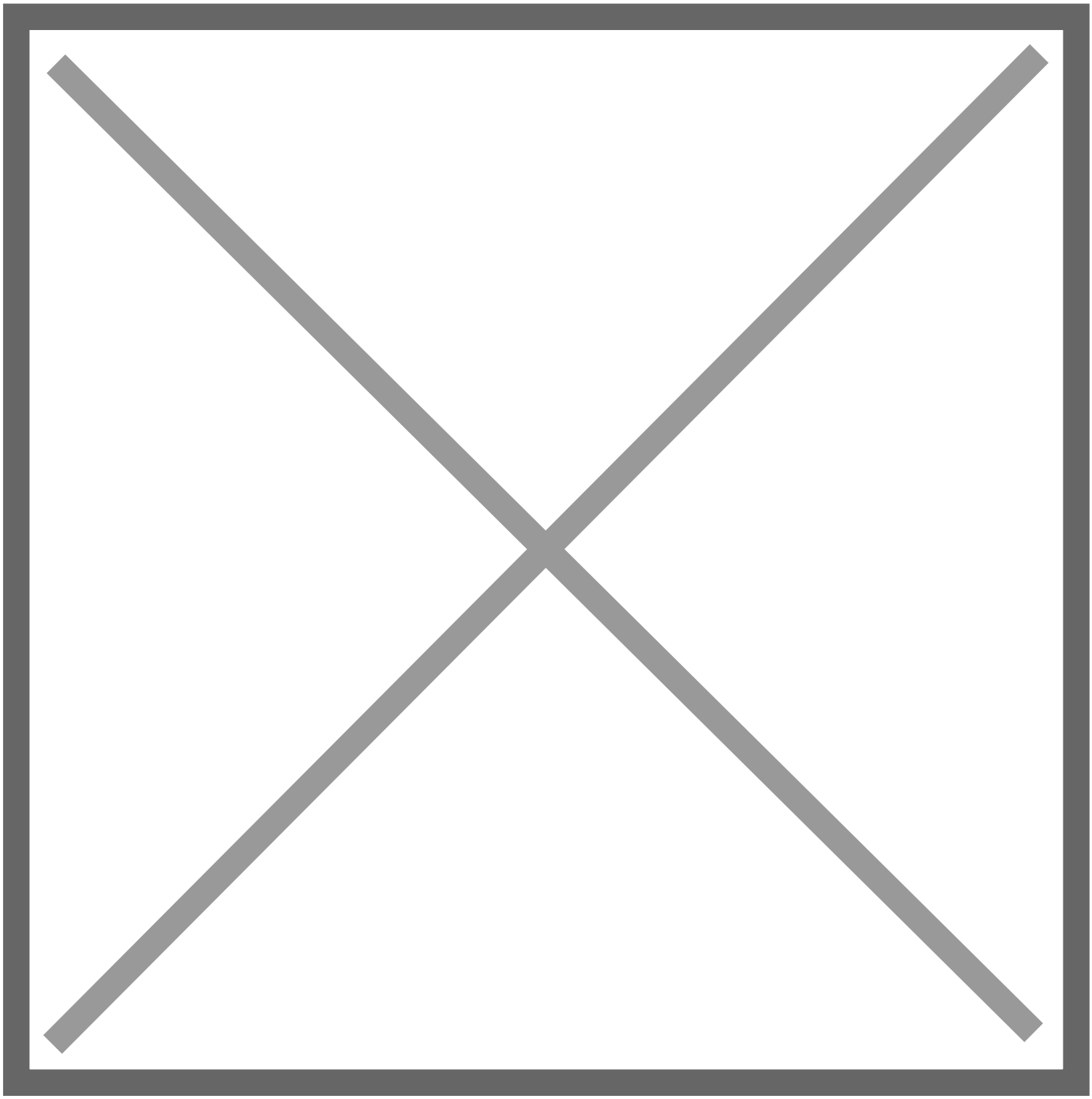
Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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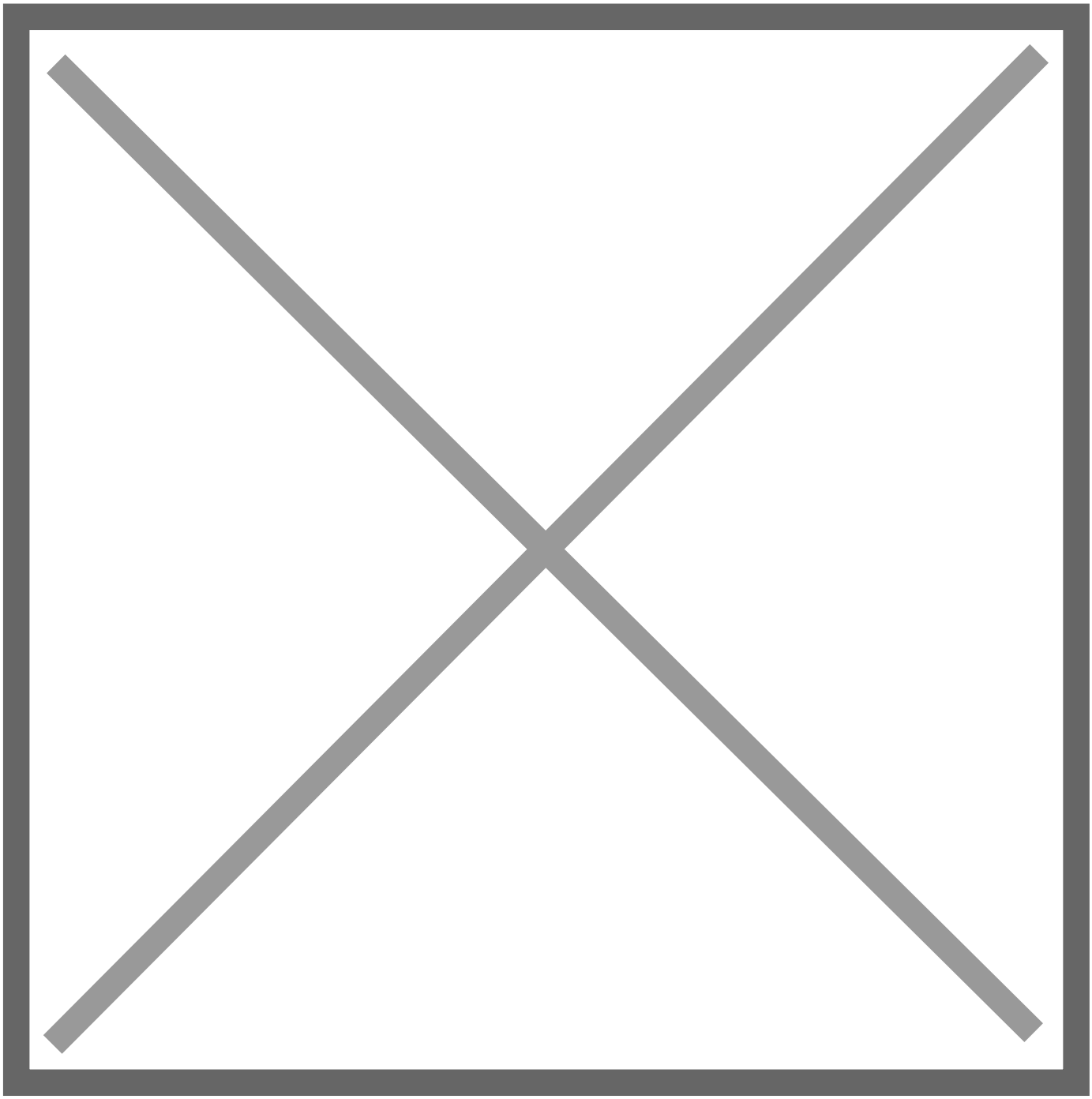
Women, 2022



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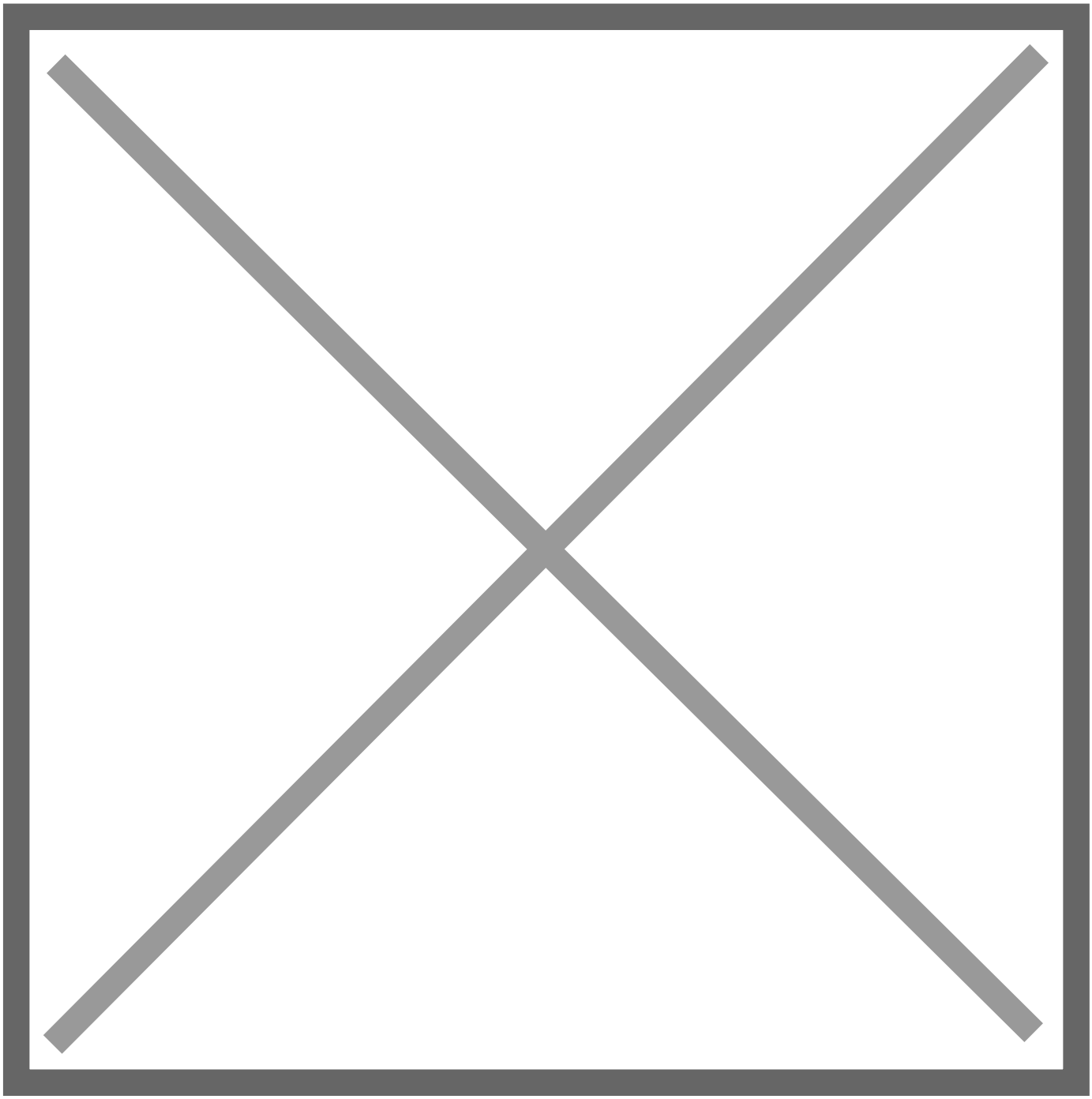
Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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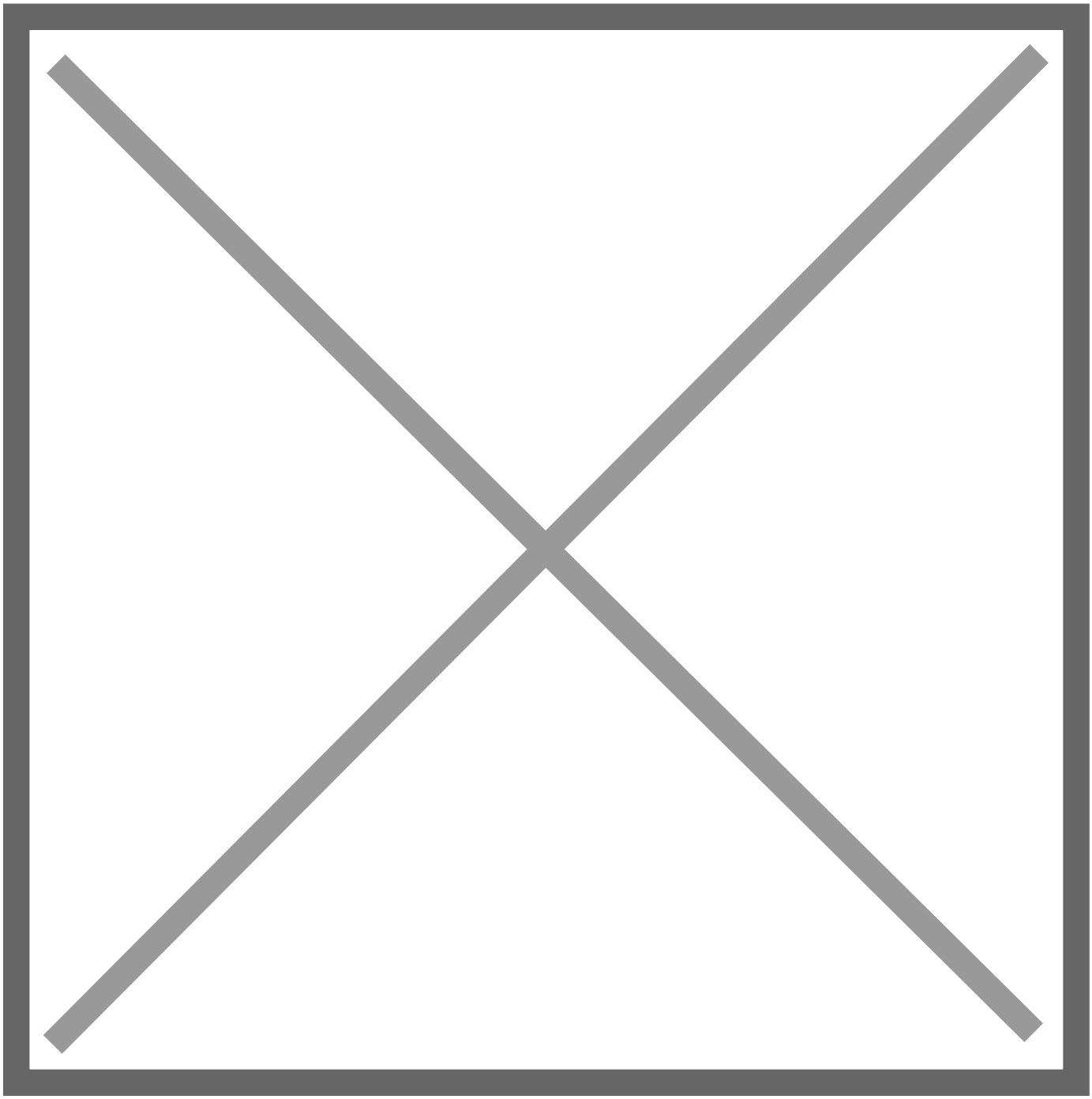
Women, 2022



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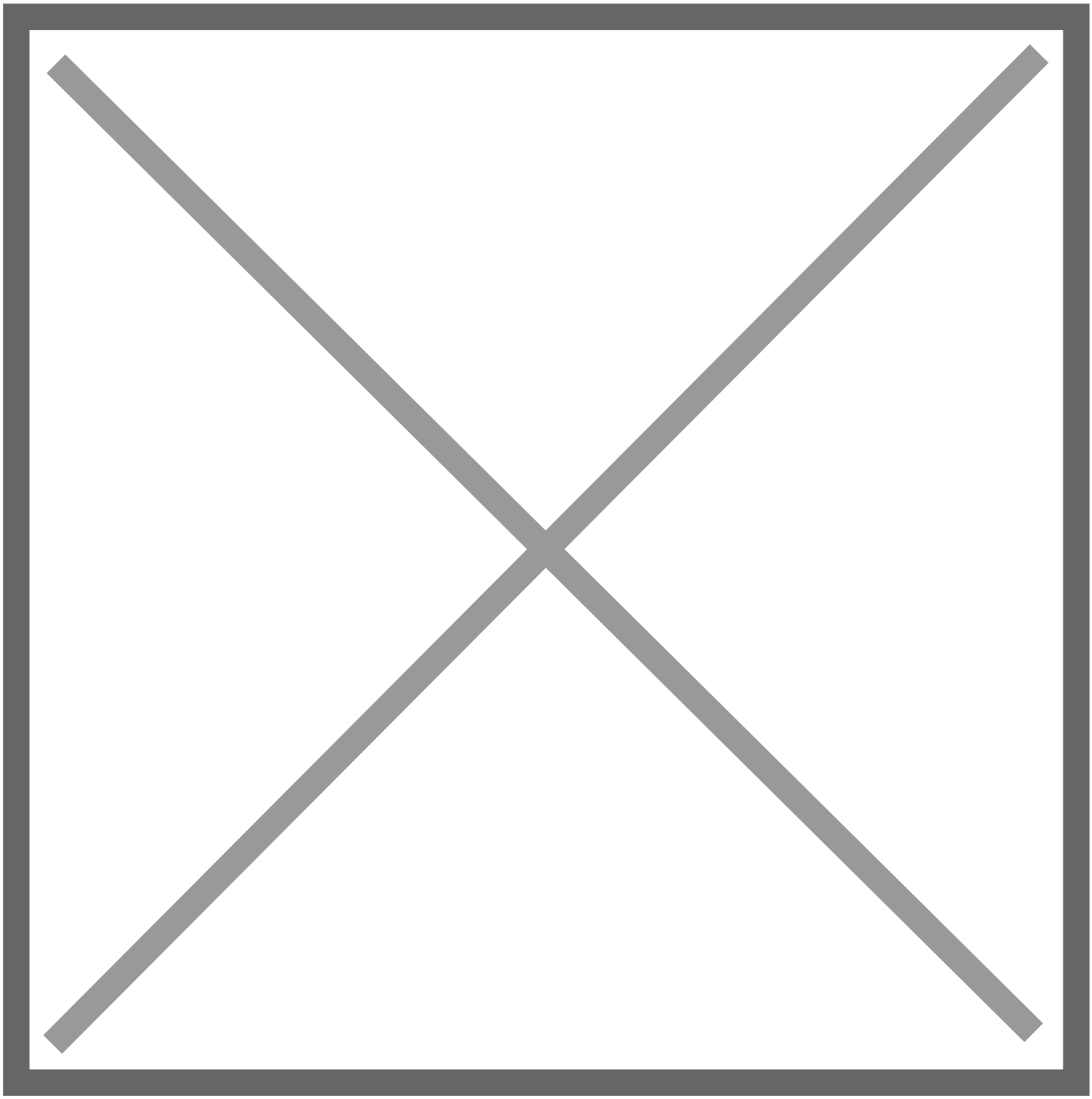
Kidney cancer

Men, 2022



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Area covered:	National
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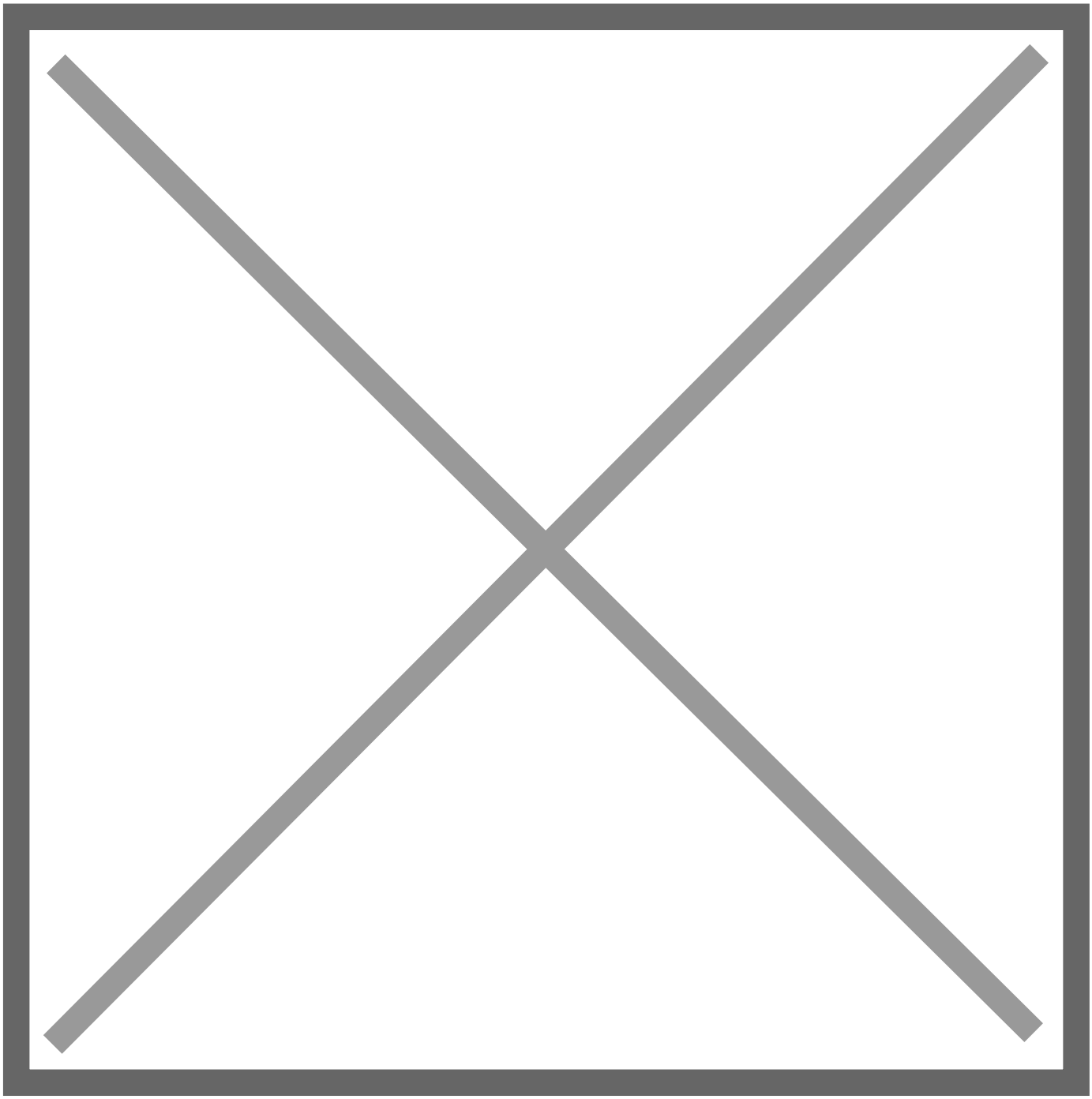
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Cancer of the uterus

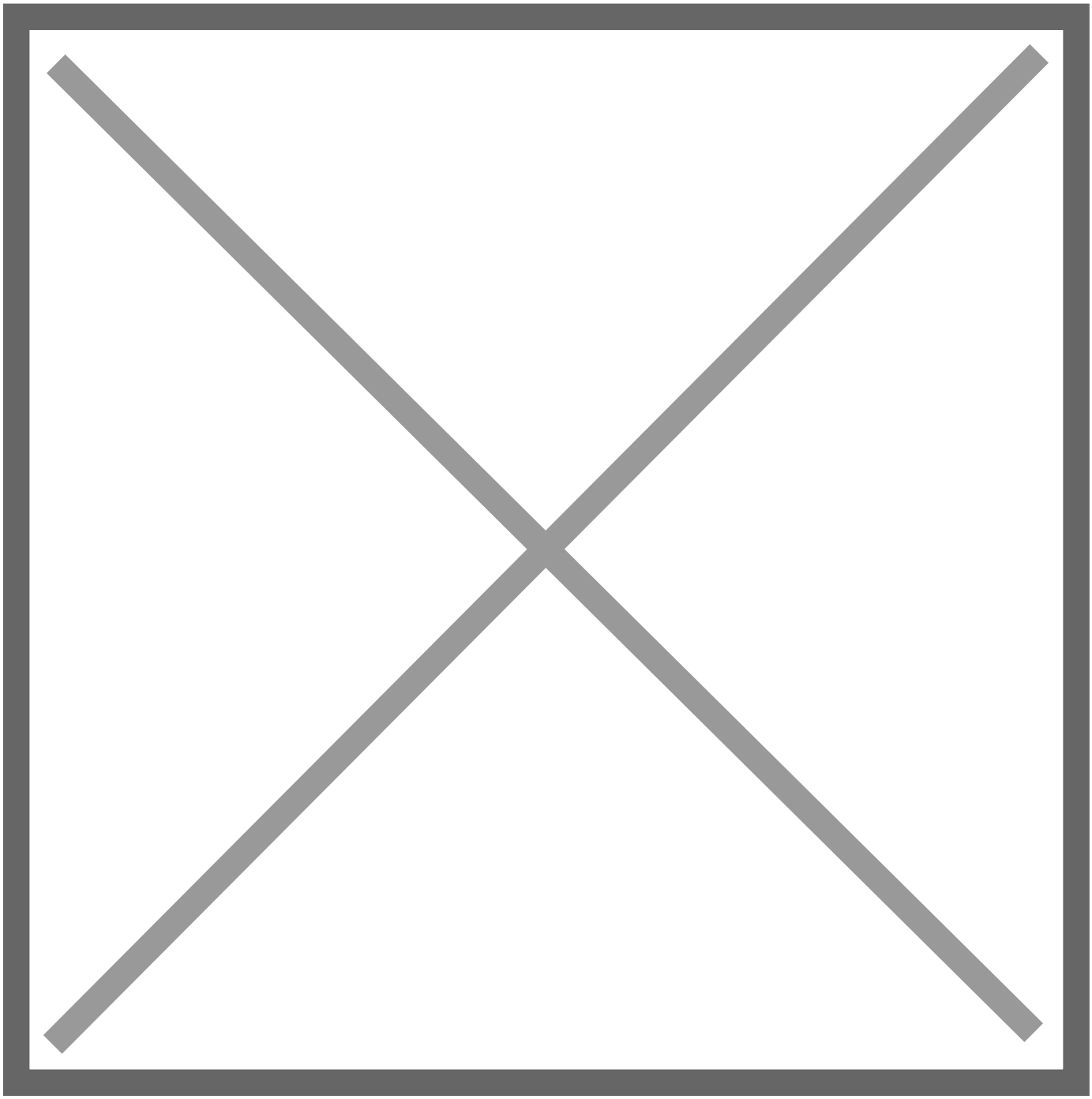
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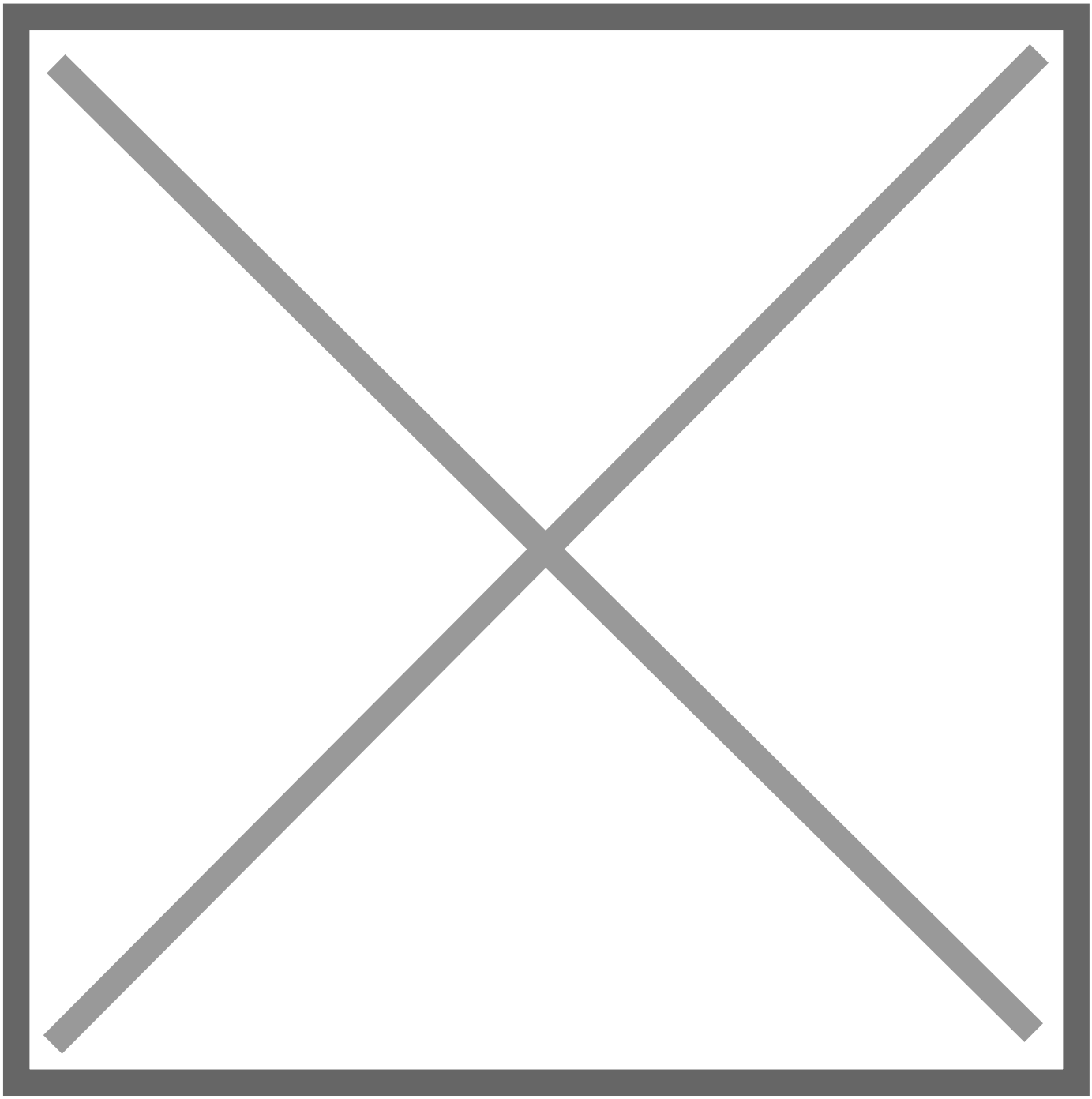
Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2019



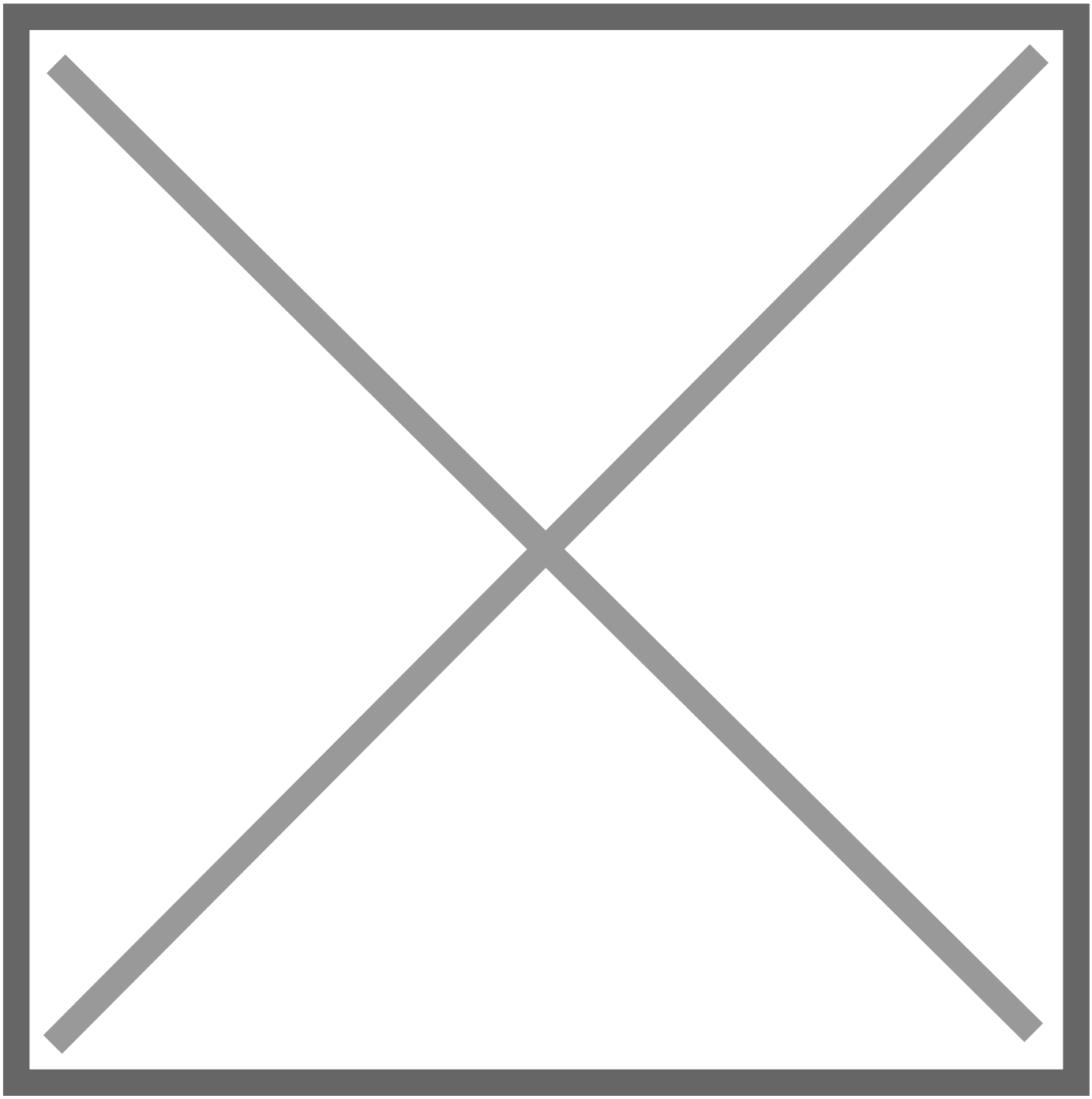
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Men, 2019



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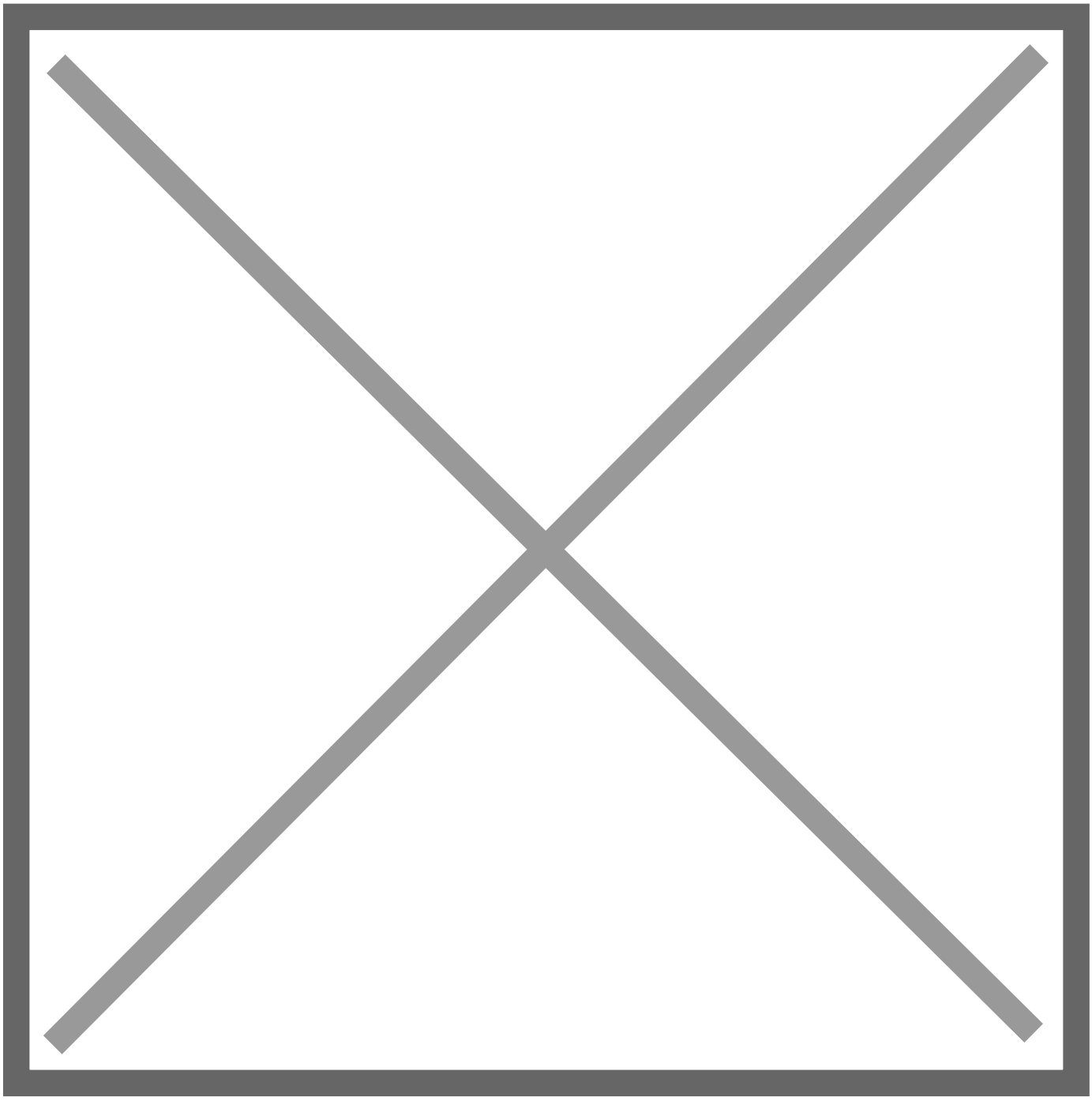
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Diabetes prevalence

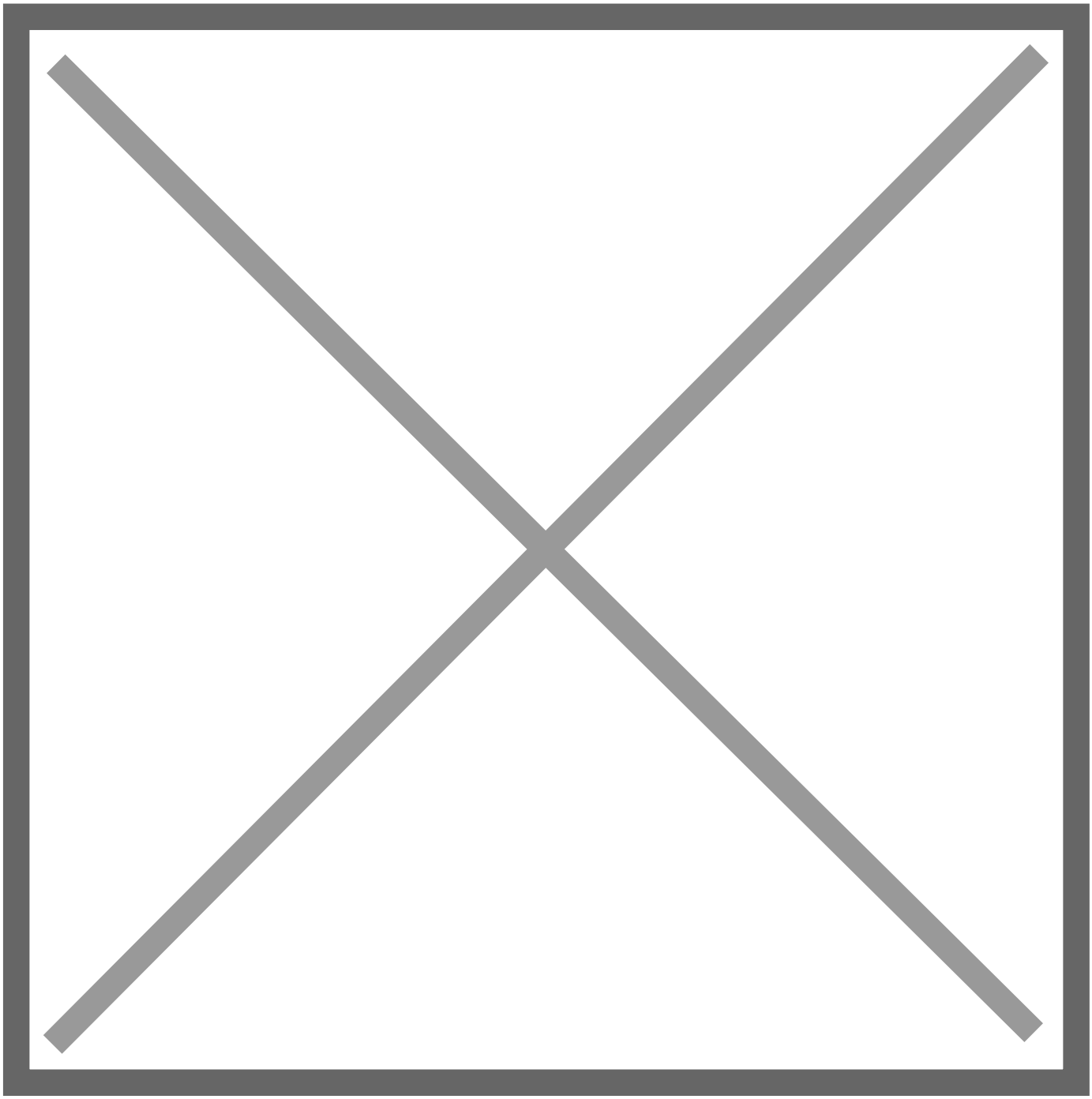
Adults, 2024



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Ovarian Cancer

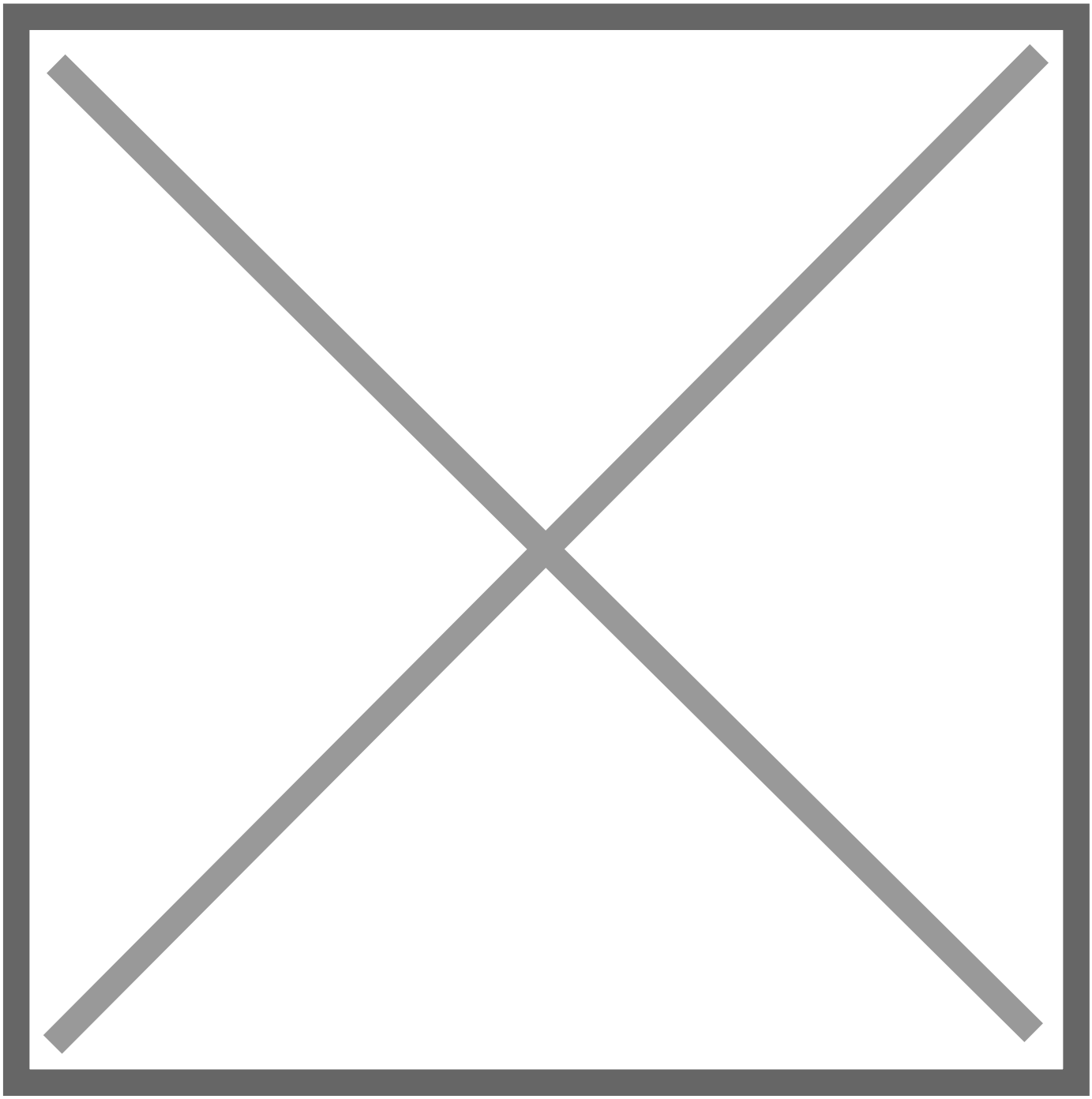
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Leukemia

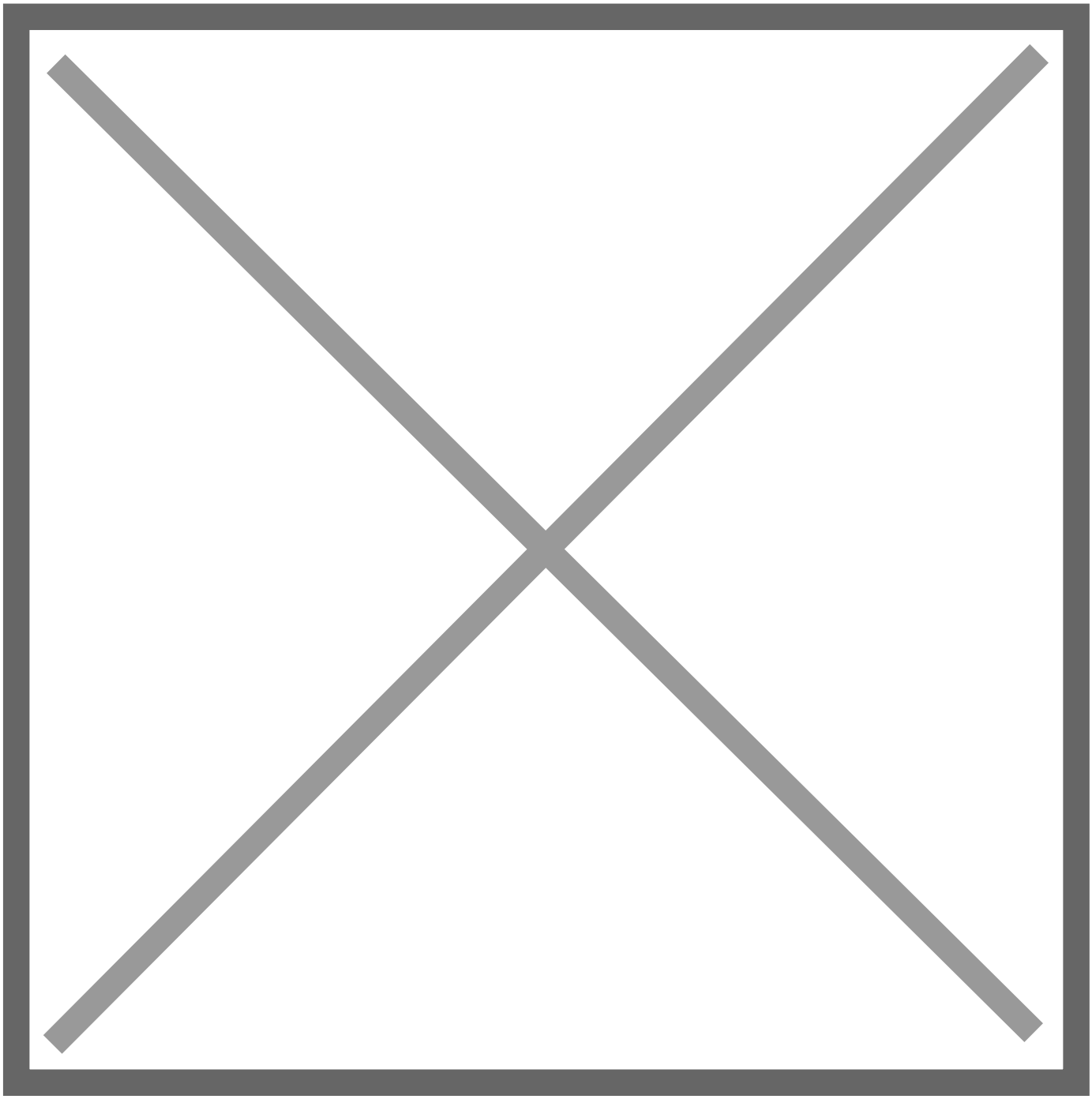
Men, 2022



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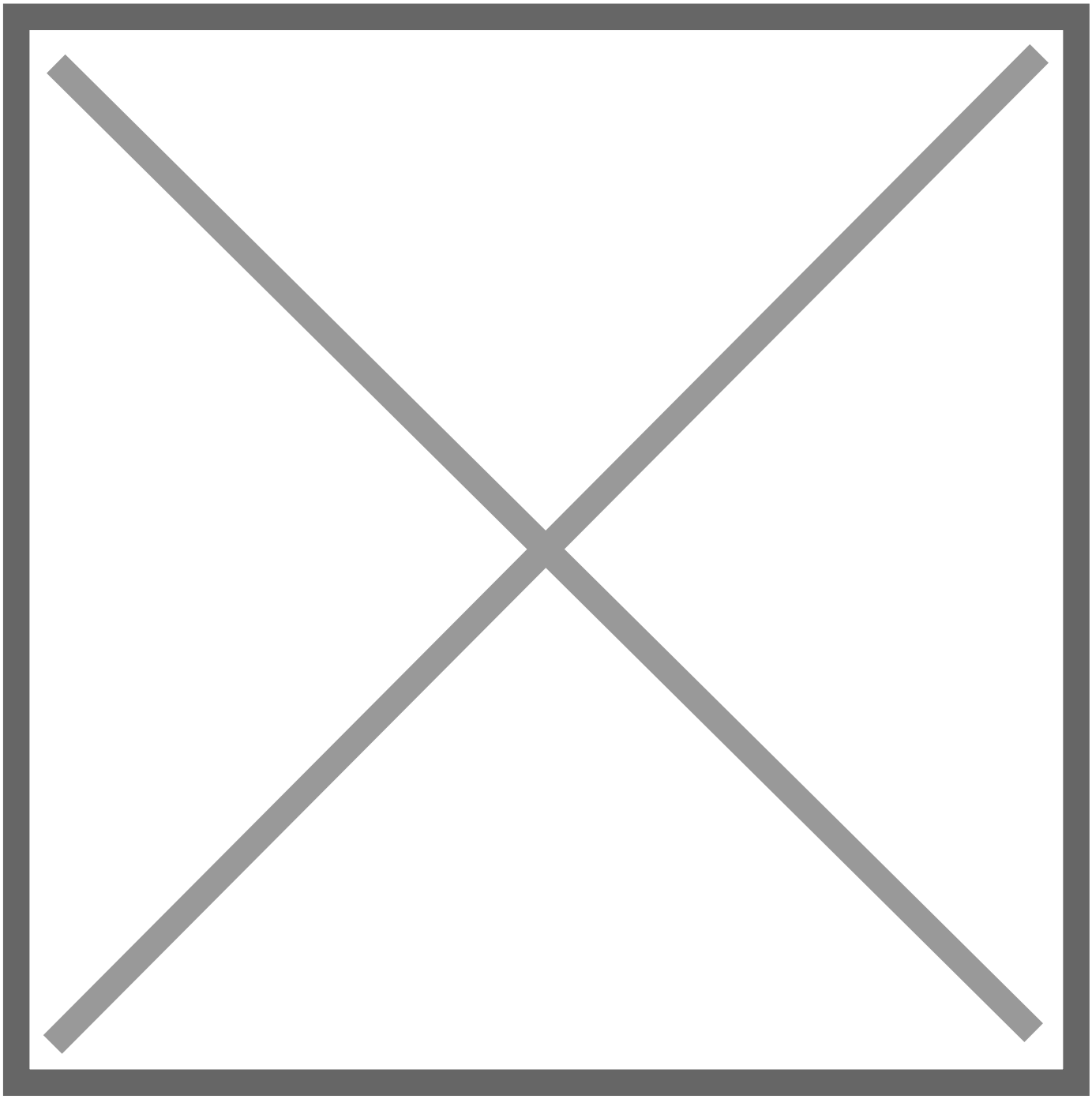


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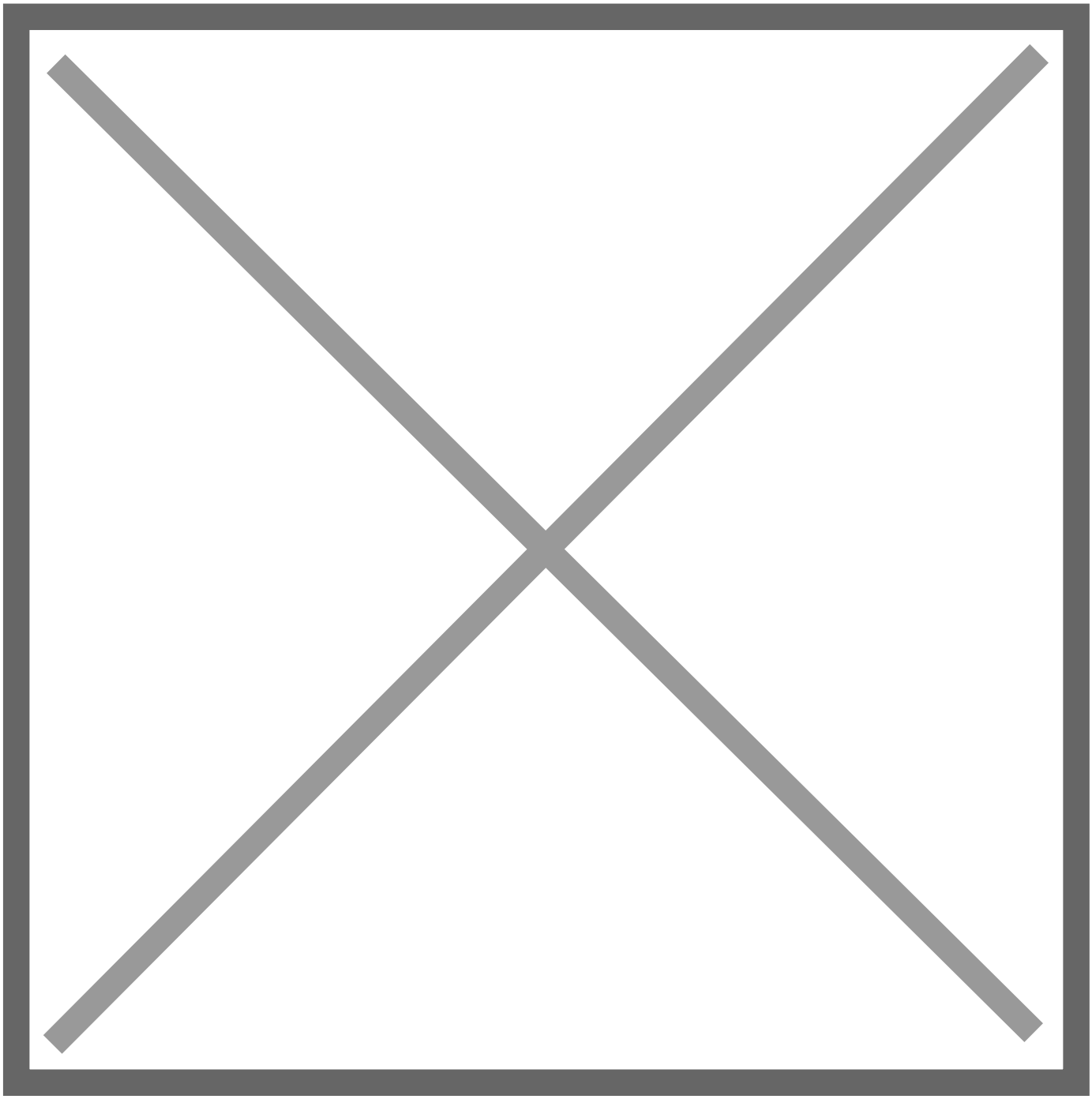
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

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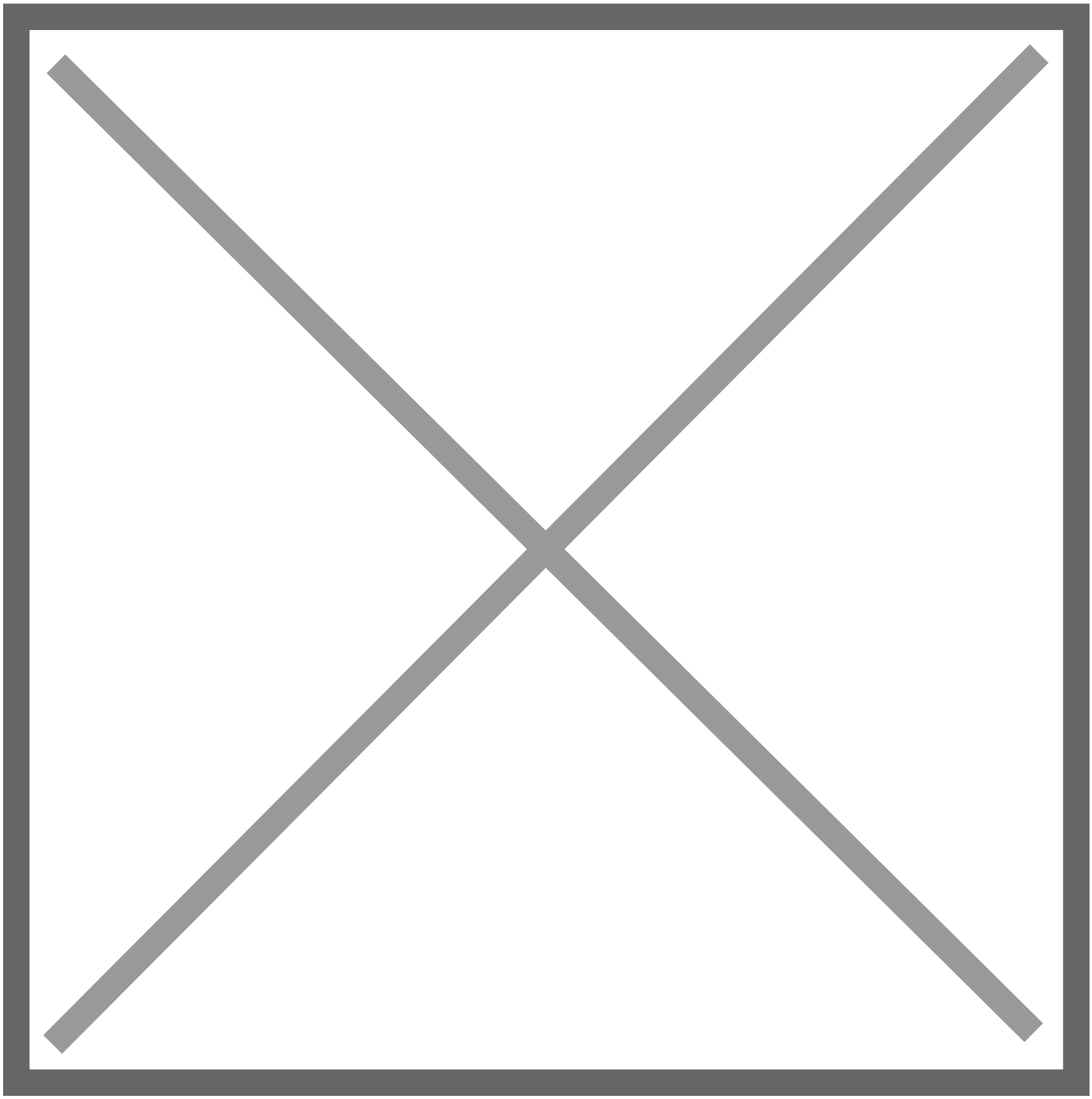
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Multiple Myeloma

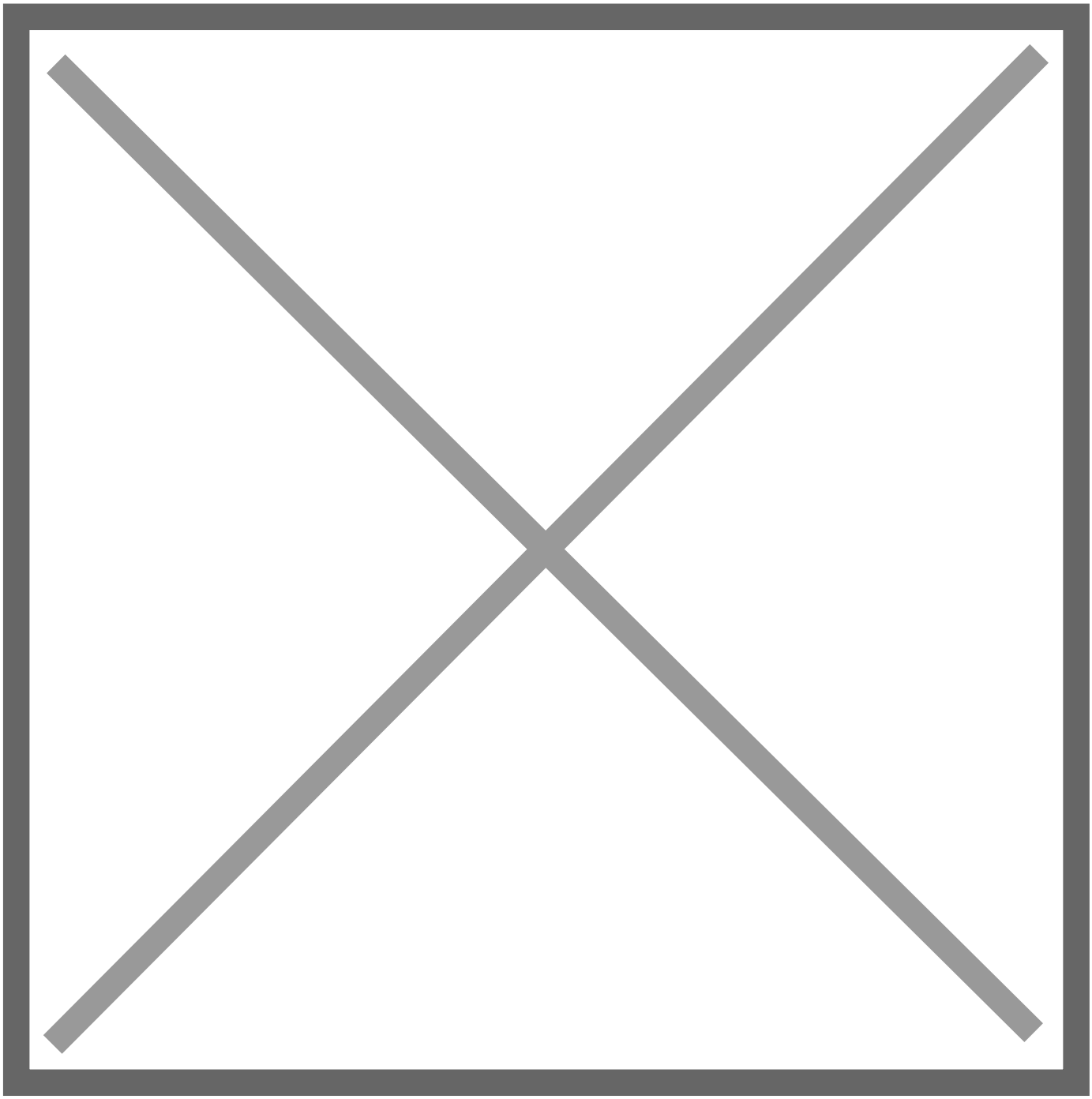
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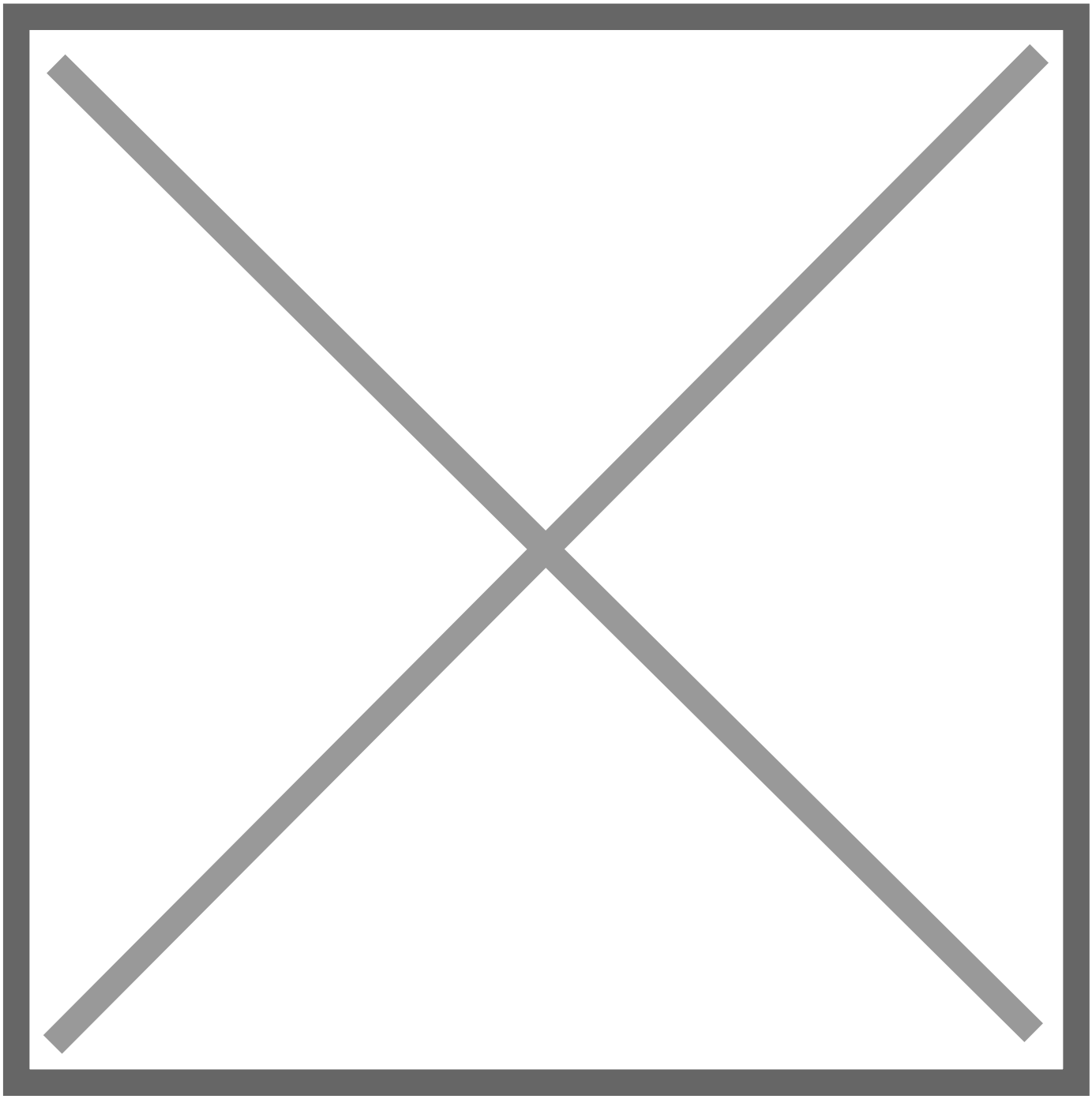


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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

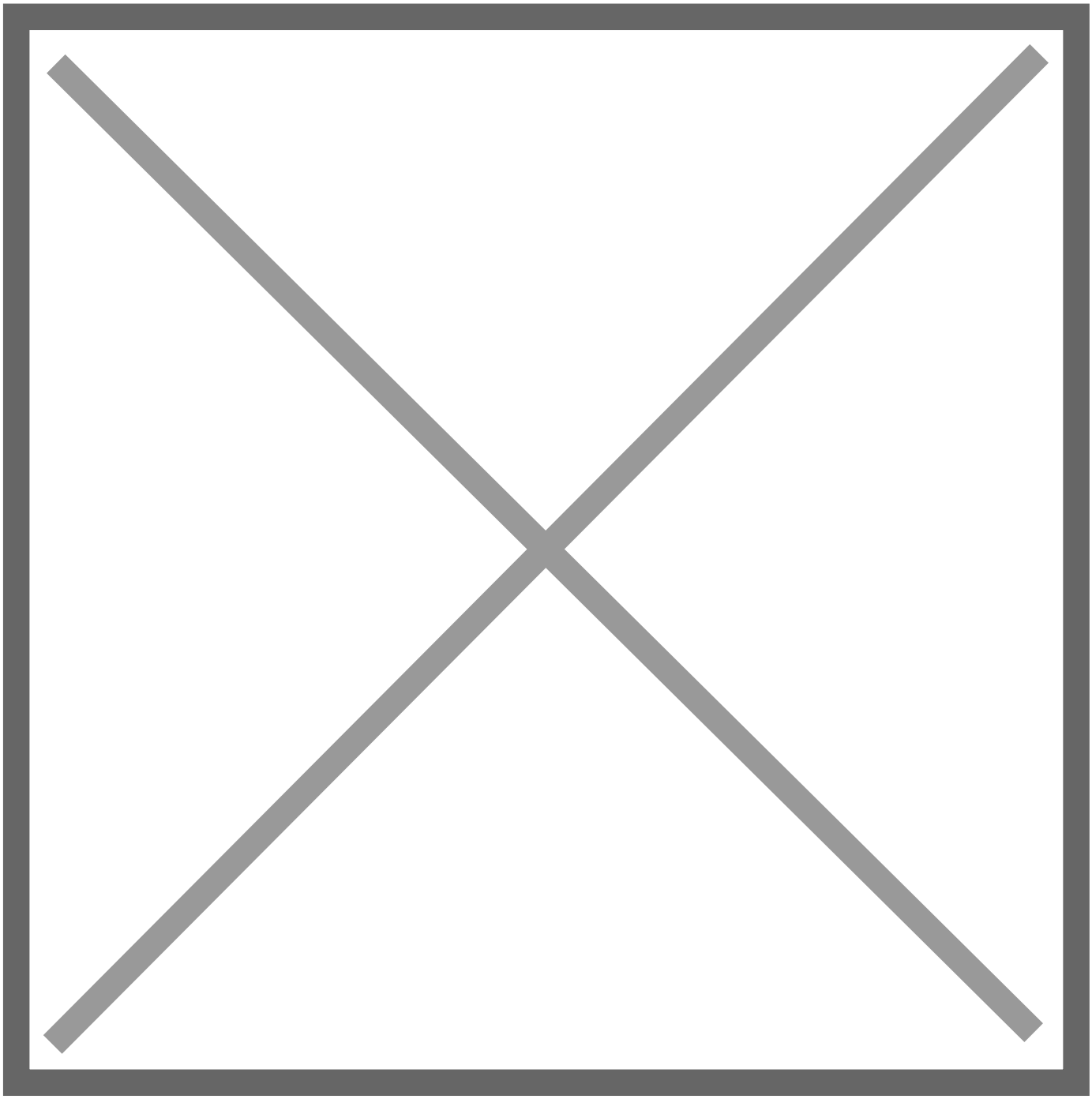
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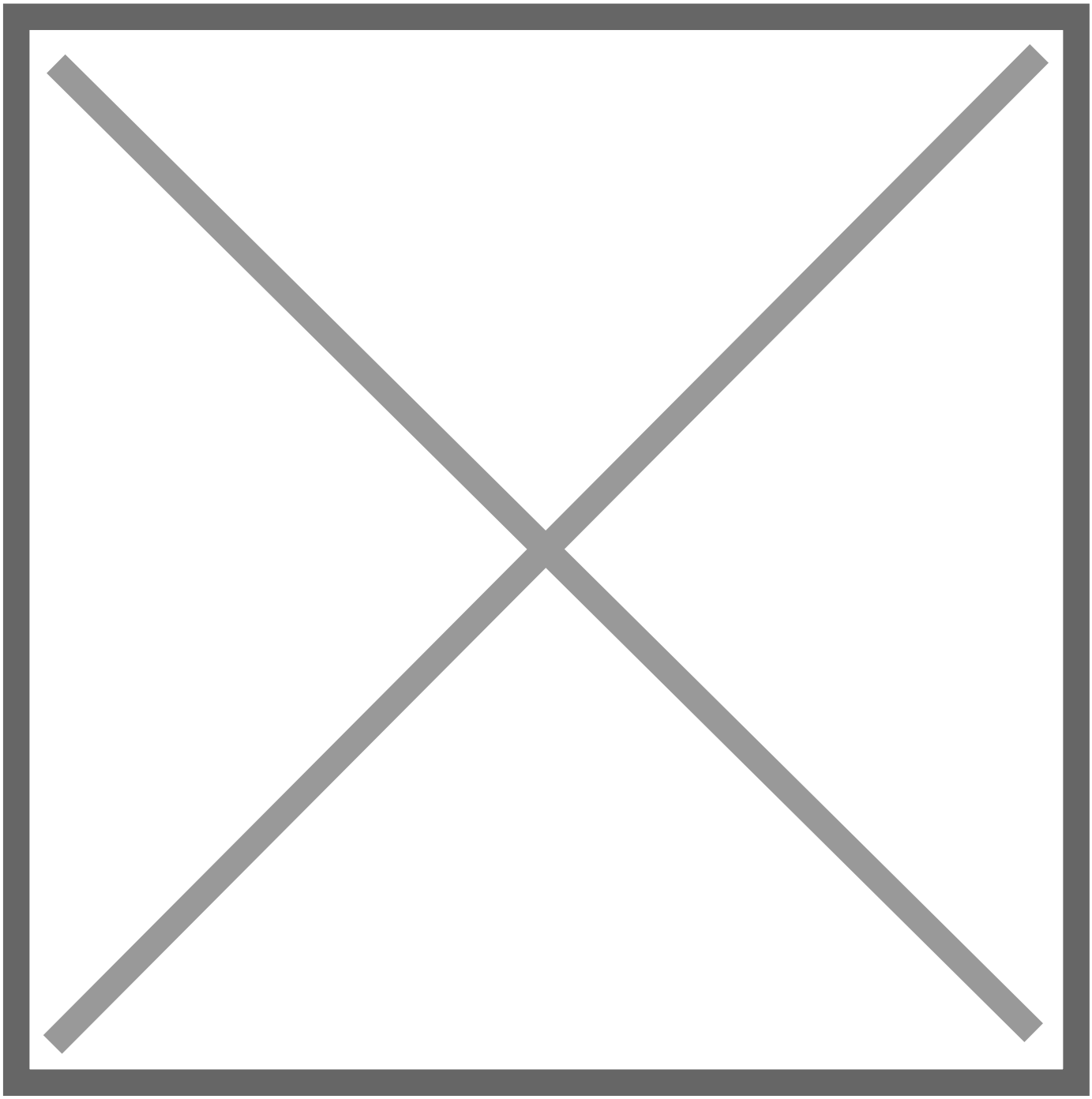


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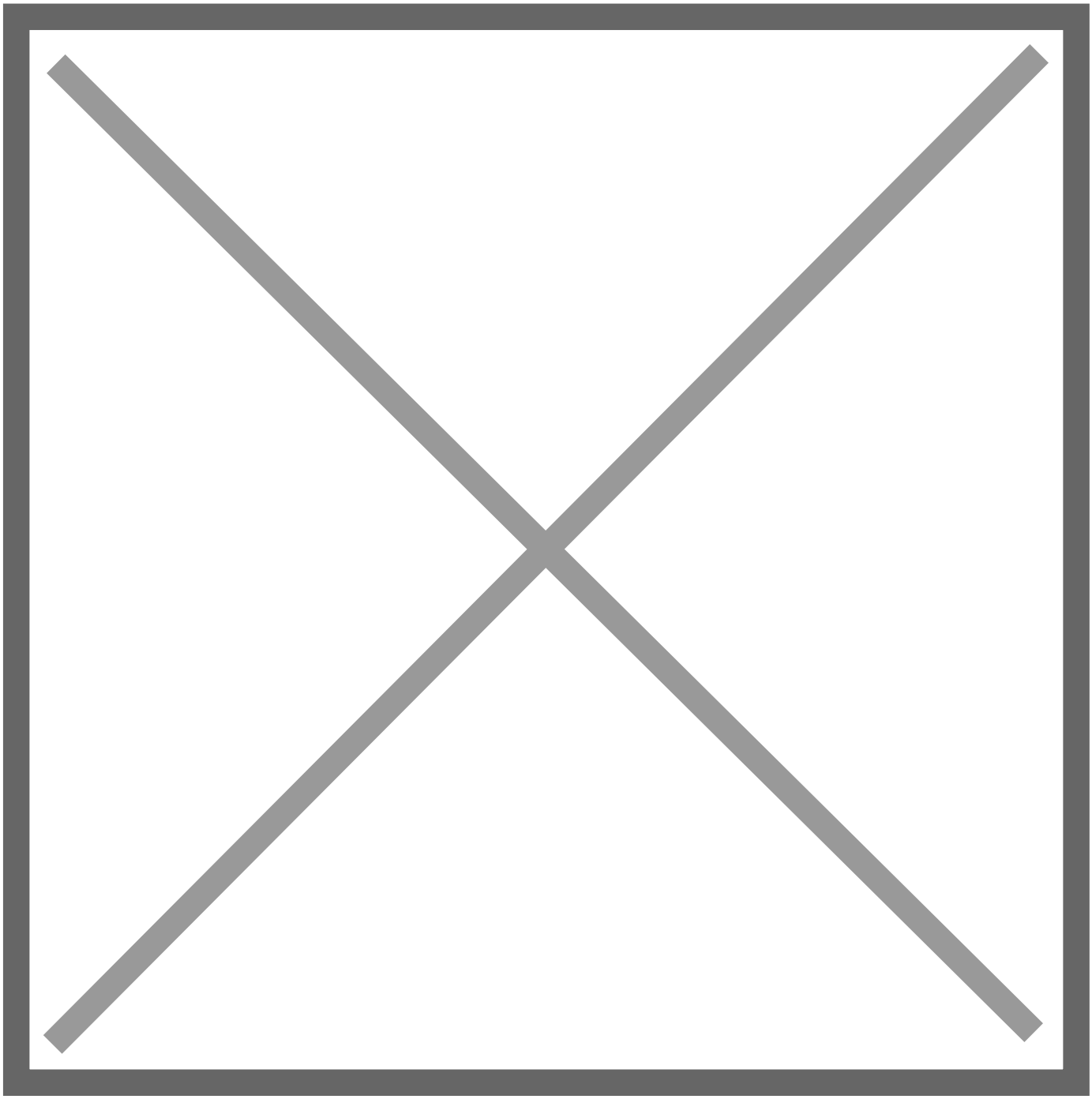
Thyroid Cancer

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