

## Question in Project:

Project "Best\_FDM" - Questions on the Corona pandemic, religion, and household income (English Version)

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## Question Topic:

Public health/ Health impairments

## Construct:

Coronavirus infection

## General Information:

**\*Note: The item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording.**

## Question Text:

Have you ever had an infection with the coronavirus detected by a PCR test?  
*[Ist bei Ihnen schon einmal eine Infektion mit dem Corona-Virus durch einen PCR-Test nachgewiesen worden?]*

## Instruction:

INT: If respondent asks which coronavirus is meant, please answer "SARS-CoV-2" *[Falls Testperson nachfragt, welches Corona-Virus gemeint sei, bitte antworten: "SARS-CoV-2"]*

## Answer Categories:

Yes *[Ja]*

No *[Nein]*

Don't know *[Weiß nicht]*

No answer *[Keine Angabe]*

## Cognitive Techniques:

Specific Probing

## Findings for Question:

### Intention of the question:

Question 1 is intended to capture whether the respondents have ever been infected with the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2). To avoid bias due to own "false diagnoses", the question refers to a PCR test as evidence for the infection.

### Findings:

Four of the twelve subjects answered in the affirmative and when probed, all four subjects confirmed that their infection had been detected by PCR testing:

- *"I first had a positive rapid test and then a positive PCR test."*
- *"I had a positive rapid test and then I went to the testing center and they did a PCR test. "*
- *"It was more of a coincidence because my best friend tested positive with a rapid test. Then I bought a rapid test and it was also positive. And then I went to the test center. [...] and I did a PCR test, which was also positive."*
- *"I did five rapid tests at home to be on the safe side. Of the five tests, four were positive. I then looked up a PCR testing center, made an appointment and had my PCR testing done there."*

The remaining eight respondents (correctly) answered question 1 in the negative. One of these subjects explained that they had already had several positive rapid tests, but not yet a positive PCR test. The other respondents stated that they had not yet been positive, neither by a rapid test nor by a PCR test.

## Recommendations:

The results of the pretest do not indicate any problems with the question, so it can be kept in its current form.