

Question in Project:

FReDA-W2a - Questions about infection with and vaccination against COVID-19 (English Version)

Question Topic:

Public health/ Disease knowledge & information

Construct:

Infection with the COVID-19 virus

General Information:

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

Question Text:

Have you been infected with the COVID-19 virus since the start of the Corona pandemic?

[Haben Sie sich seit dem Beginn der Corona-Pandemie mit dem COVID-19-Virus angesteckt?]

Answer Categories:

Yes, confirmed by positive corona test *[Ja, durch positiven Corona-Test bestätigt]*

Yes, likely, but not confirmed by corona test *[Ja, wahrscheinlich, aber nicht durch Corona-Test bestätigt]*

No, rather unlikely *[Nein, eher unwahrscheinlich]*

No, almost certainly not *[Nein, mit großer Sicherheit nicht]*

Cognitive Techniques:

Specific Probes

Findings for Question:

A total of 30 of the 132 subjects reported (probable) infection with the COVID-19 virus since the onset of the Corona pandemic. Eleven of these subjects suspected infection

without a positive Corona test. The aim of the cognitive pretest was to investigate the basis on which the respondents came to this assessment (N1_F1, see Appendix). Two of the eleven subjects did not give clearly evaluable answers to the probing question. The remaining nine respondents stated that they had had symptoms typical of COVID-19 infection ($n = 6$) and that, in addition, individual or all family members had tested positive ($n = 3$):

- *"I was sick at the very beginning of the pandemic and may have caught it at a fair."* (TP189)
- *"Because I was mildly ill in February 2020 with typical symptoms but was not tested at that time."* (TP193)
- *"Because everyone in the household was positive and I had symptoms."* (TP78)
- *"All family members tested positive, I had symptoms."* (TP124)

Recommendations:

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