

Question in Project:

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

Question Topic:

Public health/ Prevention

Construct:

Date of the first COVID-19 vaccination

General Information:

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

Question Text:

When did you receive your first vaccination against COVID-19 (Corona)?
[Wann haben Sie Ihre erste Impfung gegen COVID-19 (Corona) erhalten?]

Instruction:

If you are unsure, provide an estimate. *[Wenn Sie sich unsicher sind, geben Sie eine Schätzung ab.]*

Answer Categories:

Month *[Monat]:*

Year *[Jahr]:*

Don't know *[Weiß nicht]*

Cognitive Techniques:

Confidence Rating

Findings for Question:

Question 6 was asked only of respondents who had indicated in question 5 that they had been vaccinated against COVID-19 ($n = 116$). Of these, two selected the response option "Don't know," and one subject listed only the month but not the year of initial vaccination. Eight test persons reported receiving their first vaccination in 2020. However, as shown in Table 7, the answers of these respondents are implausible, since the vaccination start in Germany was not until December 2020. The reasons for the incorrect responses cannot be determined based on the data from the online pretest.

The aim of the pretest was to investigate how certain the test persons were that they had correctly remembered the date of their first vaccination (N1_F6, see appendix). The question on the certainty of having correctly remembered the date of first vaccination was asked of all 114 subjects who had given at least one answer to question 6 (month or year). Only two of these subjects stated that they were "rather unsure" whether they had given the correct date. Both justified their answer by saying that they could not remember the exact date (TP71: May 2021, TP130: January 2021).

Overall, the results of the pretest do not indicate any memory problems on the part of the respondents when answering the question.

Recommendations:

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