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Hi (10)(2e) and all,

Thank you for your comments. I will check the number of the questions.

On your comment about February, I agree that we should explain it in the introduction if we keep to ask questions about this month especially. I think with a clear explanation people will understand and adhere to answer about this month. We also said that we will add a sentence saying that if they don't remember for the month of February, they should answer on what they would have done normally.

Another option that I can see if we don't want to ask about February is to ask to the control what they USUALLY do and not in the Corona period. This way we avoid asking about a specific month and people will answer with less biases on their 'normal' habits.

I don't think that postponing will be a good idea. Collecting data until 31st of July will not lead to have an abstract ready for ESCAIDE. The deadline is the 10th of August, meaning that at this date we have to clean data, preparing datasets, performing descriptive and analytical analyses, rewriting the abstract and have all the comments and modifications from all the co-authors. I don't see it as realistic timeline to be honest. One solution could be to keep the descriptive analysis of the cases for this conference without adding the control part.

I don't believe in a return in normal life in June and July since some uncertainties will remain (borders closed, frequent handwashing will still be recommended, swimming pools and sauna remain closed, working from home is advise until September for some jobs, second wave of COVID-19?).

On the question how quickly do we expect people to answer through social media, we don't know and it depends... but we should keep in mind that we have to reach at least 3 times the number of cases.

On your question 'Is it (more) logical to choose a month in which you normally expect more keratitis cases (epidemiologically)?' I don't think so, I assume that what change during this month are the habits of the cases and not those from the controls (if we follow the hypothesis that a person become infected by a lack of compliant behavior).

I'm also really keen on discussing. I also think that these aspects are important points to agree on, but also good to keep in mind that we have to make decisions in order to keep going on this study. No study is perfect especially survey design and we will unfortunately not be able to control or cover every aspects to avoid biases. In my opinion, it would be better to progress on this project knowing its limitations and trying to control the best we can do, rather than waiting the summer to come with the consequence that this project will be left on the side for a couple of additional months.

What do you all think? I'm really open to discuss it.

Best,

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Hi all,

In the word file my comments.

One general comment: please check the numbering, there seem to be a lot of questions (/numbers) missing.

And... to put some salt in the wounds: it is actually a bit strange to answer these questions about the month February.... I do not like to say this, but maybe (10)(2e) comment did make some sense.

I think we should at least explain in the introduction why we ask about February.

Or..

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If you take a look at this graph in my article, most cases (in 2009-2015) were in July and October.

- Is it (more) logical to choose a month in which you normally expect more keratitis cases (epidemiologically)?
- How quickly do we expect a response when we send out the link on social media?
- If we did choose to delay until 30th June (about the month June) or 31st July (about the month July), would we be able to get enough information to get the escaide abstract ready on time?
- And if we did, do we expect people to have returned to their normal habits by June or July?

I am sorry I only make up my mind now, but I thought it might still be worthwhile reconsidering.

Let me know what you think (I am able to discuss on the phone tomorrow morning!).

Greetings, (10)(2e)

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Onderwerp: FUSACA control questionnaire

Dear all,

Here is the link to the control questionnaire (with the corona questions). Can anyone make a suggestion in Dutch for adding in the instructions that if people don't remember what they did in February 2020, they should reply on what they did in usual times (not corona period).

Link to the questionnaire: (10)(2g)
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Thank you for taking the time to revise this questionnaire, we are almost there!

Best,

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