

Table 2: Number of articles containing potentially identifying variables¹

Potentially Identifying Variables (PIV)	N=100	Inclusion PIV	Individual PIV	Masked (Individual PIV) ²
Profession or professional title	64	36	28	16
Sex or gender	45	9	36	0
Age	23	0	23	3 (age range)
Institution or organization names (not related to study site)	8	0	8	5
Race, ethnicity, indigenous status, or nationality	7	2	5	0
Marital status	4	0	4	0
Education level	2	0	2	0
Rare disease or illness	1	1	0	0
LGBTQI/sexual orientation	0	0	0	0
Foreign language or dialect	0	0	0	0

¹ We treated inclusion PIV and individual PIV as mutually exclusive.

² As a general rule, in order to adequately characterize study participants, inclusion PIVs cannot be masked, and we found no instances of masked inclusion PIVs. However, in some studies the study site had been masked. See Table 4 for study site descriptions and masking practices.