Appendix 2: Assessment of Exposure Status

Approximately 60% of all Indigenous Peoples in Canada self-identify as First Nations (1). Of First Nations individuals, three quarters have Registered Indian Status and one half live on a reserve (1). A study was therefore considered to have low risk of bias within the domain of measurement of exposure if self-declaration was used to identify Indigenous identity such that misclassification of Indigenous individuals into the non-Indigenous exposure group would be minimized. A study was considered moderate risk of bias if First Nations status or payment through the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (Health Canada) was used. A study was considered high risk of bias for all other methods of identification such as living “on reserve” or reference to ethnicity in chart.

Reference