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ABSTRACT

Title	Questions on sexual orientation and gender identity in the Norwegian National Survey on Quality of Life
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<p>In March 2020 Statistics Norway conducted the first National Survey on Quality of Life. The survey was web-based and had a random sample of the Norwegian population over 18 years. Not only was it a first for a Norwegian Quality of Life-survey. It was also a first for including questions on sexual orientation and gender identity in a national survey. In dialogue with Norwegian subject experts on LGBT+-issues, we defined a set of questions in the survey that would include people answering what sex they are attracted to, what gender they associate themselves with, and if they consider themselves to be straight, gay, lesbian, bi or other. I will present the results from the questionnaire and look at the number of respondents who did not want to answer or quit the questionnaire when they got to these questions.</p> <p>How should we group LGBT+ groups in analyses? Respondents who considered themselves lesbian, gay, bi, or other sexual orientation were grouped together in the result report published on the survey. In the presentation, we will present our experiences with this survey and reflect upon potential sources of errors and other possible ways to group people answering the questions on sexual orientation and gender identity. We will also present possibilities of analysis and some results on life quality for different Norwegian LGBT+ groups.</p>	