

Contacted by phone and invited to participate ($n=296$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=65$, ♀ $n=62$

Swedish: ♂ $n=97$, ♀ $n=72$

Severely ill ($n=2$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=1$, ♀ $n=0$

Swedish: ♂ $n=0$, ♀ $n=1$

Eligible study population ($n=294$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=64$, ♀ $n=62$

Swedish: ♂ $n=97$, ♀ $n=71$

Agreed to participate ($n=194$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=56$, ♀ $n=51$

Swedish: ♂ $n=45$, ♀ $n=42$

Drop-outs ($n=19$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=5$, ♀ $n=6$

Swedish: ♂ $n=1$, ♀ $n=7$

Physical examination, blood samples and questionnaires ($n=175$)

Iraqi: ♂ $n=51$, ♀ $n=45$

Swedish: ♂ $n=44$, ♀ $n=35$

Participation rate:

Iraqi: ♂ 79%, ♀ 72%

Swedish: ♂ 45%, ♀ 49%