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Sample size calculation

The sample size formula was based on:

$$N = \frac{Z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2}$$
 (1, 2)

Where N is the sample size, ρ is the prevalence, e is the absolute value of precision, and Z is the critical value from the standard normal distribution corresponding to the desired confidence level and is 1.96 for a confidence level of 95%.

Attributable risk proportion

The attributable risk fraction or proportion (ARP), defined as the proportion or percentage of Lassa fever cases which could be attributed to rodent exposure and which are (potentially) preventable by elimination of the risk of rodent exposure, (3, 4) was calculated as:

$$ARP = \frac{Pe - Pu}{Pe} \times 100 \tag{3}$$

Where Pe is the proportion of pregnant women with a positive history of rodent exposure who were LASV IgG seropositive and Pu is the proportion of pregnant women without a positive history of rodent exposure who were LASV IgG seropositive.

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