

Evidence for Underprescription of and Non-Adherence to Guideline-Recommended Cardiovascular Medications in Adults with Peripheral Artery Disease: Protocol for a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Sex and Gender Equity in Research (SAGER) checklist

✓	Checklist item	Reported on section
General		
Yes	The terms sex/gender used appropriately	Introduction, methods
Title		
N/A	Title specifies the sex/gender of participants if only one included	N/A
Abstract		
N/A	Abstract specifies the sex/gender of participants if only one included	N/A
N/A	Study population described with sex/gender breakdown*	N/A
Introduction		
Yes	If relevant, previous studies that show presence or lack of sex/gender differences or similarities are cited	Introduction
Yes	Mention of whether sex/gender might be an important variant and if differences might be expected	Introduction
N/A	The demographics of the study population with regard to sex/gender (eg, disease prevalence among male/female study participants) are outlined*	N/A
Methods		
Yes	Method of definition of sex/gender (eg, self-report, genetic testing)	Methods
Yes	Description of how sex/gender was considered in the design, whether authors ensured adequate representation of male and female study participants, justification of the reasons for any exclusion of male or female participants, or explanation if not considered. Justification of other sex/gender-specific interventions of study designs (eg, mandating contraception for women).* Explicit reporting of the scientific rationale for contraception requirements and exclusions for pregnancy and lactation should be required*	Methods
Results (N/A – protocol paper)		
Discussion		
Yes	Potential implications of sex/gender on the study results and analyses, including the extent to which the findings can be generalized to all sexes/genders in a population	Yes

N/A	If a sex/gender analysis not done, a rationale is given and implications of the lack of such analysis on the interpretation of the results are discussed	N/A
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Adapted from SAGER guidelines. Sex and Gender Equity in Research: rationale for the SAGER guidelines and recommended use. Research Integrity and Peer Review 1, Article number: 2 (2016) <https://researchintegrityjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s41073-016-0007-6>.

* These points extend beyond the original SAGER table

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