

Appendix 1: Validation study (n = 250)*

Self-reported gallstone disease	No. of women who supplied requested documents	Concordance between self-report and document, no. (%) of women
Cholecystectomy (n = 100)	84	83 (99)
Untreated gallstone disease (n = 100)	84	57 (67)
No declaration of cholecystectomy or gallstone disease (n = 50)	46	46 (92)

*The 250 women were sent a detailed questionnaire that requested documents relative to diagnostic and surgical procedures.