**Additional file 3**

**Summary of studies on agreement between self-report and administrative health data for ascertaining asthma, according to selected asthma definitions from administrative data**

| **Study, Country** | **Age** | **Administrative data definition****Lookback window** | **Within 1 year****Kappa (95% CI)** | **Within 2 years****Kappa (95% CI)** | **Within 3 years****Kappa (95% CI)** | **Within 5 years****Kappa (95% CI)** |
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| Huzel 2002[4] Manitoba, Canada | 20-44 years | ≥1 PCLookback window: 1, 2, or 5 years prior to interview | 0.49 (0.42-0.56) | 0.59 (0.53-0.66) | – | 0.62 (0.56-0.68) |
| Question: “Have you had an attack of asthma in the last 12 months?” or “Are you currently taking any medication (including inhalers, aerosols or tablets) for asthma?” |
| Lix 2006[5] Manitoba, Canada | 19-49 years  | ≥2 PC or ≥1 H Lookback window: 1, 2, 3, or 5 years prior to interview | 0.27 (0.20-0.34) | 0.26 (0.18-0.33) | 0.24 (0.17-0.30) | 0.36 (0.29-0.42) |
| Question: “Now I’d like to ask about certain chronic health conditions which you may have. We are interested in ‘long-term conditions’ that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more and that have been diagnosed by a health professional. Do you have asthma?” |
| Lix 2008[6]Manitoba, Canada | ≥19 years  | ≥2 PC or ≥1 HLookback window: 1, 2, 3, or 5 years prior to interview | 0.27 (0.27-0.27) | 0.35 (0.35-0.35) | 0.43 (0.43-0.43) | 0.48 (0.48-0.49) |
| Question: “Now I’d like to ask about certain chronic health conditions which you may have. We are interested in ‘long-term conditions’ that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more and that have been diagnosed by a health professional. Do you have asthma?” |
| Lix 2008[7]Manitoba, Canada | ≥12 years | ≥1 PC or ≥1 H Lookback window: 1, 2, 3, or 5 years prior to interview | 0.40 (0.36-0.45) | 0.50 (0.46-0.54) | 0.53 (0.50-0.57) | 0.55 (0.51-0.59) |
| Question: “Now I’d like to ask about certain chronic health conditions which you may have. We are interested in ‘long-term conditions’ that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more and that have been diagnosed by a health professional. Do you have asthma?” |
| Singh 2009[8] US | Adults (veterans) | ≥1 PC or ≥1 HLookback window: year before and year after survey | 0.47 (0.47-0.48) | – | – | – |
| Question: “Has your doctor ever told you that you have asthma?” |
| Muggah 2013[9] Ontario, Canada | ≥20 years | ≥2 PC in 2 years or ≥1 H Lookback window: 1991 to survey date (2001, 2003 or 2005), 10-15 years | – | 0.55 (0.54-0.56) | – | – |
| Question: …“long-term conditions that have lasted or are expected to last six months or more and that have been diagnosed by a health professional. Do you have asthma?” |
| Fortin 2017[10] Quebec, Canada | <65 years | ≥1 PC or ≥1 HLookback window: 2-year period prior to interview | – | 0.40 (0.29-0.50) | – | – |
| Question: “Have you been told by a health professional that you have asthma OR do you take medication to control asthma?” |
| Payette 2020[11] Quebec, Canada | 40-69 years | ≥3 PC in 2 years or less or ≥1 H Lookback window: 1998 to one year after consent (2010-2012), 12-14 years | – | 0.47 (0.45-0.49) | – | – |
| Question: “Has a doctor ever told you that you had asthma?” |
| Berete 2020[12] Belgium | ≥15 years | Medication use, daily defined dose ≥90Lookback window: 12 months prior to interview | 0.35 (0.30–0.41) | – | – | – |
| Question: “Have you suffered during the last 12 months from asthma?” |

H: hospitalization; PC: physician consultation

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