

**Supplementary Table II. Prevalence of chronic pain in the general population stratified by gender**

S. No.	Study	Age group	Pain type	Prevalence in female (%)	Prevalence in males (%)	Ratio F to M
1	Saxena <i>et al</i> <sup>1</sup> , 2018	18-80	Nonspecific chronic pain	25.2	12.3	2
2	Bouhassira <i>et al</i> <sup>6</sup> , 2008	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	35	28.2	1.2
3	Kossi <i>et al</i> <sup>26</sup> , 2022	≥18	CLBP	34.7	36	1
4	Ai <i>et al</i> <sup>28</sup> , 2023	≥45	Nonspecific chronic pain	58.3	41.7	1.4
5	Li <i>et al</i> <sup>29</sup> , 2021	≥60	Nonspecific chronic pain	57.1	42.9	1.3
6	Gaya <i>et al</i> <sup>30</sup> , 2020	≥20	FM	4.49	0.29	15.5
7	Wong <i>et al</i> <sup>31</sup> , 2011	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	40	29	1.4
8	Sharon <i>et al</i> <sup>33</sup> , 2022	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	33.6	28.2	1.2
9	Dabhlamer <i>et al</i> <sup>35</sup> , 2018	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	22.1	18.6	1.2
10	Giorno <i>et al</i> <sup>36</sup> , 2017	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	34.1	21	1.6
11	Iizuka <i>et al</i> <sup>38</sup> , 2017	≥50	CNSLBP	16.6	13.3	1.2
12	Ge <i>et al</i> <sup>39</sup> , 2022	21-97	CLBP	10.25	8	1.3
13	Neville <i>et al</i> <sup>41</sup> , 2008	≥25	Nonspecific chronic pain	52.2	38.9	1.3
14	Duenas <i>et al</i> <sup>42</sup> , 2025	18-85	Nonspecific chronic pain	58.7	41.3	1.4
15	Inoue <i>et al</i> <sup>43</sup> , 2016	≥20	Nonspecific chronic pain	17.9	15.09	1.2
16	Santose <i>et al</i> <sup>44</sup> , 2015	≥60	Nonspecific chronic pain	37	17.7	2.1
17	Husky <i>et al</i> <sup>45</sup> , 2018	18-98	CBP	41.3	34.3	1.2
18	Yamada <i>et al</i> <sup>46</sup> , 2022	≥65	Chronic musculoskeletal	41.8	36.3	1.2
19	Metwally <i>et al</i> <sup>47</sup> , 2019	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	18.3	20.6	0.9
20	Aili <i>et al</i> <sup>49</sup> , 2021	20-74	Chronic musculoskeletal	8.5	3.7	2.3
21	Azevedo <i>et al</i> <sup>50</sup> , 2012	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	45.7	27	1.7
22	Vieira <i>et al</i> <sup>52</sup> , 2012	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	49.4	28.4	1.7
23	Johannes <i>et al</i> <sup>54</sup> , 2010	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	34.3	26.7	1.3
24	Jonsdottir <i>et al</i> <sup>55</sup> , 2013	20-70	Nonspecific chronic pain	50.5	46.2	1.1
25	Silva <i>et al</i> <sup>56</sup> , 2020	≥18	CBP	26	13.7	1.9
26	Meucci <i>et al</i> <sup>58</sup> , 2013	≥20	CLBP	11.7	6.6	1.8
27	Nakamura <i>et al</i> <sup>59</sup> , 2011	≥18	Chronic musculoskeletal	16.8	13.6	1.2
28	Jhun <i>et al</i> <sup>60</sup> , 2009	≥20	CBP	18.4	12.2	1.5
29	Ablin <i>et al</i> <sup>61</sup> , 2012	≥18	FM	7.1	3	2.4
30	Lourenco <i>et al</i> <sup>62</sup> , 2015	≥21	FM	1.4	0.6	2.3
31	Mundal <i>et al</i> <sup>63</sup> , 2014	≥20	CWP	56.9	42.27	1.3
32	Landmark <i>et al</i> <sup>66</sup> , 2019	≥20	CWP	9.6	3.6	2.7
33	Harifi <i>et al</i> <sup>67</sup> , 2013	≥18	Non-specific chronic pain	12.5	5.8	2.2
34	Duenas <i>et al</i> <sup>68</sup> , 2015	≥18	Non-specific chronic pain	24.8	8.2	3
35	Gerdle <i>et al</i> <sup>69</sup> , 2004	18-74	Non-specific chronic pain	58.7	48.2	1.2
36	Bilbeny <i>et al</i> <sup>70</sup> , 2018	≥18	Non-specific chronic pain	32.9	30	1.1
37	Elzahaf <i>et al</i> <sup>71</sup> , 2016	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	24	14	1.7
38	Sa <i>et al</i> <sup>72</sup> , 2009	≥20	Nonspecific chronic pain	48.4	32.8	1.5
39	Ferriera <i>et al</i> <sup>73</sup> , 2016	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	34.7	20.6	1.7
40	Leyva <i>et al</i> <sup>74</sup> , 2023	18-70	Nonspecific chronic pain	48.9	51.1	1
41	Rikard <i>et al</i> <sup>75</sup> , 2023	≥18	Nonspecific chronic pain	22	19.7	1.1