

# The Representative Studies Rubric (RSR): 12 Steps to Address Underrepresentation in HIV Clinical Research

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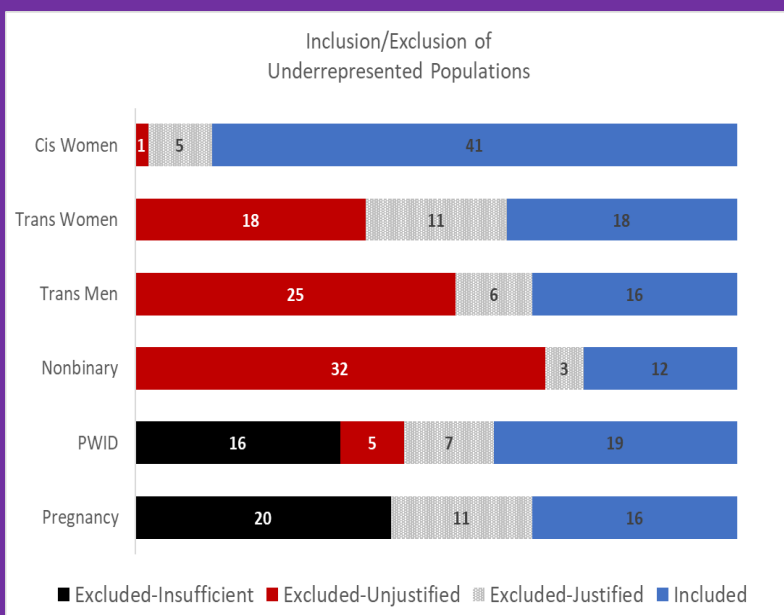
## Background & Methods

Underrepresented populations suffer the consequences of exclusion from research.

The Legacy Project designed and applied a 12-item questionnaire (the RSR) to assess 47 HIV clinical research protocols for inclusiveness in the following categories: **Age, Ethnicity, Gender, Drug use, Pregnancy, Race, and Sex assigned at birth.**

A simple screening tool helps identify and rectify components of HIV research protocols that unnecessarily exclude underrepresented populations.

## Results



## Next Steps

Implement the RSR proactively as a protocol development tool to ensure representative study populations.

