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### **Biostatistics statement**

Aggregated mortality data were processed to compute standard descriptive epidemiological measures: age and gender-specific mortality rates, directly age-standardized rates by area of residence, and proportional mortality by immigrant status. All the authors are skilled in epidemiological and statistical methods; three of the authors are employees of the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT).