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OBJECTIVE.

Cross-border reproductive care (CBRC) is a growing and multifaceted phenomenon. Studying CBRC is an important challenge to better understand gap between demand and offer in the home country regarding Medically assisted technologies (MAR). To this end, we are conducting a research on CBRC from France.

METHOD.

All French residents, aged 18 and over, who used in the past or are currently using MAR in France or abroad, are invited to fill in an online questionnaire from October 1st, 2021 to September 30th, 2023. The first quantitative and qualitative results will be here presented.

RESULTS.

Mid-November 2022, 3951 persons have already completed the questionnaire, including 914 having used CBRC; and 65 interviews were conducted. The majority of the respondents are between 30 and 40 years old and are in a same-sex couple. CBRC mainly concerns sperm donation, IVF and egg donation. We will compare CBRC before and after the application of the 2022 French law that extended access to MAR to single and same-sex couple women.

CONCLUSION.

This comparison will allow to discuss the impact of the new French law on MAR in order to understand if it really covers French unsatisfied demand in MAR.