

Table 1 Description of the studies included in the meta-analysis

First author	Publication year	Sample size	Criteria prevalence were based on		Age group (years)	Sex
			WHO	ADA		
F. Sharifi [4]	1999	1 977	+	-	30-92	Both
B. Larijani [5]	2002	982	+	+	30-64	Both
P. Bastanhagh [6]	1996	2 800	+	-	> 30	Both
E. Osfoury [7]	1998	1 036	+	-	30-64	Both
F. Sajadi [8]	2003	800	+	-	> 19	Both
K. Yazdanpanah [9]	2000	2 000	+	-	> 10	Both
M. Afkhamiardakani [10]	2002	2 795	+	-	> 30	Both
M. Jafarzadehfakhari [11]	2000	450	+	-	19-80	Both
F. Azizi [12]	2003	1 603	+	-	> 60	Both
F. Azizi [13]	2002	6 899	+	-	30-69	Both
H. Fakhrzadeh [14]	2002	1 255	+	-	> 30	Male
B. Larijani [15]	2003	950	+	+	> 25	Both
Z. Salem [16]	2003	756	+	+	> 30	Both
M. Sadeghi [17]	2003	12 494	-	+	> 20	Both
L. Navaee [18]	2002	2 033	+	+	> 30	Both
M. Gharipour [19]	2003	3 694	-	+	19-64	Both
N. Saadat [20]	2002	9 229	+	+	> 20	Both
A. Hoseinianamiri [21]	2000	2 755	+	-	> 30	Both
A. Barzigar [22]	1996	2 384	+	-	> 30	Both

WHO = World Health Organization; ADA = American Diabetes Association.