Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR) Checklist for Authors

The MDAR framework establishes a minimum set of requirements in transparent reporting applicable to studies in the life sciences (see Statement of Task: doi:10.31222/osf.io/9sm4x.). The MDAR checklist is a tool for authors, editors and others seeking to adopt the MDAR framework for transparent reporting in manuscripts and other outputs. Please refer to the MDAR Elaboration Document for additional context for the MDAR framework.

Materials

Antibodies	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
For commercial reagents, provide supplier name, catalogue number and RRID, if available.	No antibodies were used in this study	n/a

Cell materials	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Cell lines: Provide species information, strain. Provide accession number in repository **OR** supplier name, catalog number, clone number, **OR** RRID	No cell materials were used in this study	n/a
Primary cultures: Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status.	No primary cultures were used in this study	n/a

Experimental animals	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Laboratory animals: Provide species, strain, sex, age, genetic modification status. Provide accession number in repository **OR** supplier name, catalog number, clone number, **OR** RRID	No animals were used in this study	n/a
Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex and age where possible	No animals were used in this study	n/a
Model organisms: Provide Accession number in repository (where relevant) **OR** RRID	No animals were used in this study	n/a

Plants and microbes	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Plants: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source (including location for collected wild specimens)	No plants were used in this study	n/a
Microbes: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source	No microbes were used in this study	n/a

Human research participants	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Identify authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.	Section: Methods: Ethical Issues Page: 10 Line: 9-10 AND Section: Footnote: Ethical Statement Page: 24 Line: 6-8	
Provide statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants.	Section: Methods: Ethical Issues Page: 10 Line: 6-7 AND Section: Footnote: Ethical statement Page: 24 Line: 4-5	
Report on age and sex for all study participants.	Section: Methods: Summative evaluation Page: 8 Line: 6-7 AND Section: Results Page: 10 Line: 13-14	

Design

Study protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
For clinical trials, provide the trial registration number **OR** cite DOI in manuscript.	The study was not a clinical trial	n/a

Laboratory protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Provide DOI or other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available.	The study did not require a laboratory protocol	n/a

Experimental study design (statistics details)	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State whether and how the following have been done**, or** if they were not carried out.		
Sample size determination	The study was not an experimental design	n/a
Randomisation	The study was not an experimental design	n/a
Blinding	The study was not an experimental design	n/a
Inclusion/exclusion criteria	The study was not an experimental design	n/a

Sample definition and in-laboratory replication	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State number of times the experiment was replicated in laboratory	The study was not an experimental design	n/a
Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates	The data does not describe technical o biological replicates	n/a

Ethics	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Studies involving human participants: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.	Section: Methods: Ethical Issues Page: 10 Line: 9-10 AND Section: Footnote: Ethical Statement Page: 24 Line: 6-8	
Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.	The study did not involve experimental animals	n/a
Studies involving specimen and field samples: State if relevant permits obtained, provide details of authority approving study; if none were required, explain why.	The study did not involve specimen or field samples	n/a

Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
If study is subject to dual use research of concern, state the authority granting approval and reference number for the regulatory approval	The study is not subject to dual use research of concern	n/a

Analysis

Attrition	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State if sample or data point from the analysis is excluded, and whether the criteria for exclusion were determined and specified in advance.	All data collected were included in the analysis	n/a

Statistics	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests.	The study is of qualitative design; therefore no statistics were conducted.	n/a

Data Availability	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State whether newly created datasets are available, including protocols for access or restriction on access.	Section: Footnote: Data availability Page: 24 Line: 11-12	
If data are publicly available, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL.	Data will not be made publicly available	n/a
If publicly available data are reused, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL, where possible.	Primary data was collected	n/a

Code Availability	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
For all newly generated code and software essential for replicating the main findings of the study:		
State whether the code or software is available.	No code or software was generated for this study	n/a
If code is publicly available, provide accession number in repository, or DOI or URL.	No code or software was generated for this study	n/a

Reporting

Adherence to community standards	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
MDAR framework recommends adoption of discipline-specific guidelines, established and endorsed through community initiatives. Journals have their own policy about requiring specific guidelines and recommendations to complement MDAR.		n/a
State if relevant guidelines (eg., ICMJE, MIBBI, ARRIVE) have been followed, and whether a checklist (eg., CONSORT, PRISMA, ARRIVE) is provided with the manuscript.	ICMJE guidelines were followed, as the journal follows ICMJE recommendations for publication.	

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