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 commercial reagent was used in this study.	√

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 line was used in this study.	√
Primary cultures: Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status.	No cell line was used in this study.	√

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 laboratory animal was used in this study.	√
Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex and age where possible	No laboratory animal was used in this study.	√
Model organisms: Provide Accession number in repository (where relevant) **OR** RRID	No laboratory animal was used in this study.	√

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 plant was studied in this study.	√
Microbes: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source	No microbe was studied in this study.	√

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.	Yes, (the section of Materials and methods/ the first paragraph)	
Provide statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants.	Yes, (the section of Materials and methods/ the first paragraph)	
Report on age and sex for all study participants.	Yes, (the section of results/ the first paragraph)	

Design

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

Laboratory protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Provide DOI or other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available.	This is a retrospective study and the laboratory protocal is not appliable.	√

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	This is a retrospective study and sample size	√
Randomisation	This is a retrospective study and no randomization was	√
Blinding		√
Inclusion/exclusion criteria	Yes, (the section of Materials and methods/ the first paragraph)	

Sample definition and in-laboratory replication	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State number of times the experiment was replicated in laboratory	This is a retrospective clinical study.	√
Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates	This is a retrospective clinical study.	√

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.	Yes, (the section of Materials and methods/ the first paragraph)	
Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.	No experimental animal was studied in this paper.	√
Studies involving specimen and field samples: State if relevant permits obtained, provide details of authority approving study; if none were required, explain why.	This study was not involving specimen and field samples.	√

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	This study is not subject to dual use research of concern.	√

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.	No sample or data point from the analysis was excluded in this study.	√

Statistics	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests.	Yes, (the section of Materials and methods/ the eleventh paragraph)	

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.	The datasets are not available, including protocols for access or restriction on access.	√
If data are publicly available, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL.	The study data are not publicly available.	√
If publicly available data are reused, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL, where possible.	No publicly available data was reused in this study.	√

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 in this study.	√
If code is publicly available, provide accession number in repository, or DOI or URL.	No code or software was generated in this study.	√

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.		
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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