#### <u>Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR)</u> Checklist for Authors

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### **Materials**

Antibodies	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
For commercial reagents, provide supplier name, catalogue number and RRID, if available.		This study does not involve any reagents.
Cell materials	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
<b>Cell lines:</b> Provide species information, strain. Provide accession number in repository <b>OR</b> supplier name, catalog number, clone number, <b>OR</b> RRID		This study does not involve any cell materials.
<b>Primary cultures:</b> Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status.		This study does not involve any cell materials.
Experimental animals	Yes (indicate where	n/a

Experimental animals	provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
<b>Laboratory animals:</b> Provide species, strain, sex, age, genetic modification status. Provide accession number in repository <b>OR</b> supplier name, catalog number, clone number, <b>OR</b> RRID		This study does not involve any experimental animals.
Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex and age where possible		This study does not involve any experimental animals.
Model organisms: Provide Accession number in repository (where relevant) <b>OR</b> RRID		This study does not involve any experimental animals.

Plants and microbes	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
<b>Plants:</b> provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source (including location for collected wild specimens)		This study does not involve any plants and microbes.
<b>Microbes:</b> provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source		This study does not involve any plants and microbes.

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.		This study does not involve human research participants.
Provide statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants.		This study does not involve human research participants.
Report on age and sex for all study participants.		This study does not involve human research participants.

## <u>Design</u>

Study protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
For clinical trials, provide the trial registration number <b>OR</b> cite DOI in manuscript.		This study is not a clinical trials
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 study is not a laboratory trials
Experimental study design (statistics details)	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
State whether and how the following have been		
done, <b>or</b> if they were not carried out.		
Sample size determination		This study does not involve any experiment.
Randomisation		This study does not involve any experiment.
Blinding		This study does not involve any experiment.
Inclusion/exclusion criteria		This study does not involve any experiment.
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 study does not involve any experiment.
Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates		This study does not involve any experiment.
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.		This study does not involve human participants.
Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.		This study does not involve experimental animals.
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 does not involve 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.

## <u>Analysis</u>

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.		This study does not involve any exclusion of data or sample.
Statistics	Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph)	n/a
Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests.		This study does not involve statistical tests.
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.	Materials and methods/paragraph 1	
If data are publicly available, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL.	Materials and methods/paragraph 1	
If publicly available data are reused, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL, where possible.	Materials and methods/paragraph 1	
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.		This study does not involve newly generated code and software.
If code is publicly available, provide accession number in repository, or DOI or URL.		This study does not involve newly generated code and software.

# **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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