Pilot Study

A pilot study is a preliminary, exploratory, preparatory, small sample effort undertaken to decide whether a larger study is warranted. The sample size is too small to permit generalizability, but it should provide a window into what a larger trial would look like. The submission should include a descriptive and succinct title, a structured abstract, an introduction that specifies the importance of the study, a methods section, results, a discussion, a conclusion, and references.

Abstract: 250 words

References: 30

Text: 2000-3000 words

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