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- * Study Design
- * Data Collection
- * Analysis
- * Interpretation
- * Possible effects of bias on outcomes

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- * Is there a systematic review to refer to?
- * If not, could one be reasonably done here and now?
- * What this study adds to the available evidence
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- * Possible mechanisms

Controversies Raised by This Study

Future Research Directions

- * For this particular research collaboration
- * Underlying mechanisms
- * Clinical research

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