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 | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |

| 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 | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |
| Primary cultures: Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status. | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |

| 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 | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |
| Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex and age where possible | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |
| Model organisms: Provide Accession number in repository (where relevant) OR RRID | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |

| 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) | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |
| Microbes: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source | This is a non-basic experimental paper. There's no data available. | ✓ |

| Human research participants | Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph) | n/a |
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| Identify authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval. | Since the data in the GEO database is open to the public, it can be downloaded free of charge. This study strictly followed the publication guidelines and access policies for the database, so this study does not require ethical review or approval from the IRB. | ✓ |
| Provide statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants. | Since the data in the GEO database is open to the public, it can be downloaded free of charge. This study strictly followed the publication guidelines and access policies for the database, so this study does not require the statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants. | ✓ |
| Report on age and sex for all study participants. | This study does not require age and sex for all study participants. | ✓ |
### 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 bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |

| Laboratory protocol | Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph) | n/a |
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| Provide DOI or other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available. | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |

| 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. | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
| Sample size determination | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
| Randomisation | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
| Blinding | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
| Inclusion/exclusion criteria | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |

| Sample definition and in-laboratory replication | Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph) | n/a |
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| State number of times the experiment was replicated in laboratory | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
| Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |

| Ethics | Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph) | n/a |
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| Studies involving human participants: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval. | Since the data in the GEO database is open to the public, it can be downloaded free of charge. This study strictly followed the publication guidelines and access policies for the database, so this study does not require ethical review or approval from the IRB. | √ |
| Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval. | Since the data in the GEO database is open to the public, it can be downloaded free of charge. This study strictly followed the publication guidelines and access policies for the database, so this study does not require ethical review or approval from the IRB. | √ |
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| 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 is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | √ |
### 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. | This is a bioinformatics article. There's no data available. | ✓ |

| Statistics | Yes (indicate where provided: section/paragraph) | n/a |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests. | Description in method section. | |

| 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. | Description in method section. | |
| If data are publicly available, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL. | [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE68506](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE68506); [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE59421](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE59421); [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE20129](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GE20129) | |
| If publicly available data are reused, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL, where possible. | No duplicate data were used 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. | Description in method section. | |
| If code is publicly available, provide accession number in repository, or DOI or URL. | Description in method section. | |

### 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 (e.g., ICMJE, MIBBI, ARRIVE) have been followed, and whether a checklist (e.g., CONSORT, PRISMA, ARRIVE) is provided with the manuscript. | ICMJE guidelines were followed, as the journal follows ICMJE recommendations for publication. | |

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