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Text

Aim of the study and research questions or hypotheses

Text

Method or approach

Sample (example sub-section)

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Materials

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Procedure

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Data analysis

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Results or main points

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Example of a table

Table 1

Title of the table, in italics

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B	2	2	2	2
C	3	3	3	3
D	4	4	4	4

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