ABSTRACT
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Why is the topic important?
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DISCUSSION
What do the results mean?
Recommendation for further research
Limitations of the study

CONCLUSION
Outcome of the research
Was the assertion (hypothesis / thesis) proved, disproved or inconclusive?

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