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Title: A Tutorial on Pilot Studies: The What, Why and How

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Dear Dr. Koutsos,

Please find attached a manuscript titled “A tutorial on Pilot Studies: The What, Why and How”, for consideration for possible publication in the BMC Medical Research Methodology as a Commentary.

This commentary paper provides a detailed examination of the key aspects of pilot studies including 1) the general reasons for conducting a pilot study; 2) the relationships between pilot studies, proof-of-concept studies, and adaptive designs; 3) the challenges of pilot studies 4) the evaluation of a pilot study (i.e. how to determine if a pilot study was successful); 5) frequently asked questions about pilot studies; 7) some ethical aspects related to pilot studies; and 8) some suggestions on how to report the results of pilot investigations using the CONSORT format.

We hope you will find the paper interesting and consider it for publication.

We look forward to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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