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- the **exact sample size (n)** for each experimental group/condition, given as a number, not a range;
- a **description of the sample collection** allowing the reader to understand whether the samples represent **technical or biological replicates** (including how many animals, litters, culture, etc.);
- a **statement of how many times the experiment shown was replicated in the laboratory**;
- **definitions of statistical methods and measures:** (For small sample sizes (n<5) descriptive statistics are not appropriate, instead plot individual data points)
 - very common tests, such as *t*-test, simple χ^2 tests, Wilcoxon and Mann-Whitney tests, can be unambiguously identified by name only, but more complex techniques should be described in the methods section;
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 - are there adjustments for multiple comparisons?
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 - definition of **'center values'** as **median or mean**;
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1. How was the sample size chosen to ensure adequate power to detect a pre-specified effect size? (Give section/paragraph or page #)
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5. For every figure, are statistical tests justified as appropriate?

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Do the data meet the assumptions of the tests (e.g., normal distribution)?

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Is there an estimate of variation within each group of data?

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6. Report the source of antibodies (vendor and catalog number)

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7. Identify the source of cell lines and report if they were recently authenticated (e.g., by STR profiling) and tested for mycoplasma contamination

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8. Report species, strain, sex and age of animals

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9. For experiments involving live vertebrates, include a statement of compliance with ethical regulations and identify the committee(s) approving the experiments.

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11. Identify the committee(s) approving the study protocol.

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17. Provide accession codes for deposited data.

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- a. Protein, DNA and RNA sequences
- b. Macromolecular structures
- c. Crystallographic data for small molecules
- d. Microarray data

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