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Exercise for Reporting SABV
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Sex Differences in the Management of Coronary Artery Disease

Scientific publishing is the major way that biomedical researchers make their ideas, methods, and results transparent. Scientific publications have focused on how to improve the reporting of sex in articles. In addition, guidance is available to help researchers, journal editors, and peer reviewers do their part to improve the reporting of sex information in manuscripts submitted for publication.

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- *Good specification of sex in the title.*
- *Appropriate indication of whether sex differences are expected.*
- *Effective review of the implications of sex on the study results.*
- *Appropriate data analysis by sex.*
- *Sufficient description of how you took sex into account in the research design.*

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Discussion
Although validated measures of male and female sex were assessed as part of the analyses, one limitation is that the primary outcome of this study does not address the gender of participants.

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Introduction

Studies by Young and Fitch (2017) and Fitch and Lloyd (2011) found no significant differences in the tail length of female and male offspring of mice exposed to several classes of environmental toxins.

Based on these and other research findings (Grace et al., 2016; Bruce and Green, 2015; Rosen et al., 2017) we conducted our study in male mice only.

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Methods

For this study, 235 women and 235 men aged 25-45 will be recruited to assess the survival rates from breast cancer as a primary outcome of excessive coffee consumption and hormonal therapy. Women have a higher prevalence of breast cancer; men, however, have a lower 5-year survival rate for breast cancer compared to women.

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Discussion
The data show that married men provided Vitamin B12 show a decrease in the rate of growth of grey hair in response to stressful stimuli over the time period studied.

The effect of Vitamin B12, however, cannot be generalized to all married persons as women were not included in the study. Future studies, powered to detect sex differences are needed to identify if Vitamin B12 will affect the rate of grey hair growth in response to stressful stimuli.

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