**Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR)**

**Checklist for Authors**

The MDAR framework establishes a minimum set of requirements in transparent reporting applicable to studies in the life sciences (see Statement of Task: doi:10.31222/osf.io/9sm4x.). The MDAR checklist is a tool for authors, editors, and others seeking to adopt the MDAR framework for transparent reporting in manuscripts and other outputs. Please refer to the MDAR Elaboration Document for additional context for the MDAR framework.

**For all that apply, please note where in the manuscript the required information is provided.**

**Materials:**

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| **Newly created materials** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| The manuscript includes a dedicated "materials availability statement" providing transparent disclosure about availability of newly created materials including details on how materials can be accessed and describing any restrictions on access. |  | n/a |
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| **Antibodies** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| For commercial reagents, provide supplier name, catalogue number and [RRID](https://scicrunch.org/resources), if available. |  | n/a |
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| **DNA and RNA sequences** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| **Short novel DNA or RNA including primers, probes:** Sequences should be included or deposited in a public repository. | Used primers for v4 amplicon sequencing as well as for ddPCR were previously described and are listed in the “Methods” section.  |  |
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| **Cell materials** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend** | **n/a** |
| **Cell lines:** Provide species information, strain. Provide accession number in repository **OR** supplier name, catalog number, clone number, **OR** RRID. |  | n/a |
| **Primary cultures:** Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status. |  | n/a |
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| **Experimental animals** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| **Laboratory animals or Model organisms:** Provide species, strain, sex, age, genetic modification status. Provide accession number in repository **OR** supplier name, catalog number, clone number, **OR** RRID. | Information on captive bred poison frogs is given in the “Methods” section “Captive-bred animals” |  |
| **Animal observed in or captured from the field:** Provide species, sex, and age where possible. | Information on wild poison frog populations is given in the “Methods” section “Study species, reproductive strategies and life history”. |  |
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| **Plants and microbes** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| **Plants:** provide species and strain, ecotype and cultivar where relevant, unique accession number if available, and source (including location for collected wild specimens). |  | n/a |
| **Microbes:** provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source. | Microbial taxa were determined with amplicon sequencing from poison frog skin and not obtained from other sources. |  |
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| **Human research participants** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend) or state if these demographics were not collected** | **n/a** |
| If collected and within the bounds of privacy constraints report on age, sex and gender or ethnicity for all study participants. |  | n/a |

**Design:**

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| **Study protocol** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| If study protocol has been pre-registered, provide DOI. For clinical trials, provide the trial registration number **OR** cite DOI.  |  | n/a |
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| **Laboratory protocol** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)** | **n/a** |
| Provide DOI **OR** other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available.  |  | n/a |
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| **Experimental study design (statistics details)** |
| **For in vivo studies:** State whether and how the following have been done | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend. If it could have been done, but was not, write not done** | **n/a** |
| Sample size determination | Sample sizes were determined based on effect sizes estimated from previously published studies on poison frog skin microbial communities (Caty et al., 2025). |  |
| Randomisation |  | n/a |
| Blinding |  | n/a |
| Inclusion/exclusion criteria | Described in the “Methods” sections “Sequence processing and bioinformatics”. |  |
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| **Sample definition and in-laboratory replication** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend** | **n/a** |
| State number of times the experiment was replicated in laboratory. | Described in the “Methods” section of respective experiments |  |
| Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates. | Biological replicates, as described in the “Methods” section of respective experiments |  |
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| **Studies involving human participants:** State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.  |  | n/a |
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| **Studies involving specimen and field samples:** State if relevant permits obtained, provide details of authority approving study; if none were required, explain why. | Described in the “Permits” “section. |  |
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**Analysis:**

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**Reporting**

MDAR framework recommends adoption of discipline-specific guidelines, established and endorsed through community initiatives. Journals have their own policy about requiring specific guidelines and recommendations to complement MDAR.

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| **Adherence to community standards** | **indicate where provided: page no/section/legend** | **n/a** |
| State if relevant guidelines (e.g., ICMJE, MIBBI, ARRIVE) have been followed, and whether a checklist (e.g., CONSORT, PRISMA, ARRIVE) is provided with the manuscript.  | We adhered to MIxS/MIMARKS for data/metadata deposited in Dryad. |  |