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## Literature Review (For Subheadings, apply “Heading Style 2”)

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## Public Health Significance

< Explain why your research is important in the context of public health. Explain how the results of your study may help advance the science/field of public health. Sometimes this is described as the “*So what* *section*” of your project. >

## Hypothesis, Research Question, Specific Aims or Objectives

< State the hypothesis, research question, aim or objective of your study. Include at least one of these as appropriate for the study design and your intentions for the research. Consult with your advisor regarding which is best for your research. Specific aims or objectives are a listing of the steps and/or approaches to addressing the hypothesis or research questions. Often the hypothesis or research question is preceded by a brief (no more than half a page) rationale for the research. This section is often in the form of an introductory statement followed by a colon and listing of the hypothesis, research question aims or objectives. >

# Methods

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## Study Design

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# Conclusion

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