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FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO GENERATE A GREAT HYPOTHESIS!

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Generating a good hypothesis is of utmost importance in research practices. As the working tool of theory, a good hypothesis not only gives direction to the research but also provides the researchers with clear conclusions. The hypothesis should be explanatory, specific to the point, concise, realistic, and testable [1].

The researchers should take several steps in order to generate a proper hypothesis. The first step in this 'long journey' is creating a research question. The research question should be based on a logical and reasonable problem [2]. This question, thereafter, is transformed into a hypothesis. The researchers develop null and alternate hypotheses characterizing the research question. The

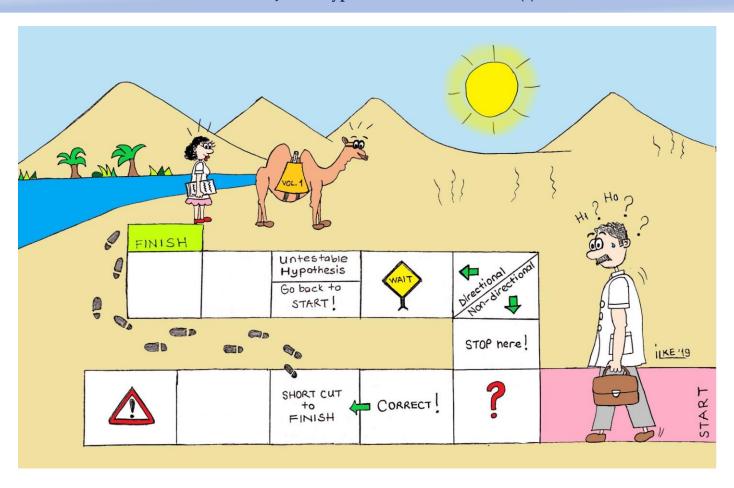
alternate hypothesis can be set as point, directional, or non-directional [3]. The directional hypothesis indicates the direction of the expected results, while the non-directional hypothesis does not specify any definite direction [2]. At this step, the hypothesis should be developed by taking the methodology of the research (qualitative or quantitative) and the design of the trial (non-inferiority, equivalence, or superiority) into account [1, 3].

Following the directions properly will ensure a specific and testable hypothesis. Reaching the 'finish point', researchers are now ready for testing their newly developed hypothesis...

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