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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the following questions as concisely as possible.

1. What is the main purpose (goal/objective) of the author(s)?

2. What is the perspective/point-of-view of the author(s) on the subject that is being studied?

3. State the primary hypothesis

4. What observational evidence is critical to the formation of the author(s) hypothesis?

5. What is the main underlying assumption that the author uses as a basis for his/her study?
6. What is the primary experimental method used in the study described in this article?

7. What data are the primary pieces of supporting evidence (describe the one or two most important) for the author's primary conclusion?

8. What is the most important scientific conclusion of the author of the paper?

9. In your opinion, did the data support the conclusion? Why or why not?

10. What is the significance of this study if we agree with the conclusions of the author(s)?

11. What ONE aspect would you change about the study described in the paper?

12. Are there aspects of the written presentation of this study that are unclear or could be improved upon?