

# Pilot study

A [pilot](#) study, pilot project or pilot experiment is a small scale preliminary study conducted in order to evaluate feasibility, time, cost, adverse events, and effect size (statistical variability) in an attempt to predict an appropriate sample size and improve upon the study design prior to performance of a full-scale research project.

Pilot studies, therefore, may not be appropriate for case studies.

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