

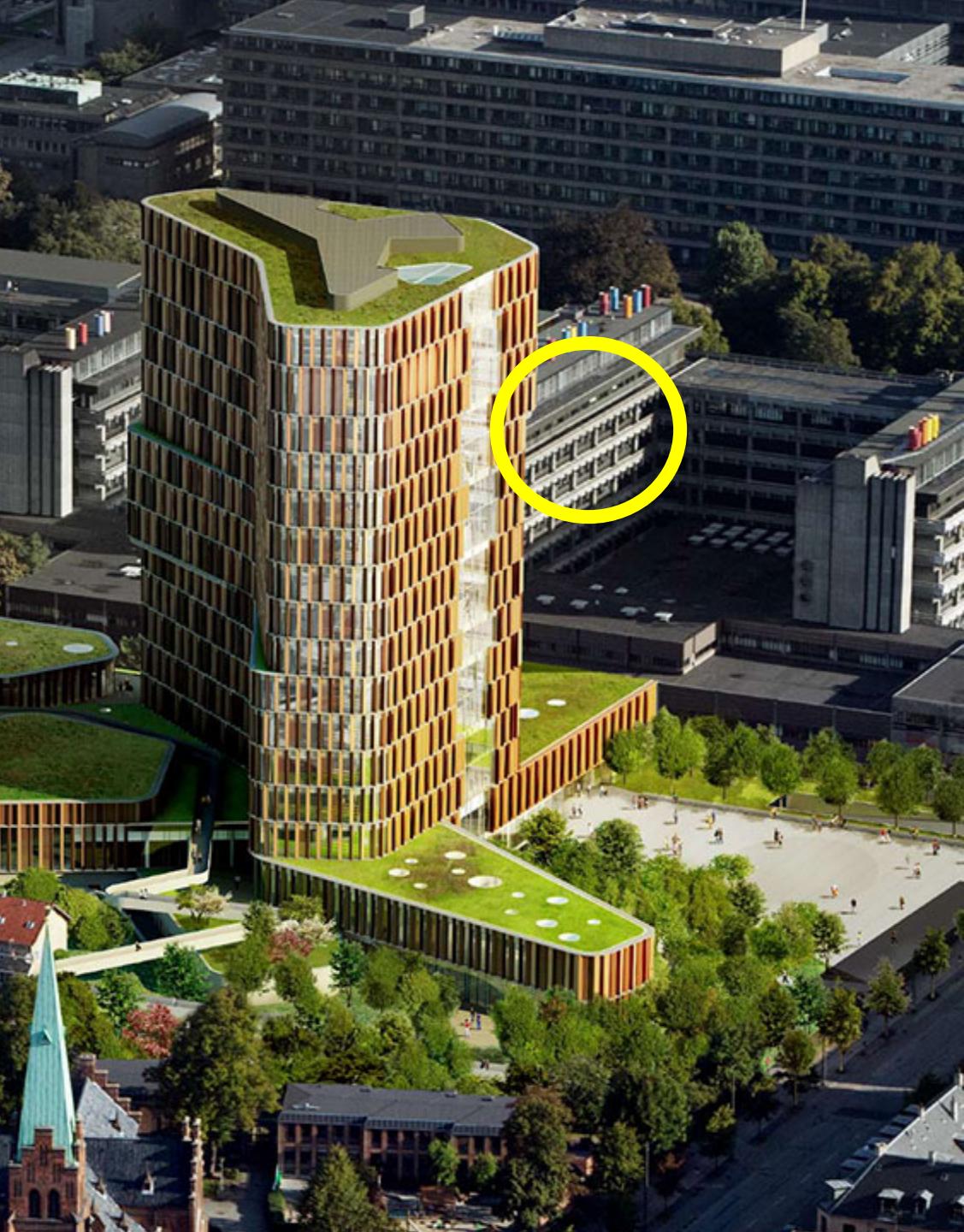
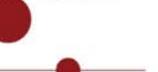
Gender and Sex Dimensions in Obesity Research

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Agenda

- Present our **interdisciplinary** group and research theme
- Present how **sex** and **gender** impacts different parts of biomedical/clinical research from **idea** to **publication** of findings
- Present **international developments** in sex/gender dimensions



How to obtain healthy weight throughout life?

S-LITE



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Increase in appetite
and sedentary
behaviour

RESETTLE

Weight regain



PRE STORK

Childhood-
onset obesity



Initiating weight
loss

Neurobiological
body-weight
defense system



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Sex and Gender in the flow of our biomedical research

Examples of terminology

Sex

Biological sex/sex assigned at birth

- Female/male/intersex

Gender

Identity

- Women/men/other



Treatment of obesity for both men and women

Study design: Inclusion
of participants



Women more often seek and get included in obesity trials → we actively work on diverse inclusion, also for **Men**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Healthy Weight Loss Maintenance with Exercise, Liraglutide, or Both Combined

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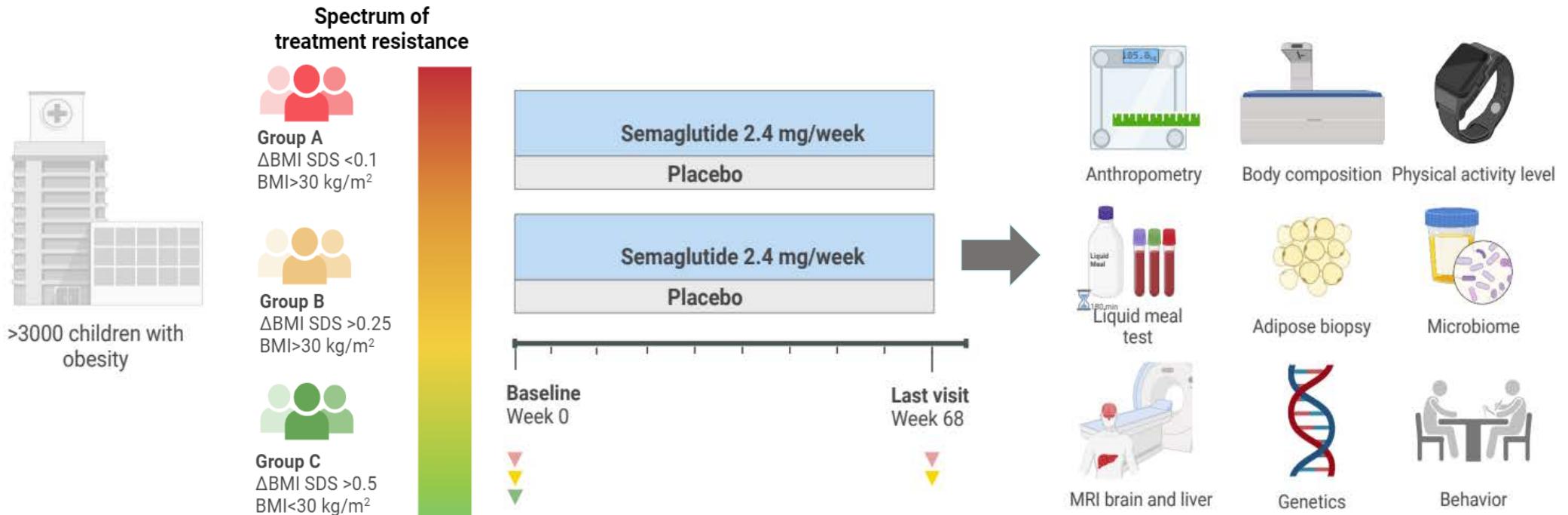
Treatment of childhood-onset obesity: ongoing trial

Day-to-day activities
in clinical trials



By **collecting information** (self-reported questionnaires) at inclusion we can address a participant's appropriate **gender** and names →

- Better create an inclusive, respectful, and diverse approach to participants
- Improve participant-investigator relation and communication
- Increase compliance and reduce drop-out rates

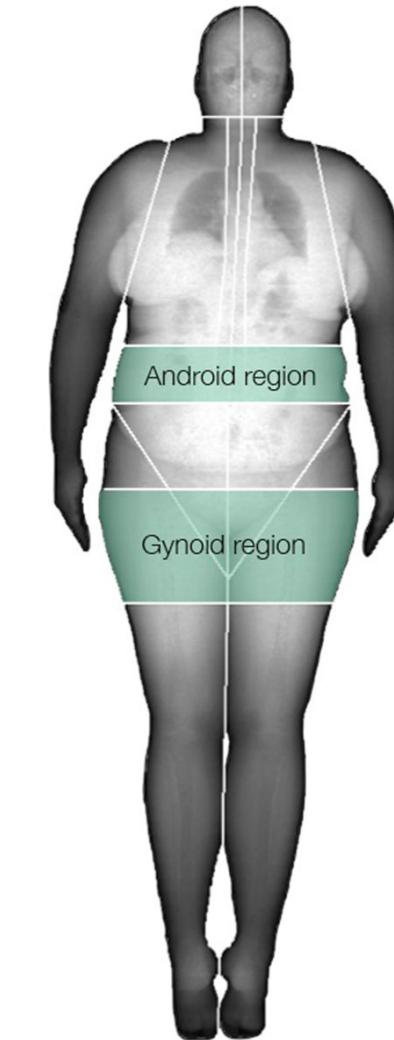


**Data collection
and analysis**

Differences can be apparent in investigated outcomes:

E.g., body fat distributions between **sexes**:

- Android distribution: abdominal fat, often present in males
- Gynoid distribution: thigh-area, often present in females



Publication

Sex and Gender Equity in research (SAGER)

By *Lancet* editors

Excerpts of checklists by publisher CellPress

CellPress**Cell Metabolism****Cell Reports Medicine*****Inclusion and diversity relating to the scientific content of the paper:*****Yes No n/a**

We worked to ensure gender balance in the recruitment of human subjects.

We worked to ensure ethnic or other types of diversity in the recruitment of human subjects.

We worked to ensure that the study questionnaires were prepared in an inclusive way.

 Table 1. SAGER guidelines checklist - studies with human participants

Section/ Topic	Item number	Checklist item	Reported on page number
General	1	The terms sex/gender used appropriately	
Title	2	Title specifies the sex/gender of participants if only one included	

Sex and gender adapted to biomedical research

Sex

Biological sex/sex assigned at birth

**Study design: Inclusion
of participants**

Determining factor of randomization to trial

**Day-to-day activities
in clinical trials**

Less relevant in participant communication

**Data collection
and analysis**

Known effect on investigated outcome (e.g.,
body fat distribution)
- Requires statistical stratification/adjustment

Publication

Required reporting of sex and other
demographics

Impact

Achieve diverse participants → increase
generalizability of findings

Gender

Identity

Most often not determining of
inclusion/randomization

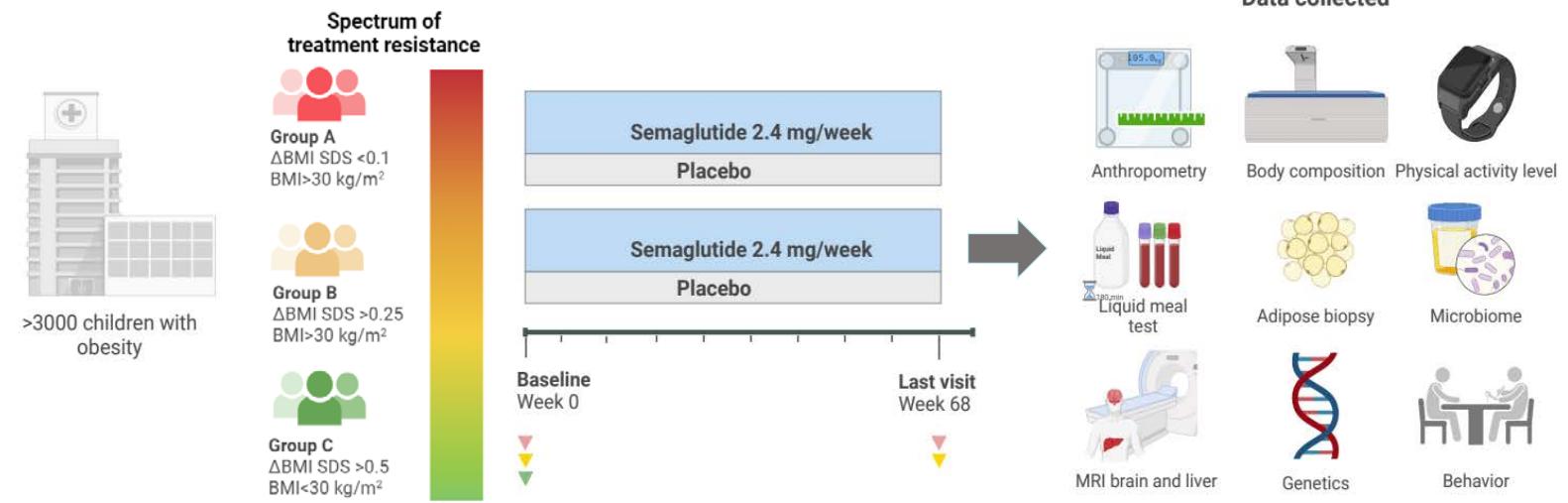
Important for inclusive/respectful
communication

Often less relevant for biomedical outcomes

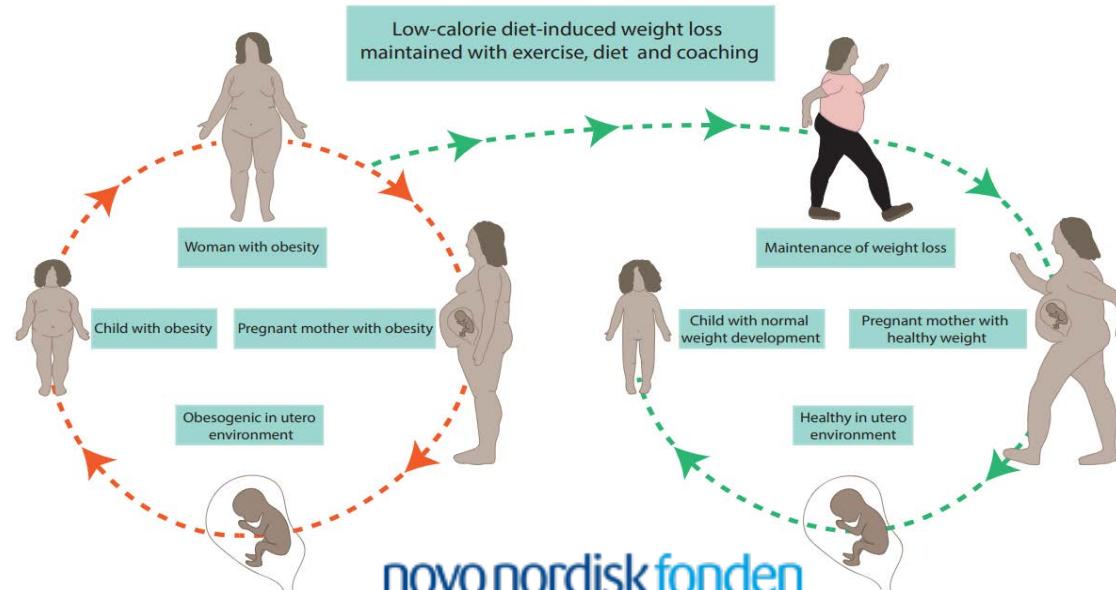
Emerging requirements for reporting

Achieve greater inclusivity & generalizability

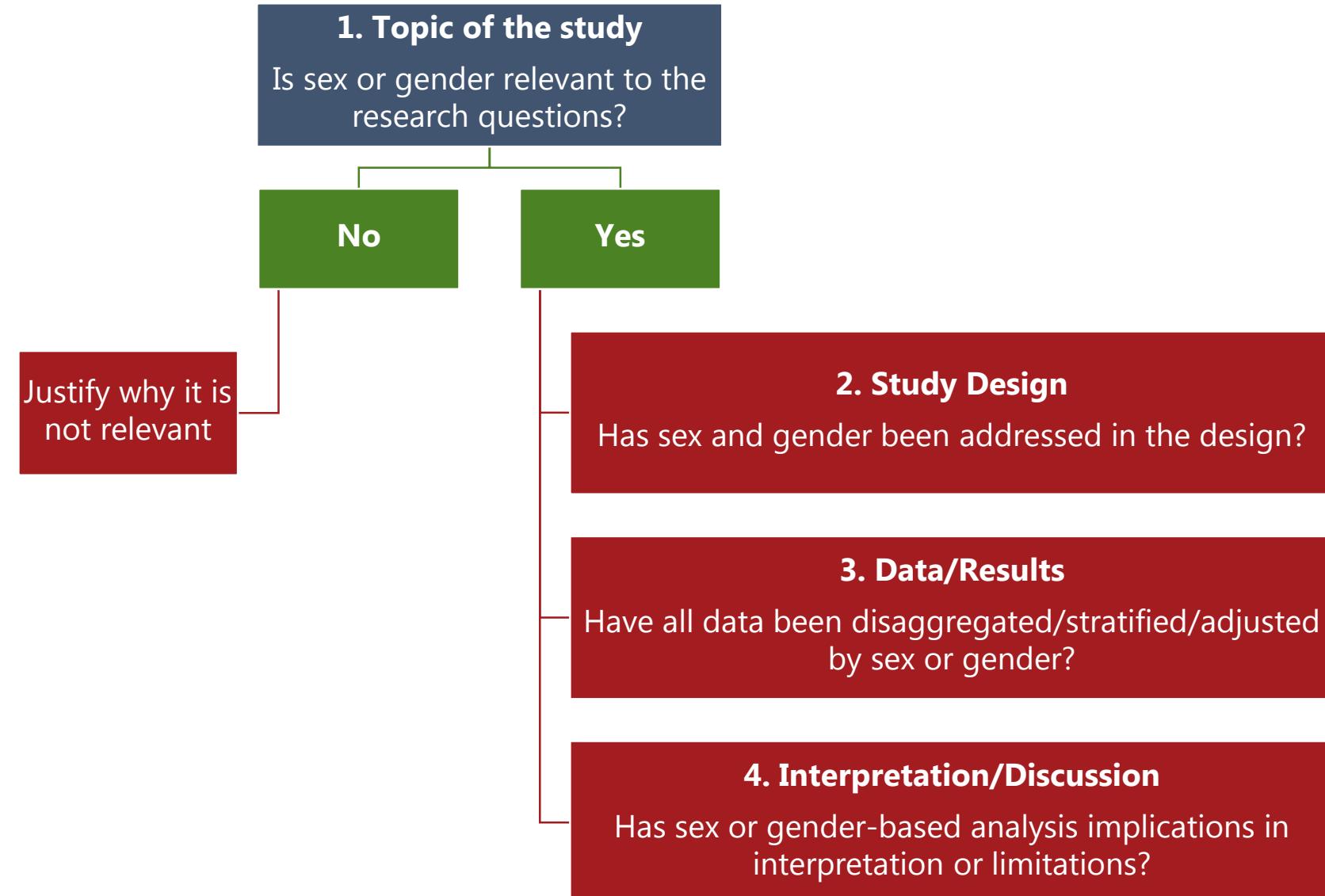
RESETTLE-Treatment of childhood-onset obesity



PRE-STORK -Prevention of childhood obesity



SAGER guidelines



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