**Note-taking from a Scientific Journal Article**

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| **Background**  *What was the context for this research?*  *What has been studied or determined already?* | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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