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The authors' study provides a clear explanation of the difficulties encountered in outcomes and intervention research. They show how to carry out these investigations in a reasonable and comprehensive manner.

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