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The discussion should compare the data with the findings expected from the literature and relevant work previously discussed. Do the findings agree in full, in part or offer different perspectives? Are the findings in direct contrast to previous work and is further investigation necessary? Does it mean that previous work is questionable, has the work exposed weakness with the methods used?

**CONCLUSION**

The conclusion states what was found, raises any important considerations, areas for further research and other directly relevant factors.