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scientific debate

Owen Ozier, one of the researchers whose study was criticised in the recent analysis, argues that his study was misunderstood.

Q: What are your thoughts on the recent study?

A: The recent analysis shows that there are only three long-term follow-up studies of cluster-randomised deworming trials, including a study of mine. All three such studies show large deworming benefits in terms of outcomes, including measures of cognition and health. The recent analysis tries to assess the methodological rigor of these three long-term follow-up studies by applying criteria set out by the Cochrane Collaboration (a global independent network of researchers, professionals, patients, carers, and people interested in health). However, it misunderstands aspects of both the Cochrane guidelines and the details of the actual research projects involved.