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RESEARCH WASTE

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Although I didn't expect that ever in allergy research there is an editorial with the title "[Research Waste in Atopic Eczema Trials - Just the Tip of the Iceberg](#)" referring to a meta-analysis by Wilkes et al.

Clinical trials often continue to be undertaken even though the effectiveness of the intervention under consideration has already been demonstrated. In addition, vehicle- or placebo-controlled studies predominate over head-to-head comparisons, although the latter would be more informative for clinicians in guiding patient management. This creates research waste, and both investigators and funders are to blame.

