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 - Using malfunctioning equipment
 - Accepting data from participants who did not follow instructions
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* Thomas, J. R., Nelson, J. K., & Silverman, S. J. (2011). *Research methods in physical activity* (6th ed., Chapter5). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.