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Exclusion categories:

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Exp	Excluded on exposure (not primarily a study of effects of reindeer herbivory)
ExpD	No data on exposure differences (temporal or spatial differences in reindeer herbivory)
Lang	Excluded on language (full text not in English, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish, German or Russian)
Prim	No primary data on relevant outcomes (properties of vegetation)
Rev	No relevant primary data but potentially useful as a review
Subj	Excluded on subject (not a study of cover, biomass, structure, composition or productivity of vegetation)
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