

Abstract Checklist

- Abstract meets the character or word count limit
- Proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation are used
- Writing is clear and concise
- Presenting author is listed as first author
- Author affiliations are listed
- Title is descriptive and accurately reflects the content of the abstract
- Text is organized in the following sections: Background and Objective, Methods, Results, and Conclusions

BACKGROUND and OBJECTIVE

- Use of undefined terms, abbreviations and jargon is limited
- Critical definitions are included
- What is already known on the topic is briefly reviewed
- The research question to be answered is clearly outlined
- The specific objectives to answer the question are listed

METHODS

- Information on the research design (what was done and how) is provided

RESULTS

- Major findings are outlined, with numerical data whenever possible

CONCLUSIONS

- Conclusions are supported by data in the abstract
- The major implication of the findings is made clear