

# Abstract guidelines

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## Useful tips that will help get your abstract accepted

The following information will give you some practical advice about writing an abstract, to give your work the best possible chance of being rated highly.

## Structure of an abstract

### Title

The title should be an accurate description of the abstract's contents. It should explain as much as possible about the context and the aims. Ideally, the title should be about 10-12 words long, and should include the scope of the investigation, the study design and the goal. In general, it is preferable to make the title a description of what was investigated rather than a statement of the results or conclusions. The abstract's title should be easy for the reader to understand and should not include jargon or unfamiliar acronyms or abbreviations. The title should not be in capital letters.

### Authors

The list of authors should be restricted to those individuals who carried out the study, conceived it, designed it, gathered the data, analyzed the numbers and wrote the abstract. The author who will present the abstract should be listed first. Every listed author should read and approve the abstract before it is submitted. A max. of 8 Co-Authors is possible.

### Aims and objectives

Here, you should state the aim of the study, and ideally include a short statement of the study's hypothesis. A legitimate scientific study is not done "to prove that something is true" but rather "to find out whether it is true." The difference may seem small, but this is a vital point to be aware of. A formal hypothesis shows that you were objective.

### Methods

In an abstract, the description of the methods has to be concise, and a lot of the detail and descriptions of the method should be omitted. In a few short sentences, you can give the reader a good idea of the design of the study, the context in which it was done, and the types of patients or measurements that were included.

### Results

It is important to give the main results of the study, not just in subjective terms ("We found device X to be superior to device Y") but also in the form of some real data. You will need to choose which findings to report here: it should be the most important data in your study, and the findings on which your conclusions will be based. Do not include a table or figure unless you need it to show your results.



## Conclusions

Here, space limitations generally limit you to a single sentence of why you think your findings are important, and their potential implications. Keep your conclusions reasonable and supportable by the findings of your study. Remember that if your study was restricted to certain patients, or a particular therapy, or a specific device, its results may not extend beyond these restrictions.

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