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Abstract

The abstract should be written concisely and is designed to present a brief summary of your report. It should present the four main sections of the report and it should be intelligible and complete in itself. Therefore, you should not cite figures, tables or other sections of your paper. The first sentence should introduce the reader to the topic of the report and should set up the objectives of the investigation. The second sentence should provide the reader with the essential information about the participants and methods that were used in the experiment. Next, you should also highlight the main results and their relationship to the hypotheses. Finally, you must highlight the important conclusions and implications (either theoretical or practical) of your research. Overall, this section must be less than 150 words and should appear on a page of its own.

The introduction should begin on a new page, without a heading. It should introduce all the relevant concepts, and define all the relevant terms in a clear and logical order. Ultimately, the goal of the introduction is to set up the rationale and introduce the hypotheses of the study. It should be about one third of the overall word count, and all statements of fact must be referenced accordingly.

**Method**

**Participants**

In this section, you need to provide all the relevant details about the participants of the study. This may include the age range, gender breakdown and any other relevant demographic information.

**Materials**

You should include enough detail about the materials used in the experiment that the reader can replicate your study based solely on what you have described. You will need to describe any scales, questionnaires or other methods used in the experiment.

**Procedure**

In this section you will need to explain what the participants did to complete the study. This section will rely on your descriptions of the materials in the section above. Be careful not to repeat information that you have already described in the Materials section. This section should focus on what the participants did to complete the study, rather than what tools were used in the experiment.

**Design**

This section should explain the experimental design used in the study. It should operationalize and define all relevant variables, as well as presenting the statistical analysis utilized in this study.

**Results**

This section should start with a statement of how the data were handled prior to analysis. Then, the descriptive information should be presented followed by the inferential statistics, presented in a consistent chronological order. You should mention how the data were analysed and the statistical package used. It is often appropriate to present the data in a table to ensure it is clear to the reader.

**Discussion**

This section should begin with a statement about whether or not the hypotheses were supported. This should be followed by an interpretation of the results using the information that you have presented in the Introduction to guide your Discussion and explain the results. Some discussion of the limitations of the study, as well as implications of the findings and directions for future research should also be explored here.

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Appendix A

Any supplementary information should be contained here, and should also be referred to in the body of your report