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WRITING A RESEARCH ABSTRACT

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Below are CIMVHR's guidelines to writing a scientific research abstract.

Forum Scientific Research Abstract:

1. Introduction

Describe the problem you identified or expect to identify and briefly explain why solving it is important. Summarize the rationale for the study. Describe the type of study that you have completed (e.g., data collection, analyses, and results are complete), are completing (e.g., data collection underway, interim analyses and results are available), or are imminently undertaking (e.g., completed research protocol). State the aims or objectives, and when appropriate, the hypotheses.

2. Methods

Provide a brief description of the study design. Examples include, but are not limited to, a type of therapeutic trial, an observational study, a survey, a qualitative or humanities investigation, or a literature/evidence review. Briefly describe the population involved, sampling methods, data collection or management methods, the main outcome measures, and the associated data analytic methods.

3. Results

State the preliminary, expected, or final outcomes of the study based on data that have been or will be observed. For completed studies, provide two or three of the most important results in plain language terms and as data summaries. Provide measures of statistical significance and effect sizes for statistical results.

4. Conclusion

Briefly summarize the main conclusions based solely on the results to date. Explain how the results compare to expectations (e.g., whether your hypothesis was correct or whether you found the evidence for a solution to the problem you identified or, in the case of evidence reviews, findings with strength of evidence and certainty of conclusions). Do not make sweeping generalizations unsupported by the data and results. Point out what is or is expected to be new or innovative about the results. Summarize the implications of your study for people, policy, and further research.

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