

## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

### Abstract Structure

Abstracts should be structured as follows:

- **Background:**

Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem being analyzed or evaluated;

- **Methods:**

Describe the setting/location for the study, study design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used;

- **Results:**

Present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarized form.

- **Conclusions:**

Briefly discuss the data and main outcome of the study. Emphasize the significance and implications of the results.

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