

Feedback for Abstracts

- Content
 - Minimize intro/purpose
 - Include details regarding the method/procedures, participants and results
 - State the interpretation and implications as clearly separate from the results
 - Be careful to report differences in terms of statistical significance, not all “differences” matter
- Technical – Not Creative – Writing Style
 - Direct, concise sentences , Keep it Simple, Short “KISS”
 - Use the same words to mean the same thing
 - Use past tense throughout
 - To be brief/dense, avoid words that are general, vague, or redundant
 - Use “person first” language, and do not say “the study used # subjects”
- Formatting
 - Write out numbers that are the first word in a sentence or are <10; except, when the numbers represent ages or measurements.
 - Avoid using parentheses for information that is key.
 - Abbreviations must be clearly identified before they are used.