

Abstract

Table 1. Characteristics of a well-written abstract.

Stands on its own without need to read the paper

States the hypothesis, question, or objective of the study

Completes the story by answering the hypothesis, question, or objective

Contains the same key words and terms as the title and the introduction

Follows the correct style and format

Follows the order of the main text (e.g., IMRAD)

Stays within the allowed word count

Does not contain information absent in the paper

Does not make conclusions unsupported by the data

Limits the use of abbreviations

Does not include references

Does not cite tables or figures