

Structured abstract template

The recommended structure for research submissions. Copy each heading into the submission form and replace the guidance text.

Title

- Concise, specific, and free of abbreviations.

Authors and affiliations

- Presenting author first, marked with an asterisk.
- List each affiliation once and reference it by number.

Background

- Why the problem matters and what is currently unknown (2-3 sentences).

Methods

- Study design, setting, data sources and cohort.
- Model or intervention description, including validation approach.

Results

- Primary outcome with effect size and uncertainty.
- Secondary outcomes and any subgroup findings.

Conclusion

- What changes for clinicians, patients or health systems.

Conflict of interest

- Declare funding, employment and commercial relationships, or state 'None'.