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Background (*approx. 70 words*) Also called “introduction”, the role of this part is to describe the rationale of this study, and prepare for the aim. It starts with a general context, and then leads towards the actual (clinical/technical/educational/..) problem that the introduced study is based upon. Also cite relevant previous work [#] (from one’s own or from others) to further funnel the reasoning towards the aim. This section is used by reviewers to assess “relevance” .

Aim: (*approx. 30 words*) The aim (or: purpose; or: objective; or: research question) is basically a concise statement of what goal, phrased in a precise way, is going to be targeted by this study.

Method: (*approx. 100 words*) The method refers to how the study is setup and executed. It describes all the steps and selections that made to fulfill the aim of the study and to allow the reader to critically appraise the results. For most clinical studies this implies: selection criteria of the subjects; agenda for each subjects that took part; the measurements and interventions that were done; how the data was processed into the concepts mentioned in the aim; and the statistical evaluation. For non-clinical studies the structure is less straightforward, but relevant details must be given especially if the method is (technological) innovative.

Results: (*approx 130 words*)

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Discussion & Conclusion (*70 words approximately*) While in the result sections interpretation must be avoided, the discussion is meant to do so. Mention questions like: “are there important limitations of the study ? “ ; “does it confirm or conflict with previous results ?”; “ Is the result generalizable ?” After all relevant considerations, a final **conclusion** must be drawn up. This should be a sensible answer to the aim, but not overstretch the importance of the results.

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