

Instructions for preparing an abstract

Abstract Layout, Formatting and Referencing Instructions

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Keywords: Keyword 1, Keyword 2, Keyword 3 (up to three (3) keywords)

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Topic(s): Please indicate the topic(s) which relate(s) most closely to the focus of the abstract

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Word count: Including the title, keywords, topics, word count, main subject text, tables, figures and references

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General instructions (Section heading: Times New Roman, bold, 12 pt, no numbering)

Please read these instructions in conjunction with the Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract. The abstract should be prepared using ISO A4 paper size (210 x 297 mm) using the **Times New Roman (12 pt, justified)** font according to the format described in this template. The authors are strongly urged to follow these instructions to facilitate the review process. The first paragraph of each section and subsection should not be indented.

Following paragraphs indented 0.5 cm.

Margins should be: top 3 cm, bottom 2 cm, left and right 3 cm each. The overall length of the abstract, including illustrations, tables, and references, is limited to **800 words**.

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Other details (subheading: Times New Roman, italics, 12 pt, no numbering)

Pages should be numbered in the page footer, including the first page, as here. Abstracts should be organized in the following sequence:

- Title of the abstract
- Keywords
- Topic(s)
- Word count
- Main subject text: purpose; design/methodology/approach; findings; relevance/contribution
- References

Bulleted or numbered lists should have hanging indent by 0.5 cm. Avoid using more than two levels in the lists.

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Footnotes should be avoided. The corresponding text should be incorporated in the main text.

Equations should be typed flush with the left-hand margin and numbered consecutively with numbers in brackets on the right. Leave single spacing above and below equations, like shown in equation (1).

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Figures and tables must be included in the main text and must be individually numbered and captioned. Illustrations should be sharp and clear. Place figures and tables centered. Captions should be placed **below figures** and **above tables**. They are typed in Times New Roman 11, in italics, and centered. Leave one line before and after tables and figures (see examples below).

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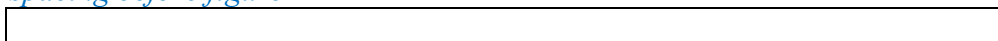


Figure 1 – Caption (Times New Roman, Italic, 11 pt, centered)

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Language

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Conclusion

The above has shown the main instructions for writing the text. All that is missing now are the instructions regarding references.

References to other publications should be in Harvard style, Times New Roman, 10 pt, left aligned, hanging indent 0.5 cm. They should contain full bibliographical details. Journal titles should not be abbreviated. References should be presented as follows. Within the text: Author's last name followed by a comma and the year of publication, all in round brackets; e.g., (Fox, 1994). When the number of authors is three or more, references in the text should be (Fox et al., 1995). At the end of the paper, list all references in alphabetical order. In the reference list all authors should be included.

References

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