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Abstract

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The abstract contains a brief description of the **purpose**: describes the objectives and hypotheses of the research. **Methods**: describes the essential features of the research design, data, and analysis. It may include the sample size, geographic location, demographics, variables, controls, conditions, tests, descriptions of research design, details of sampling techniques, and data gathering procedures. **Results**: describes the key findings of the study, including experimental, correlational, or theoretical results. It may also provide a brief explanation of the results. **Implications**: show how the results connect to policy and practice and provide suggestions for follow-up, future studies, or further analysis.

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Second, provide recent studies in the area of the focus problem. These studies are needed to establish a state-of-the-art statement of the field of research and to identify the limitations of recent studies. It could be written in two or three paragraphs.

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