

## **ORIGINAL RESEARCH - ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **GUIDELINES**

Abstract length: **Body of the Abstract - 350 words Maximum (not including Heading)**  
Maximum number of Authors: **5**

A suggested checklist for writing a research abstract:

### **TITLE (100 characters Maximum)**

- Should facilitate interest in the topic; be short, descriptive, and searchable.

***Body of the abstract must include the following and cannot exceed 350 words.***

### **BACKGROUND AND HYPOTHESIS**

- Background: In one or two sentences describe why the topic investigated is important (*i.e., novel approach; does the study fill knowledge gaps?*).
- Hypothesis: In one or two sentences describe the specific question that was addressed in the study or the relationship that was investigated.

### **METHODS**

- A summary of the methods used to design and carry out the study.
- State the type of design (*i.e., randomized controlled trial, double blinded, survey*).
- Include the clinical circumstances (*i.e., primary care center, general community*).
- Brief description of key subject inclusion/exclusion criteria
- Include the total number of subjects recruited and how many were in each group of the study (*i.e., control group, study group*).
- Description of any intervention administered (*i.e., OMT, medications*)
- Brief description of the study's outcome measures (*i.e., symptom scores, measurements*).

### **RESULTS**

- Report a brief summary of the main findings in the study. Include explanations of key measurements.
- Include relevant statistical information (*i.e., confidence interval, odds ratio, levels of significance such as **p value***). Simple percentages are not sufficient.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

- Explain the overall significance of the study that is supported by the results obtained.
- Describe why this case is osteopathically relevant.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESEARCH STUDY SPONSORS AND IRB**

- Include an acknowledgment of the study sponsors and any grants received for the study
- **Must include Statement that IRB was reviewed and determined either approved or exempt. Must submit IRB letter with your abstract.**

### **NOTE:**

- *References (Maximum of 10) should **NOT** be on the abstract, this should be included on the poster*
- *Photos and Graphs should **NOT** be on the abstract, this should be on the poster*

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