

REVIEW CRITERIA ABSTRACTS

An abstract will be scored on 5 items, each with a 5 point score: 1= very poor; 5= excellent

Originality/ Innovative

Assessment whether the study contributes to the expansion of the body of knowledge.

Scores:

1. presents very basic knowledge, already described in textbooks
2. presents a research question that is well covered by literature
3. presents a replication of research that currently has been described
4. presents research that has been described before but with relevant changes to the design
5. presents an original research question or approach that is not preceded

Method

Assessment whether the methods are well described (i.e would allow replication) and are valid to answer the research question under study. (special attention for patient population and statistics (or analytic procedure in case of qualitative studies)

Scores:

1. the method is not described or a complete flaw
2. the method is ill described, or not very appropriate
3. the method is only partially described or valid
4. the method description is almost complete and seems valid
5. the method description allows replication and is certainly valid

Results (if applicable)

Assessment whether the results are well described.

Scores:

1. the results are not described or a complete flaw
2. the results are ill described, or not very appropriate
3. the results are only partially described or valid in answering the research question
4. the results are almost complete, with supportive quantitative or qualitative data
5. the results are well balanced and described, certainly valid and correct quantitative or qualitative data

Conclusions

Assessment whether the conclusions of the study should be taken seriously.

Scores:

1. No clear conclusion is drawn or the conclusion is unsupported by the study
2. The conclusion is a rather wishful interpretation of the study
3. The conclusion contains an unwarranted generalization
4. The conclusion is roughly valid but needs more nuance
5. The conclusion is well balanced and supported by the study

Impression in general

Scores:

1. The abstract is unqualified/irrelevant to be presented at the conference
2. The abstract is moderately relevant/qualified to be presented on a poster at the conference
3. The abstract is relevant/qualified to be presented as an poster presentation
4. The abstract is moderately relevant/qualified as an oral presentation at the conference
5. The abstract is highly relevant/qualified to be presented as an oral at the conference

Final selection:

- One contribution as the presenting author
- Variation in themes: no overrepresentation of a certain topic
- Variation in institutes/ national coverage
- Variation in disciplines

In general:

- Studies are not assigned to reviewers with conflicts of interest (e.g. direct colleague)