

Summarize the main results of the article in a few sentences:

Answer the following questions about the structure of the paper:

Overall content:

1. Is the overall purpose of the study and /or central question clear?
2. Does the interpretation of the findings answer the overall question of the paper?
3. Is every paragraph and sentence in the paper relevant to the overall question?

If no, point to some examples:

4. Are there portions of the text that could be omitted?

If yes, point to some examples:

5. Is the overall organization of the paper clear and effective?

Suggestions for improvement:

Individual sections:

1. Does the title adequately represent the content of the paper?

Suggestions for improvement:

2. Does the abstract clearly and concisely summarize the paper and state the main results? Does it contain all needed information (context, need, task, object, findings and conclusion)?
3. Does the introduction provide enough context to the readers? Does it state the need for the work? Does it state clearly what has been done to address it?
4. Does this paper put the progress it reports in the context of existing published work? Is there adequate referencing and introductory discussion?
5. Are the material and methods used in the study clearly explained? Can you point out what is special, unexpected, or different in the approach compared to existing published work? Does it contain too many technical details?

6. Is the results sections(s) clearly and concisely written? Are there logical and smooth transitions between sections, subsections and between paragraphs?
7. Does the conclusion clearly state the most important outcome of the work? Does it address the questions stated in the Introduction? Does the conclusion just summarize the results or does it interpret the findings and explain what they mean?
8. Are the interpretations and conclusions adequately supported by the evidence presented? That is, are the assumptions valid, is the methodology sound, is the evidence adequate, and do the conclusions logically follow?
9. Are all parts of the text, references, graphics and tables necessary for the new results and main points to be understood?

10. Are the graphics and tables clear and their captions self-explanatory?

- **Sentences and Wording**

1. Can you find grammatical mistakes?
2. Can you point to sentences that loose you (too long/complex) and do you have suggestions for improvement?
3. Are generally the action in verbs, characters in subjects and subjects near verbs? Can you find counter-examples? Can you point out misused nominalizations?
4. Is the writing cohesive? Does it flow well? Is the part of the sentence that links to the previous sentence at the beginning or the end?

5. Are the paragraphs coherent? Do the first and last sentences of paragraphs match? Can you find counter-examples?
6. Is there an abusive use of passive voice?
7. Can you find a lot of useless words/phrases?
8. Can you find complex words that could be replaced by simpler ones?
9. Can you find too complex subjects?

10. Can you find inadequately used adverbs/ repetition/ excessive hedging?

11. Is the use of tenses (past/present/future) adequate?

- **Other comments?**