

Components	Description	Mark	Areas for Improvement
Abstract	Short (<400 words); Presents a concise summary of what's to come including: background/rationale, objectives/questions, methods, expected results/significance	10 /10	good, concise, clear
Rationale/Motivating Problem	Describes the clinical or practical problem; Convincing rationale noting the social implications and/or need	8 /10	good- explaining why C.T.'s are required for M.S.
Background/Literature Review	Provides the reader with the knowledge needed to understand the proposed research; synthesizes previous research and knowledge in the field	9 /10	yes- explain why nitinol is good.
Objectives/Research question & hypotheses	Specific and focused; Quantitative and precise	10 /10	yes- good - clear, thorough
Methods	Sufficient detail to convey what and how you plan to address your objectives/questions; descriptions of special equipment, design, & protocols; description of planned data analyses	15 /15	very good- detailed, organized, thorough, clear
Expected Results/Outcomes	Preliminary results (if applicable); Expected results; Timeline; Dissemination plan	10 /10	
Significance/Conclusions	Description of the contributions your proposed research will make; What are the implications of your research?	8 /10	elaborate on the implications clinically
Citations/References	Appropriate formatting; key papers referenced; appropriate number to support proposal; mixture of types (e.g. journals and conference papers)	5 /5	
Itemized response to peer reviews	Provides complete and thoughtful responses to peer review feedback; justifies choices and/or makes revisions as appropriate	5 /5	
Overall			
Organization	Use of sub-headings; logical flow	5 /5	
Presentation	Use of graphs, charts and figures; formatting	5 /5	well explained.
Readability/grammar	Language, spelling, grammar	5 /5	good flow- easy to read & follow
Total		95 /100	/100