

Section	Checklist with marks	Marks
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> clearly states topic, population, and study design (1 mark) <input type="checkbox"/> informative and meaningful (1 mark)	2
Abstract	<input type="checkbox"/> background: problem and importance clearly stated (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> methods: data source, sample, variables, and analysis summarized (1) <input type="checkbox"/> results: key findings with numbers included (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> conclusion: main message clear (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> keywords: 3–5 simple and specific (0.5)	3
Introduction	<input type="checkbox"/> broad theme/problem explained (2) <input type="checkbox"/> specific context explained (1.5) <input type="checkbox"/> study objectives clearly stated (1.5)	5
Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> sample population: eligibility/inclusion criteria, sample size clearly described (2) <input type="checkbox"/> variables: outcome and explanatory variables clearly defined (3) <input type="checkbox"/> statistical analysis: type of tests and regression model type correctly described (5)	10
Results	<input type="checkbox"/> descriptive table clearly presented (1.5) <input type="checkbox"/> descriptive results correctly described (1.5) <input type="checkbox"/> regression table clearly presented (1.5) <input type="checkbox"/> regression results correctly described (1.5)	6
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> main findings summarized clearly and logically (6) <input type="checkbox"/> results interpreted and compared with other studies using references (2) <input type="checkbox"/> strengths and limitations discussed clearly (2)	10

Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> short and clear final message (~5 sentences) consistent with results (1) <input type="checkbox"/> strong take-home statement (1)	2
References	<input type="checkbox"/> sources are scientific e.g. Peer-reviewed articles (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> formatting consistent and correct (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> enough coverage: intro 2-3, methods 1-3, discussion 2-3 references (0.5) <input type="checkbox"/> all in-text citations appear in the reference list and vice versa (0.5)	2
Total		40