**Title**

**Abstract** (150 words)

1. Aims
2. Methods:

* Study design
* Participants (& their characteristics)
* Procedure (+major equipment)
* Statistical analyses

1. Results (with numbers, p values)
2. Conclusions:

* What our findings suggest
* What our findings add to the existing literature
* Practical implications

**Introduction** (500 words)

1. First paragraph:

* Autism (what is it, why is it important, why should we research autistic traits)
* Empathy and autism (what is the problem/argument?)

1. Literature review

* What do previous studies show (choose 2-3 key studies? Mention any theories?)
* Major methodological issues
* Research gaps

1. Aims and hypotheses

**Method\*** (500 words)

1. Participants

* Sample size (and sampling method – convenience sample?)
* Ethnicity/race (may show different effects)
* Number of males/females
* Age, gender (history of psychological disorders?)
* Exclusion criteria

1. Apparatus

* Software (+version) used and for what: Qualtrics for designing questionnaire (describe the questionnaire in this section), SPSS for statistical analysis (include SPSS at the end of apparatus section).
* Questionnaire used for autistic traits (explain this one too, and why it was selected – mention validity)

1. Procedure:

* General procedures
* Study design
* Equipment (software used for questionnaire, explain the questionnaire we designed, explain questionnaire used for autistic traits & talk about its validity)

1. Statistical analyses

* Power analysis
* Correlations – regressions: specify independent variables, how they were operationalised and how many levels for each
* (Participants excluded from analysis – for what reason)

\*Method structure is slightly different from the one shown in the handbook, but I think the reading is clearer with this one. Basically, I split the ‘Design’ section into the procedure and statistical analysis sections. Please feel free to use another structure if you are more comfortable with that one!

**Results** (200 words – mainly tables & figures)

**Discussion** (700 words)

* Relate results to hypotheses
* Summary of results
* Factors that may have influenced our results
* How the findings compare to the rest of the literature (discuss methodologies)
* Future directions & limitations

**Conclusion** (in discussion)

* How this study advances research
* Main findings
* Practical implications

**References** (APA 7th ed)

**Appendix**