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Clarity & Readability

- Concise Language:** Is the abstract free of unnecessary words or jargon?
 - Logical Flow:** Do ideas progress in a clear and logical order?
 - Audience Awareness:** Is the abstract appropriate for its intended audience (e.g., an interdisciplinary publication)?
 - Key concepts:** Are the key theoretical concepts or frameworks clearly explained for readers unfamiliar with them?
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Specificity & Precision

- Specific Details:** Are the claims and findings specific rather than vague?
 - Avoids Generalizations:** Does the abstract avoid broad or unsupported statements?
 - Keywords:** Does the abstract include search terms you would use in your own research?
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Structure & Format

- Length:** Is the abstract within the required word limit?
 - Style:** Does it follow the conventions of the field (e.g., tense, voice)?
 - Title Alignment:** Does the abstract align with the paper's title and scope?
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Overall Impression

- Engaging:** Does the abstract make you want to read the full paper?
- Ambition:** Is the abstract ambitious in its claims and able to justify that ambition with original insight?
- Clear Takeaway:** Is the main contribution or insight of the research evident?

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