

Simon, Stephen

From: Glaros, Alan
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 7:24 AM
To: Simon, Stephen
Subject: RE: Journal of Oral Rehabilitation - JOR-24-0491.R1 has been unsubmitted
Attachments: Graphicalassessmentfinal.pdf

Hi Steve,

This is pretty minor stuff, but I confess that I had the same problems.

If you go to the journal's web site, you'll find forms for all the "declarations". These should be attached to the document. In some cases, it seems as though you can submit them directly through the website, but I'd still add copies to the manuscript.

The "abstract in structured form" is a bit more complicated. Here's how I solved the issue for my own submission:

Background

The proper interpretation of a study's results requires both excellent understanding of good methodological practices and deep knowledge of prior results, aided by the availability of effect sizes.

Methods

This review takes the form of an expository essay exploring the complex and nuanced relationships among statistical significance, clinical importance, and effect sizes.

Results

Careful attention to study design and methodology will increase the likelihood of obtaining statistical significance and may enhance the ability of investigators/readers to accurately interpret results. Measures of effect size show how well the variables used in a study account for/explain the variability in the data. Studies reporting strong effects may have greater practical value/utility than studies reporting weak effects. Effect sizes need to be interpreted in context. Verbal summary characterizations of effect sizes (e.g., "weak", "strong") are fundamentally flawed and can lead to inappropriate characterization of results. Common language effect size (CLES) indicators are a relatively new approach to effect sizes that may offer a more accessible interpretation of results that can benefit providers, patients, and the public at large.

Conclusions

It is important to convey research findings in ways that are clear to both the research community and to the public. At a minimum, this requires inclusion of standard effect size data in research reports. Proper selection of measures and careful design of studies are foundational to the interpretation of a study's results. The ability to draw useful conclusions from a study is increased when investigators enhance the methodological quality of their work.

In essence, don't try to write the abstract as though it was reporting the results of a research study. Instead, use the headings to set the stage for what's to come [Background], the "method" of the work (essay/review exploring...){Method}, the main points that are made in the work [Results], and a broad concluding statement about the potential value of the new approaches for researchers/clinicians [Conclusions]. I'm happy to look at a draft of a new abstract if you wish.

The graphical abstract. Most folks prepare a mini poster as their graphical abstract. They're fundamentally unreadable, but they're accepted by journals. You can see examples by searching for "graphical abstract". I did something rather

different, as shown in the attachment. I worked with a graphic artist who does designs for t-shirts. I drafted a rough copy of what I wanted. It was ugly and boring, but the text was useful to him. He modified it considerably to make it readable and tweaked it for readability. He charged me about \$75, which was way better than what other folks were charging. If you have access to a graphics group associated with your work, I'd try there first.

You're almost done. Hang in there.

Alan

-----Original Message-----

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I have updated the paper to respond to items 1 and 3, but I am stumped on 2. I am not sure what a "graphical abstract" is and how it differs from the abstract that I provided. Also, I did provide captions for each figure at the end of the document.

I'm guessing that they want the first page of the submission to be a title page that lists the article title, the author and affiliations, the abstract, and the figure captions. Is that correct?

Steve Simon, simons@umkc.edu, Standard Disclaimer.

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22-Jan-2025

Dear Simon,

I have checked your manuscript JOR-24-0491.R1, entitled "Experimentation without randomized controls" which you submitted to the Journal of Oral Rehabilitation. Unfortunately I have unsubmitted it and it has been returned to the submission site.

The reason is:

1) Please provide Declaration statements like data availability, conflict of interest, Ethical Statement in the main document.

- 2) Please provide Graphical Abstract that should be visible in the main document, and it should contain Title of the manuscript, author list along with some captions.
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We look forward to receiving your resubmitted manuscript. Please DO NOT submit as a new submission.

Best wishes from JOR!

Ms. Muskan Singhal

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