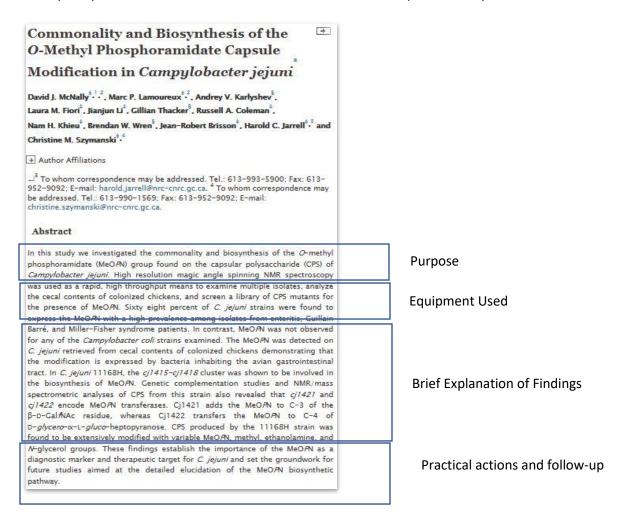
## Abstracts: What They Are & How to Write Them

If you browse around on any science journal, you will notice that all the articles have a short paragraph at their beginning, titled as the abstract. Often, this is the only component of the article that is provided to the public; the rest of the article must be purchased. An abstract is an extremely concise summary of an otherwise long article. It details:

- 1) The purpose of the investigation,
- 2) Major findings,
- 3) Significance,
- 4) Conclusions,
- 5) And action that could be taken to apply the findings of the investigation.

Usually, they do not exceed around 250 words. Below is an example of a study, and its abstract.



Abstracts are an example of scientific writing, and they are essential to any published article. There are two types of abstracts: the informative abstract, which is similar to the kind of abstract described above, and the descriptive abstract, which is sort of like a table of contents in the form of a paragraph. The key, then, to writing a good abstract is to be extremely concise.

## Further Reading:

- 1) <a href="https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/writing-an-abstract-for-your-research-paper/">https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/writing-an-abstract-for-your-research-paper/</a>
- 2) <a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject\_specific\_writing/writing\_in\_engineering/handbook\_on\_re">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject\_specific\_writing/writing\_in\_engineering/handbook\_on\_re</a>
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