

RESEARCH SCORING RUBRIC (Qualitative and Quantitative)

	Character count maximum (with spaces)	Criteria	YES (1 point)	No (0 points)	If no, please comment.	Score	Reviewer comments
Title/Introduction	875 characters (including spaces) or less	<p>Does the title reflect the research project?</p> <p>Is the significance of the problem and/or phenomena clearly described?</p> <p>Is the need for the study clearly demonstrated?</p> <p>Is the Research Question clearly stated and aligned with title/background (Quantitative Research) or Is the Theoretical Framework appropriate to inform study (Qualitative Research)?</p>					
Methods	1050 characters (including spaces) or less	<p>Is the Research Design appropriate and logically consistent for research question(s) posed? (Qualitative Research/Quantitative Research)</p> <p>Is Protection of Live Subjects addressed adequately?</p> <p>Are the sample, setting and data collection clearly described and consistent with methodological approach including instruments/specific methods? (Qualitative Research/Quantitative Research)</p> <p>Is the data analysis clearly described and consistent with research design and methodological approach?</p>					
Results	1050 characters (including spaces) or less	<p>Are the results reported in clear, concise and accurate manner?</p>					

Are the results aligned with the research design, purpose, goals?

Does the statistical (Quantitative Research) or thematic (Qualitative Research) analysis support the results and is the interpretation of results sound?

Are reliability and validity addressed (Quantitative Research) or is trustworthiness addressed (Qualitative Research)?

Discussion

1400 characters (including spaces) or less

Are the discussion and conclusion supported by the results?

Are implications and recommendations for practice discussed?

Are study limitations discussed adequately?

Are suggestions for future research included?

Writing Style & Format

Are guidelines followed?

Is APA format correct?

Is correct grammar, punctuation and sentence structure used?

Is the abstract logical and well organized?

Overall

Is the abstract inaccurate or incomplete?

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Is there any critical flaw or weakness that would preclude the abstract from being accepted?

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