

Template for developing a journal manuscript based on literature
review
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Title:

Abstract (150 words, or journal requirement length):

Introduction

Problem

Method (literature review is the method)

Results

Contributions, implications of the results

Main body (3000-5000 words, or journal requirement length):

Introduction (use recent peer-reviewed articles to support your suggestions)

Introduction (context)

Broad problem

Specific problem

Research question(s)

Theoretical framework (Explain the theory that was used as foundation of the study, if any)

Contributions, significance,

Method

Method (for literature review Cooper's framework can be used; Cooper's (1988) procedure for synthesizing literature includes (a) formulate the problem, (b) collect data, (c) evaluate the appropriateness of the data, (d) analyze and interpret relevant data, and (e) organize and present the results)

Formulating the problem (state research problem, questions(s))

Data collection (for literature review data are articles, reports; how you found the articles, state search keywords, databases)

Data evaluation and analysis (criteria for selecting the articles: inclusion and exclusion criteria, how many articles you found, how many were included in this literature review)

Results and discussions

Findings

Discussions

Recommendations

Contributions, implications of the study and results

References (extensive recent (within the last 5 years) peer-reviewed references that match with in text-citations)

Cooper, H. (1988). The structure of knowledge synthesis: A taxonomy of literature reviews. *Knowledge in Society*, 1, 104-126