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- Abstract
- Keywords
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results including Tables and/or Figures
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgements (If any)
- References
- Appendixes (if necessary)
- Abbreviations used (if necessary)

### **Title**

Should be in Title Case; The first character in each word in the title has to be capitalized. Authors' names and affiliations should not be given.

## **Abstract**

Should be structured and limited to 250 Words. A brief summary of the research should be given under the subheadings Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions..

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No more than six keywords are needed. Words appearing in the title should not be given as keywords. It is desirable to include the alternative words, if any under keywords e.g. the word 'epinephrine' . They should be written left aligned, arranged alphabetically in 12pt Times Roman, and the line must begin with the words Keywords boldfaced. A 12pt space should separate the keywords from the affiliations.

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Description of the research area, pertinent background information, and the hypotheses tested in the study should be included under this section. The introduction should provide sufficient background information such that a scientifically literate reader can understand and appreciate the work to be described. A detailed review of literature is not at all required under this section. The specific aims of the project should be identified along with rationale for the specific experiments and other work performed. The introduction MUST include in-text citations including a few references pertinent to the background and justification for the study.

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