ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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3. All submissions should be in Microsoft Word format.
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   - ✓ Background and Aims include one or two sentences to introduce the broad topic area and provide a reason for the study.
   - ✓ Provide a clear statement of the aims of the study.
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METHODS

In this section information on participants (and/or subjects) should be provided. This may include the number of participants, demographic information such as age and gender as well as the method of recruitment (i.e. a random sample or a convenient sample). Study inclusion and exclusion criteria should be included in this section as well as a sample size calculation if presenting a randomized clinical trial. Measures and procedures used in the study are described in this section. Descriptions of analyses appear in the methods section.

RESULTS

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