**My Abstract Checklist**

My Abstract:

* Is two hundred words or fewer
* Names the article’s relevant subject or topic
* Restricts background information to one or two sentences
* Includes four or five relevant keywords
* Include a statement of the hypothesis or argument
* Makes a claim that the subject or argument is significant and represents something new
* Makes sense without reading the article
* Reveals the most interesting finding/discovery
* Does not contain future-tense statement (e.g. not “we will show” but rather “we show”)
* Does not contain “attempt” language (e.g. not “this study seeks to…” or “this article explores” but rather “this study analyzes” or “this study shows”)
* Uses present tense for article
* Uses past tense for study
* Does not include quotations from sources
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