

Poster Guidelines - Research Critiques

The Research Critique is an excellent first step in presenting work in a poster format. Focus should be placed on developing a poster that summarizes presentation of major points, makes creative use of tables and figures, complements your short oral presentation, and adheres to content requirements.

Poster Details

Title

At the top of the poster, provide the title (should match the proposal). The title must succinctly convey the focus of the critiqued article.

Name(s)

Directly underneath the title, provide first initial and last names of authors of the research critique and their affiliation.

Poster Type

Directly underneath the name(s), write “Research Critique”

Poster Content

Content for the research critique should be separated into these sections: Abstract, Methods, Results, Discussion, Critique, and Reference. Appropriate content for each section should be typed directly underneath each content header. Content should be simple and organized in a neat and logical manner on the poster. Cite the article and relevant references per APA guidelines where appropriate.

Abstract

In this section, clearly state the purpose of the critiqued article. Provide supporting background information for the purpose statement(s) and any relevant context.

Methods

In this section, identify major methodological points from the critiqued article. These may include participant information, equipment and testing procedures, research design, or statistical analysis.

Results

Synthesize and/or summarize major points from the results. Use of a table required.

Discussion

Provide explanations for and relevance of the major findings presented in the article.

Critique

In this section, provide your critical thoughts on the article. It is important to address a) the major findings or conclusions of the study, b) strengths or benefits of the study,

results, or research design, c) limitations of the study, results, or research design, and d) suggestions for research design improvement and/or future research directions.

Reference(s)

Provide the appropriate citation information for the critiqued article (and any other research referred to in the poster) in accordance with current APA formatting guidelines.

Table

At least one table must be included in the Research Critique poster. Tables must be computer-generated. Photocopies or scanned tables from articles are not allowed. Tables and figures should be APA formatted and arranged in an organized fashion on the poster to compliment the relevant content. The table(s)/figure(s) must have a label and descriptive caption. Remember, table(s)/figure(s) must be cited within the text of the poster.

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Poster Guidelines - literature Reviews

The Literature Review taps into your ability to synthesize information across multiple articles. Focus should be placed on developing a poster that summarizes major points, makes creative use of tables and figures, complements your short oral presentation, and adheres to content requirements.

Poster Details

Title

At the top of the poster, provide the title (should match the proposal). The title must succinctly convey the focus of your literature review.

Name(s)

Directly underneath the title, provide first initial and last names of authors and their affiliation.

Poster Type

Directly underneath the name(s), write "Literature Review"

Content

Content for the Research Critique should be separated into these sections: Abstract, Literature Reviewed, Methods, Findings, Conclusions, and References. Appropriate content for each section should be typed directly underneath each content header. Content should be simple and organized in a neat and logical manner on the poster. Cite the relevant references per APA guidelines where appropriate.

Abstract

In this section, succinctly state the focus of the literature review and provide supporting background information for the topic.

Literature Reviewed

Describe the focus of the articles you reviewed and why they were selected for inclusion.

Methods

Describe variations in methodology including participants, variables measured, and analyses conducted.

Results

In this section, discuss at least three major points, arguments, or research findings related to the topic. These points should represent a synthesis of information from the referenced research articles.

Conclusions

Synthesize conclusions or practical recommendations from the referenced research articles in this section. Agreements or divergence between the presented points,

strengths and limitations of the research presented, applicability of the research findings, and suggestions for future research should be addressed.

References

Provide the appropriate citation information for the articles referenced in the poster in accordance with current APA formatting guidelines.

Table(s); Figure(s)

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Poster Guidelines - Original Research

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Poster Details

Title

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Poster Type

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Content

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Abstract

In this section, briefly summarize the purpose, methods, results and discussion.

Purpose

In this section, succinctly introduce the research question and purpose(s) of the research. In addition, provide relevant hypotheses for each research question introduced.

Methods

In this section, identify the major methodological aspects of the study. Present all information succinctly, but with enough detail to allow for others to clearly understand the methods employed and analyses conducted.

Results

Statistical results should be summarized in this section (preferably in a table or figure to save space). Outcomes related to stated hypotheses should be noted.

Discussion

In this section, explanations of the results should be provided. Include citations for supporting research articles where appropriate. Strengths and limitations of the study, future research directions, and relevance of the primary findings also should be addressed. Critical thoughts, a synthesis of information, and relevance of the study are fundamental for this section.

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Name(s)

Directly underneath the title, provide first initial and last names of all authors and their affiliation.

Poster Type

Directly underneath the name(s), write “Original Project”

Content

Content for the Project poster should include these section: Abstract, Purpose, Process, Results, Conclusions, and References. Content should be comprehensive, simply presented, and organized in a neat and logical manner on the poster. Cite relevant references per APA guidelines where appropriate.

Abstract

In this section, briefly summarize the purpose, process, results, and conclusions.

Purpose

In this section, present the purpose, background information, and rationale for the project. The rationale should explain why the project is important.

Process

Identify the major aspects or tasks involved with the development and completion of the project. Describe the specific procedures and timelines for completion associated with each task. Discuss techniques and procedures for assessing the benefits of the project outcomes. Present all information succinctly, but with enough detail to allow for individuals to clearly understand the project.

Results

The results of the project are summarized in this section. If there is a tangible product for the project (e.g., document) describe it and provide a copy/prototype for examination near the poster. If the end result was more intangible, such as an event, highlight important elements.

Conclusions

In this section, present an evaluation of the project's outcomes. Was the project accomplished as expected? What barriers were overcome? How would you change the project/protocol/methods in the future? What were the limitations and strengths of the project? How was the project relevant to the profession, community, or specific population? What are the future implications resulting from the project?

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