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**Abstract**

The purpose of this research was to ... (summarize purpose, hypotheses, results, important inferences or focus of discussion) Most publications limit abstracts to 150-250 words. (single paragraph)

Key words: CONSTRUCT 1; CONSTRUCT 2; TOPIC 1; TOPIC 2

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Begin your paper here with an introductory paragraph and your lit review...

### **The Current Research**

Summarize current study or studies. I usually give pre-registration links here.

### **Method**

#### **Participants and Procedure**

Details of participants and procedure. If either is extensive, make a separate section for each. Power analyses go here.

#### **Materials**

Describe your stimuli etc. This will be where you describe your IV in an experiment. Refer readers to online materials or appendices for details.

#### **Instrumentation**

Describe all your scales (how you operationalized your outcome variables and/or covariates). At a minimum, you must include scale name, authors (cite more than one paper if necessary), 2-3 sample items, response format, internal consistency reliability (Cronbach's alpha, McDonald's omega...) The example below is not a real scale.

#### ***Construct or Name of Scale 1***

To operationalize the ability to figure out Word, we used the 7-item Patience for Tech Scale (PTS; Black, 2021). Items (e.g., "I love spending hours tweaking tables" and "I am OCD about document presentation") are answered on a 7-point Likert-type scale (*strongly disagree* to *strongly agree*) scored in the direction of greater patience. Cronbach's alpha was  $r_\alpha = .95$  in this study.

#### ***Construct or Name of Scale 2***

The Stupidity Scale (Reynolds & Black, 2022) was used to measure the....

### **Data Analysis**

Here you need to specify the statistical software you used (e.g. R 3.6.2; SAS 9.4; SPSS v. 27; MPLUS). Be precise (e.g., Lavaan package for R...). You also need to specify the analyses you used to test your hypotheses. If all you have are zero-order correlations and *t*-tests, this will be simple. If you've used SEM or CFA it's going to need more (criteria for accepting model fit, etc). Include effect sizes, formula when needed, what you've done with missing data, multivariate outliers, variables that aren't normally distributed and so forth.

Use subheadings if you have multiple sections with more than one paragraph (e.g., Mediation could be a Level 3 heading)

Use figures to illustrate theoretical models.

An example of many levels:

### ***Indirect effects***

We tested for indirect effects using

**Mediation.** Criteria for determining full mediation were set forth by Baron and Kenny... but...

**Suppression.** When there is a significant indirect effect in the absence of a significant direct association between the IV and DV...

**Do not put results in method section!**

### **Results**

Your results section will usually need subheadings. I almost always have something like this:

## Preliminary Analyses

### *Gender differences*

Women ( $M = 55.00$ ,  $SD = 1.00$ ) outperformed men ( $M = 22.00$ ,  $SD = 3.33$ ) in empathic sensitivity,  $t(666) = 173.46$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 13.42$ .

### *Zero order correlations*

Participants who reported greater impulsivity also scored higher on the sensation seeking scale,  $r(666) = .34$ , 95% CI [.29, .36].

You can purchase a document with sample reporting for most analyses separately.

Refer readers to tables summarizing descriptive stats

## Primary Analyses

Here you will report the results for the analyses you ran to test your (*a priori*) hypotheses.

Refer readers to tables summarizing statistics and figures illustrating effects/models

## Exploratory Analyses

Any *post hoc* test results should be clearly presented as such.

**Do not interpret results in Results section!**

## Discussion

Start by summarizing the purpose, hypotheses, and results (without repeating previous information). Interpret in light of intro.

## Limitations and Future Directions

Make every limitation a point of interest and/or path for further research

## Concluding Remarks

Short summary

### References

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After figures, go Appendices, if any.