

## KEYS QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN WRITING AN ABSTRACT

### **Introduction**

What is the scientific question we are asking and what research gap does it address? This should be able to be explained in two sentences or less. You should also state a hypothesis.

### **Methods**

What type of study did we do? Retrospective, case control, matched analysis, prospective. How did we analyze the data? What measured we used? Are you using descriptive statistics, p values or confidence intervals?

### **Results**

Just the data should be presented. Clear concise and straight forward. The biggest mistake authors make in the results section is editorializing.

### **Conclusion/Discussion**

How does your data related to the question your asked and the research gap you identified. How do the results contribute to the literature on the topic. Do the results present a novel finding, confirm previous work or contradict previous work