Tips for Crafting High-Quality Abstracts: What MSPR Reviewers Look For

To make your abstract stand out, align it with criteria that reviewers use to assess your work: originality, scientific merit & importance, research design & analysis, strong methodology, and clear presentation. The best abstract tells a story that is new, true, and important.

Originality
- Does the abstract present novel ideas, methods, or technologies?
- Does the abstract challenge current thinking or offer meaningful advancements?
- If building on prior work, does the abstract add clarity, insights, or improvements? Does it clarify uncertainties in earlier studies caused by small sample sizes or design limitations?

Scientific Merit and Importance
- Does the abstract address a significant research gap or problem?
- How does the study advance the field?
- Could the findings influence research, clinical practice, education, or policy?
- Are the results robust enough to influence clinicians, educators, researchers, or policymakers? How might they shape future research, clinical practice, education, or public policy?

Research Design and Analysis
- Is the study design well-articulated?
- Are the sampling methods detailed, including criteria for inclusion and exclusion?
- Is the potential for selection bias in the sampling process acknowledged, with enough detail for the reviewer to evaluate it?
- Are confounding variables addressed?
- Are measures valid and reliable?
- Are the statistical methods appropriate and well-justified?
- Does the abstract adequately discuss the study's statistical power?

Conclusions
- Are conclusions clear and supported by data?
- Are the conclusions justified by the data?

Presentation Quality
- Is the abstract well-written and easy to understand?
- Has the researcher followed submission guidelines?

The MSPR abstract submission deadline is June 8, 2026 at 11:59pm CT.