

CRITICAL ANALYSIS TOPICS FOR RESEARCH ARTICLES

The paper should be structured according to the following sections.

Title

- It is limited to 16 words
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish

Abstract

- It is limited to 170 words
- It identifies the theoretical framework
- It identifies the objectives
- It identifies the methodology
- It identifies the results
- It includes a conclusion
- In Portuguese, English, and Spanish
- Without citations

Keywords

- The article is limited to 6 keywords, presented according to the MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)/ DeCS (Descritores em Ciências da Saúde) descriptors.

Introduction

- It identifies the issue
- It explains the relevance of the issue under study
- It presents the objective(s) of the study

Background

- It conducts a relevant and consistent review of literature – state of the art
- It mentions works that have been published in the past five years
- It mentions the most relevant classical studies
- It cites primary sources
- It clarifies the concepts central to the study

- The scientific discourse is written with clarity and rigor

Research question/hypothesis

- It is formulated correctly

Methodology

- It indicates the type of study design
- It describes the population/sample/participants (sampling criteria)
- It describes the instruments for collecting data and the variables under study
- It presents all the criteria defined to minimize the risk of error (validity and reliability)
- It indicates the methodological procedures
- It mentions the ethical-legal considerations and includes the code of the Ethics Committee's approval opinion.

Results

- The article presents the data/findings observed for each goal/issue/hypothesis
- It respects the rules established for presenting charts, tables, graphs, or figures in accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition (2020).
- The analysis techniques align with the type of study
- The analysis is precise and accurate
- Data are clearly and truthfully presented

Discussion

- It compares the results to the scientific literature
- It presents new research-based knowledge
- It indicates what was already known and what is added new by the study
- It indicates the limitations of the study

Conclusion

- The conclusions are presented consistent with the research objectives, issues, or hypothesis and are supported by the results
- It refers to the implications found for both theory/practice and research
- It points out suggestions, future orientations, and useful directives for the specific field
- Without citations

References

- Maximum of 30 references; at least 80% should be from articles in journals indexed in international databases and from the last three years.
- In accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition (2020).