Title of the Research Study

Introduction

This is where you clearly identify your research problem in a brief paragraph.

Background

This is where you describe what how other researchers have investigated this problem and their results. You should include citation of these references so that readers can then examine your bibliography for more information. It should be a concise review and only describe the studies that have been most important or applicable to your current study.

It should not be just a listing of what everyone else has done, but rather a synthesis of similarities and differences in studies, strengths and limitations of those studies, and any aspects of the research problem that have not been examined.

Your research project should aim to fill in any holes in the research. After describing what others have done and situating yourself in the literature, you should describe what you expected to find (hypotheses). Alternatively, you can have a separate section in which you clearly state your hypotheses.

Methods

This is where you very clearly describe what you did in order to conduct your project. You want to be very specific about the variables you examined, how you examined them, the sample you used, and any equipment that you used. It is very important that you describe exactly what you did and how you did it so that others who read your poster would be able to reproduce the study. It helps to have these topics broken down into individual sections with the name of the topic in italics. For example:

Sample:
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Procedure:
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Materials:
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Analyses:
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Results

This is where you describe the results of the analyses. This section should only be a description, not an interpretation. You should reiterate exactly what test was performed on which variables and then report whether the relationship was significant along with the required statistics. If yours is a qualitative study, then you should describe what themes emerged in your coding analysis, for example.

Conclusions

This is where you restate the research problem and summarize what you hoped to accomplish with your project. It is in this section that you interpret your findings. You discuss which hypotheses were supported and which were not (if it was a quantitative study) or if the themes you found were what you expected to find (if it was a qualitative study). In both cases, you want to relate what you found back to the literature. Did what you find support what previous researchers have found or did it contradict previous findings or expectations? In this section, you also want to discuss how your findings can be applied to the real world, any limitations to your study, and what research is still needed in regards to the topic.

Bibliography

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