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Your Signature: Abstract

The abstract summarizes the problem, participants, hypotheses, methods used, results and conclusions using 150 – 250 words. Notice, this is not indented as a paragraph would be.

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**Introduction**

Notice how there’s not a double double space after the title. This is your introduction. The introduction states the topic and the main questions to be explored. The researchers supply background information by discussing past or related research on the topic. The researchers explain how their study will relate or add to past research on the topic. The researchers state their initial hypotheses.

**Methods**

**Participants**

Explain who was in your experiment (sample).

**Materials**

What type of form or tool did you use to gather your data? (Surveys, if used should be included in an Appendix)

**Procedure**

Explain the process of the experiment. What did the subjects have to do? The experiment is laid out step by step, with time transitions like “then” and “next.”

**Results**

What statistical methods did you use? This is where you would include graphical displays and statistical tests AND their interpretation. Example: Recurrent kidney stones were more than twice as likely among males as females, as illustrated in Figure 1. (pie graph) A 95% confidence interval of the recurrence rate in males was (.34,.56) versus (.17, .33) for females. It appears that…. A hypothesis test was performed to test the difference in the stone rates by gender, revealing that the difference was highly significant (p < 003)… **Include your Statcrunch output for any confidence intervals or hypothesis tests in an appendix.**

**Discussion**

What did your study show? Did this match your hypothesis? What were the drawbacks to your study? Were there any limitations to your study that would affect the reliability of the results. For example, was the sample size too small, not random, or in some other way not ideally representative of the population?. Was there any potential bias? Were there any other difficulties that limited the validity of the study. Were there possible lurking variables that affected the outcome? What do you suggest for future study?

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