

# Abstract Writing Guidelines and Tips



# General Tips



Stay within word limits (300 words) and formatting rules specified by [DMCN Good Publication Practice](#)



Write in clear, plain English—avoid jargon or overly technical terms



Ensure consistency and accuracy in terminology, data, and abbreviations



Proofread carefully—there is no revision opportunity after submission



**For Research**  
**Abstracts**

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# Objective / Aim

**1**

Clearly state what problem your work is trying to solve

**2**

Be concise and specific about the purpose of the study

**3**

Avoid vague goals & focus on what your research is trying to clarify, improve, or prove

# Method



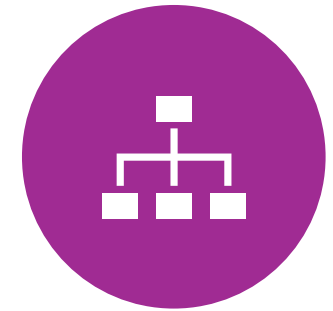
IDENTIFY THE STUDY DESIGN (E.G. COHORT STUDY, CASE CONTROL STUDY, ETC)



DESCRIBE THE POPULATION/SAMPLE, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS



SPECIFY ANY INTERVENTIONS AND WHAT OUTCOMES WERE MEASURED



ENSURE DETAILS ARE SUFFICIENT TO UNDERSTAND THE STUDY'S STRUCTURE

# Result

01

Start with a brief description of participants included in the analysis

02

Summarise key outcomes, stratified by relevant groups if applicable

03

Report key statistics, specifying what the numbers refer to (e.g., means, 95% confidence intervals)

04

Be factual and avoid interpretation here—focus on the data

# Conclusion / Interpretation

Provide

- Provide one or two clear takeaway messages based on the findings

Highlight

- Highlight the implications for clinical practice, policy, or research

Avoid

- Avoid restating the results—offer insight or broader context instead

**For Case**  
**Report**  
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# Context / Background

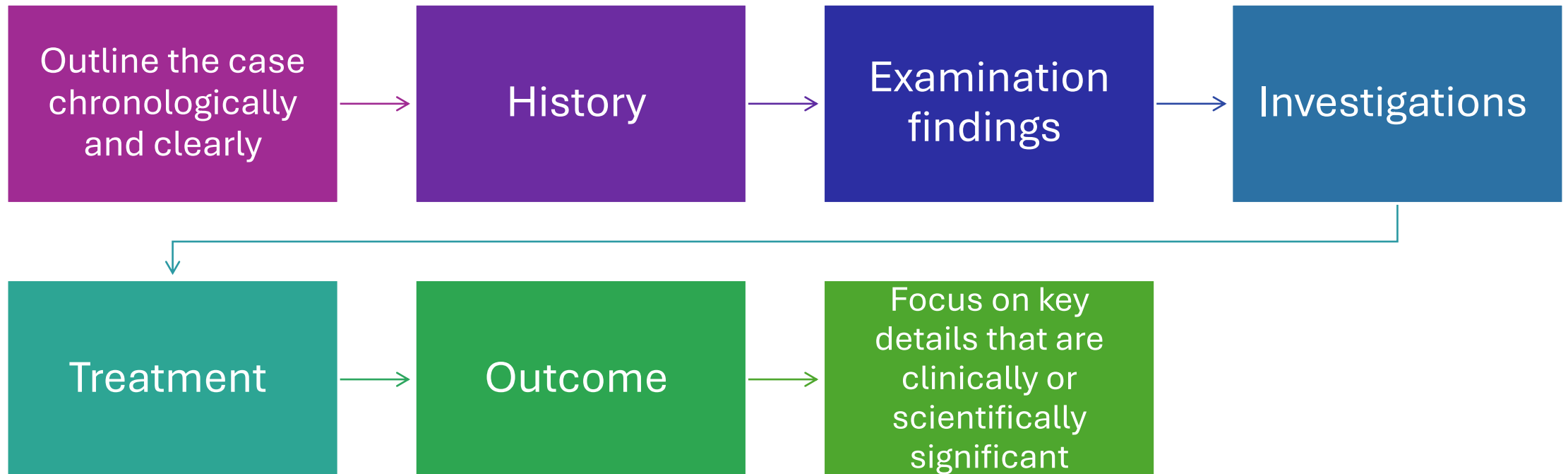


OFFER ONE SENTENCE TO  
PLACE THE CASE IN CONTEXT  
OF EXISTING KNOWLEDGE OR  
RELEVANCE



CLARIFY WHY THIS CASE  
MATTERS

# Case Description



# Discussion

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1

Describe briefly what the case illustrates or teaches

2

Note how it fits into or challenges current understanding

3

Mention any unique or instructive aspects

# Conclusion

End with one sentence summarising the main lesson or take-home message



Ensure it aligns with DMCN's focus on child neurology and development