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A QUALITY ABSTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The objective(s) of the presentation should be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning of the abstract. Please refrain from telling us what you will do. Use the abstract as an opportunity to tell us what you have done.

2. Help us understand the scope of your work. Include pertinent methodological conditions (such as population and sample, design, instrumentation, methodology used, assessment of methodology, data collection, and data analysis) in the abstract.

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4. Compile, condense, and present the results in the abstract with great care. Include data that is directly related to your stated objectives. Any inferences must be sufficiently detailed to allow readers to authenticate the statistical interpretation of the data included. A simple illustrative table may be used if it is the most effective method to convey the results in a clear manner.

5. If your submission is accepted, your presentation can reference only information provided in your abstract. Please note you will have an opportunity to revise your initial submission before the program is finalized.

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7. A quality abstract should end with a clearly stated conclusion.

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