CHECKLIST FOR RESEARCH MANUSCRIPTS

Abstract

- ☐ summary clear, concise and limited to the length set forth in the journal's guidelines

Introduction

- ☐ presented a theoretical or conceptual rationale and basis for the study
- ☐ reviewed the pertinent empirical literature on the topic
- ☐ included key references or recently published studies on the topic
- ☐ the research questions and hypotheses emanated logically from theory and research
- ☐ justified the inclusion of key variables
- ☐ presented a logical progression of ideas leading to the purpose of the present study
- ☐ specified how the present study extends the knowledge base

Method

- ☐ described sample as thoroughly as possible, including characteristics
- ☐ design was appropriate to the problem
- ☐ measures represented the constructs of interest described, along with their validity and reliability
- ☐ provided a step-by-step outline of how the study's purpose(s) were carried out
- ☐ selected appropriate statistical procedures

Results

- ☐ was easily readable (including any tables and figures)
- ☐ employed the use of subheadings
- ☐ used the most appropriate statistics to address research questions and hypotheses
- ☐ reported all relevant information to determine significance of the findings
- ☐ interpreted the statistical findings accurately

Discussion

- ☐ a brief iteration of the purpose(s) of the study
- ☐ a summary of the results in relation to research questions and hypotheses
- ☐ discussion of the obtained findings relative to pertinent studies mentioned in the Introduction
- ☐ theoretical implications of the study findings
- ☐ practical implications (if appropriate)
- ☐ future directions along this line of research
- ☐ a concluding paragraph to bring closure to the research

References

- ☐ presented complete references for all sources
- ☐ followed the style specified in the journal's author guidelines

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