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Abstract Form - Instructions

There are two abstract forms you MUST submit.
- Section I of this Abstract Form: Lay Abstract
- Section II of this Abstract Form: Technical Abstract

Section I – the Lay Abstract (~350 Words)
Any research done is about expanding or discovering new knowledge or new idea in your specific field of study. Your research may be in biology, physics, economics, or even English.

Because each field of research has its own "technical jargon, terminology, and other specific terms and information", it is sometimes hard for a non-expert layperson to understand your research and its results and significance in its raw form.

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This abstract should be written at an eighth grade reading level.

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