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Abstract

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# Introduction

This template acts as an example as well as a means of formatting an abstract’s content. Please submit it in this format if you can. Please note that the formatting is not mandatory. The formatting will not affect the review of your abstract, but it will save you time later, if you choose to complete the paper for submission to IJDC.

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# Another Heading

The highest-level headings in your document should be given the ‘Heading 1. The text of the heading should be written in ‘title case’. The first paragraph after the heading should have the style ‘After Heading 1/2’ (i.e. it should not have an indented first line). Subsequent paragraphs use the ‘Body Text’ style. If you are copying and pasting you may have to set the styles manually.

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The first level of subheadings should be given the ‘Heading 2’ style. As with the main headings, they should be written in title case and followed by a paragraph with the ‘After Heading 1/2’ style. Subsequent paragraphs should use the ‘Body Text’ style.

### Lower level headings

The template provides a total of five levels of headings: the two mentioned above and ‘Heading 3’, ‘Heading 4’ and ‘Heading 5’. These last three levels are written in normal sentence case;, only the first word and proper nouns begin with a capital letter.

## Lists

When creating a list, before selecting the list type from the toolbar, apply the ‘List paragraph’ style. After the list, make sure you return to using the ‘Body Text’ style or whatever is appropriate. If the order of the elements in a list is significant, a numbered list should be used, otherwise use bullet points.

1. first item;
2. second item;
3. third item.

## Figures and tables

When including an image as a figure, start a new paragraph and give it the style ‘Figure’. Insert the image as an inline graphic, not ‘floating’ or with text flowing around. In Microsoft Word, this is described as a wrapping style of ‘In-line with text’ in the picture format settings (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Picture format dialogue box from Microsoft Word, showing wrapping styles.

The figure should be followed immediately by a paragraph with style ‘Caption’ if it fits on one line, or ‘Caption (Long)’ otherwise.

For tables, use ‘Table Caption’ if the caption fits on one line and ‘Table Caption (Long)’ otherwise. Place the caption above the table rather than below it.

Tables should be inserted without any text wrapping to the sides and be centred on the page (see Table 1). They should have a thick border (1 pt) top and bottom, and a thin border (0.5 pt) separating the table head from the table body. They should not use vertical lines to separate columns, and ideally should not use horizontal lines to separate rows in the body of the table: white space and text alignment should be sufficient.

**Table 1.** Papers and articles published in the IJDC, showing the proportion that are peer-reviewed.

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|  | Frequency |  | Percentage |
| Issue | Peer-reviewed | General |  | Peer-reviewed | General |
| 3(1) | 9 | 7 |  | 56.3 | 43.8 |
| 3(2) | 5 | 7 |  | 41.7 | 58.3 |
| 4(1) | 10 | 4 |  | 71.4 | 28.6 |
| 4(2) | 8 | 6 |  | 57.1 | 42.9 |
| 4(3) | 3 | 15 |  | 16.7 | 83.3 |

There is a style, ‘Table Contents’, for the content of tables (11 pt text, no indents). Textual content should normally be left-aligned. Numeric data should be aligned at the decimal point among itself but centred with respect to the heading.

Where decked (subdivided) headings are used, use a border beneath the upper-level heading (column spanner) indicating to which of the lower-level headings it applies.

Empty cells can either be left blank or represented by an em dash. A blank cell indicates non-applicability, while an em dash signifies that the data was not collected or has been omitted.

## Quoted Text

Long portions of quoted text should be set apart in a paragraph with style ‘Quotation’, as in the following example.

‘Cras porttitor dictum lacus. Class aptent taciti sociosqu ad litora torquent per conubia nostra, per inceptos hymenaeos.’ (Borgman, 2007)

Note the use of inverted commas and the placement of the citation.

# Citations and the Reference List

This template uses APA style (6th edition) for citations and references (APA, [2010](#apa2010pma)). The examples in this document are intended as a reminder of the correct format. Further guidance will be available when you submit your completed paper to IJDC.

Please do not cite entire websites through the reference list mechanism. Instead, provide the title of the website (in English) and the URL in a footnote.[[1]](#footnote-1) If the title of the website is not clear from the visible pages, the contents of the HTML title element may be used. Other explanatory notes, whether about the body text or cited items, should also be given as footnotes rather than as endnotes or reference list annotations.[[2]](#footnote-2)

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Please provide digital object identifiers (DOIs) for referenced items where available.

# Acknowledgements

Any acknowledgements should be placed in a separate section immediately before the reference list.

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2. This avoids unnecessary page turning or scrolling. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)