3.2B Analyze an abstract

For the analysis, either use an abstract from a reference paper or your own abstract. Complete this assignment before the workshop.

Task 1. Examine whether the abstract meets these guidelines. Select a response from each dropdown list.

Guidelines for the abstract

Is clear and brief

Avoid abbreviations

Include sufficient "parts"
Background, purpose, method & materials, results/ findings, conclusions

Uses language to signal the parts of the abstract
This study proposes …   The results indicate ….

The parts of the abstract are balanced

1-2 sentences for each part except for the results, which is the longest part

Uses mainly active voice

Uses the pronoun, **I** or **We**

Uses past tense for theories, methods and results

Uses present tense for conclusions and implications

The abstract can be understood independent of the research article

Generally, sentences are relatively short

Appears to contain key terms (useful in databases)

Omits unnecessary details

Task 2. Given the above analysis, my overall impression of the abstract is