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TRAIT	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Exemplary	Score
Abstract	Vague about the purpose of investigation and/or does not provide a summary of the whole article	States the purpose of the investigation in a vague way and summarizes the method, results, and conclusions sections	In one or two paragraphs, clearly states the purpose of the investigation in the form of a problem, question, or issue to be resolved, and summarizes the method, results, and conclusions sections	
Introduction	Provides background research into the topic area but does not lay out a specific question to be answered or problem to be solved	Provides background research into the topic area and puts a question to be answered or describes a problem to be solved in relation to this background	Provides background research into the topic area summarizing important findings from earlier work with citations to books and articles and from recent periodicals and/or journals. Puts a questions to be answered or describes a problem to be solved that clearly emerges from this background, and explains the significance of this problem for an audience of non-specialists	
Methods Results and Conclusions	Description of data analysis is either not present or poor. Description of research focuses mainly on finding information but doesn't mention specific search criteria used or explain how information relates to questions or problem	Does a good job of explaining the strategy behind the work of investigators. The analysis of research materials or data are described	Focuses on how research materials or data were used to pursue specific questions or problems. Explains why the actions of the investigators were expected to lead to a resolution of the question or a solution to the problem	