

| Criteria  | Score   |  |   |
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|   | Low (1)   | Moderate (3)   | High (5)  |
| Project Goal/Hypothesis/Prediction and Background               | Project Goal/Hypothesis & Prediction are not stated.<br>Background is not provided.                 | Project Goal/Hypothesis & Prediction are unclear, incomplete or not linked to the Background.<br>Background is unclear or incomplete.  | Project Goal/Hypothesis & Prediction are clear and appropriately linked to the Background.<br>Background is complete and provides an overview that informs the Project Goal/Hypothesis & Prediction.  |
| Methods (Study Participants, Research Design and/or Procedures) | Methods are not stated.   | Methods are appropriately linked to the Project Goal/Hypothesis, but sufficient relevant information to fully understand the procedures is not provided.   | Methods are clearly stated, appropriately and effectively linked to the Project Goal/Hypothesis with rationale provided.<br>Methods are presented with sufficient details, allowing for a full understanding of the methods carried out in the study.                           |
| Results   | Results are not yet available or are not reproducible.<br>Results presented are not comprehensible. | Results include sufficient data to address the Project Goal/Hypothesis.<br>Results may have been difficult to comprehend.  | Results include sufficient high-quality data that appropriately addresses the Project Goal/Hypothesis.<br>The Results are clear, logical, thorough, and allow for a comprehensive understanding of the study findings.  |
| Conclusions/Future Work   | Conclusions are not presented.<br>A statement on Future Work is not presented.                      | Conclusions drawn from the Results are reasonably supported but are not explicitly linked to the Project Goal/Hypothesis.<br>The statement of Future Work is stated but could be more logically presented. | Conclusions are clearly presented and strongly supported by the Results.<br>The relevance of the Conclusions to the Project Goal/Hypothesis is clearly demonstrated.<br>The Future Work statement logically follows from the Results, and the next steps are clearly presented. |

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| <p>Quality of the Poster</p>              | <p>Missing several expected components.</p> <p>Poor layout.</p> <p>Text is hard to read and contains spelling and typographical errors.</p> <p>Figures and tables are poorly designed.</p> <p>Background is distracting.</p> <p>Photos are used decoratively and not to inform.</p> | <p>Most expected components are present.</p> <p>The layout is inconsistent.</p> <p>Text is relatively clear, with occasional errors.</p> <p>Figures and tables are not consistently related to text.</p> <p>Figures and tables are not consistently constructed.</p> | <p>All expected components are present.</p> <p>Layout is easy to follow in the absence of the presenter.</p> <p>Text is concise, clear and virtually free of errors.</p> <p>Figures and tables are consistently constructed and presented.</p> <p>Background is unobtrusive.</p> <p>All photographs, tables and graphs are correctly presented, enhance the poster's visual appeal and improve the understanding of the project.</p> |
| <p>Quality of the Poster Presentation</p> | <p>Excessive use of notes or the presenter frequently reads from the poster.</p> <p>Visual aids are not used.</p> <p>Presentation is confusing.</p> <p>Presenter lacks enthusiasm.</p>  | <p>The presenter demonstrates a good understanding of the project.</p> <p>Reads from the poster at times.</p> <p>The presenter is inconsistent in delivering information and/or could have used visual aids more effectively.</p>                                    | <p>Demonstrates a strong understanding and knowledge of the project.</p> <p>Communicates clearly, naturally and with enthusiasm.</p> <p>Uses visual aids to enhance the presentation.</p>  |
| <p>Response to Questions</p>              | <p>Answers to questions indicate insufficient knowledge about the project.</p> <p>Avoids answering questions.</p> <p>Does not understand the question being asked.</p>  | <p>Demonstrates some knowledge of the project.</p> <p>Answers basic questions well but has difficulty with more challenging questions.</p>   | <p>Provides clear and concise answers to even the most challenging questions.</p>  |