

How to write an INTRODUCTION

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Purpose

- What is the purpose of an introduction?
 - Catch the interest of the reader
 - Convince the editor
 - Provide info needed to understand the objectives
 - Not a long comprehensive review
 - Aim at 1 ½ page doublespaced A4
- There are **no absolute** ways to do it. These are suggestions only...

Introduction

First para: introduce topic briefly

- Define terms
- What is KNOWN (references)

Middle paras: mysteries

- What is UNKNOWN: gaps
- Indicate research question

Last para: objectives

- Specify objectives

Introduce topic

- Situation in the world
- Situation in YOUR country
- What is problem?
- Work out a research question

Objectives

- End your intro like this:

«Our specific objectives were 1) to describe xxx; 2) to report outcomes YYY; 3) to assess associations ZZZ...»

Changes in female:male HIV prevalence ratio over time in sub-Saharan Africa

- Objectives :
 - The aim of this study is to examine changes in female: male HIV prevalence ratios over time in eighteen sub-Saharan countries. I will examine the interaction between sex and education, marital status and urban/ rural residence to determine whether there are differences in the female: male HIV prevalence ratio in different subgroups in different countries.

Understanding the timing of illness and death events in the household life-cycle: Coping with the impact of AIDS in rural Uganda

Objectives:

This paper examines the differences in how households experience and respond to events of illness and death depending on the timing of these events in relation to the household's life-cycle. Longitudinal, empirical data from households were used to explore possible links between events of prolonged illness or death occurring at different stages in the household's life-cycle and the household's (in) ability to adjust and cope with the effects of such events.

Budget impact analysis of dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine for the treatment of uncomplicated malaria in children in Tanzania

Objective:

- Our study aims to predict how the adoption of DhP as a first-line or second-line antimalarial drug will impact on the government expenditure on malaria case management in Tanzania.

Impact of transport reimbursements on decision making and travel times for obstetric emergencies

Objectives:

To assess if transport reimbursements leads to prompt facility presentations for women with obstetric emergencies