

The Abstract

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Outline

General recommendations

Case study 1

Case study 2

Remarks

The Abstract

General recommendations: RECAP!

- Self-contained and explicit overview with a clear statement of the principal results and major conclusions
- About 100-150 – Depends on the guidelines of the journal
- Title should not be repeated
- Do not include descriptions of data published earlier and well-known statements and formulas
- Avoid non-standard abbreviations
- First detailed information a reader will see. The abstract should tell the reader why the paper is relevant to his research
- Often presented separately from the article
- Must be able to stand alone

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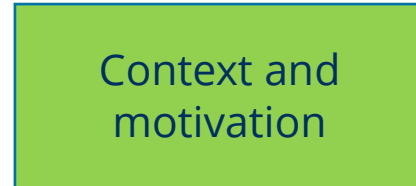
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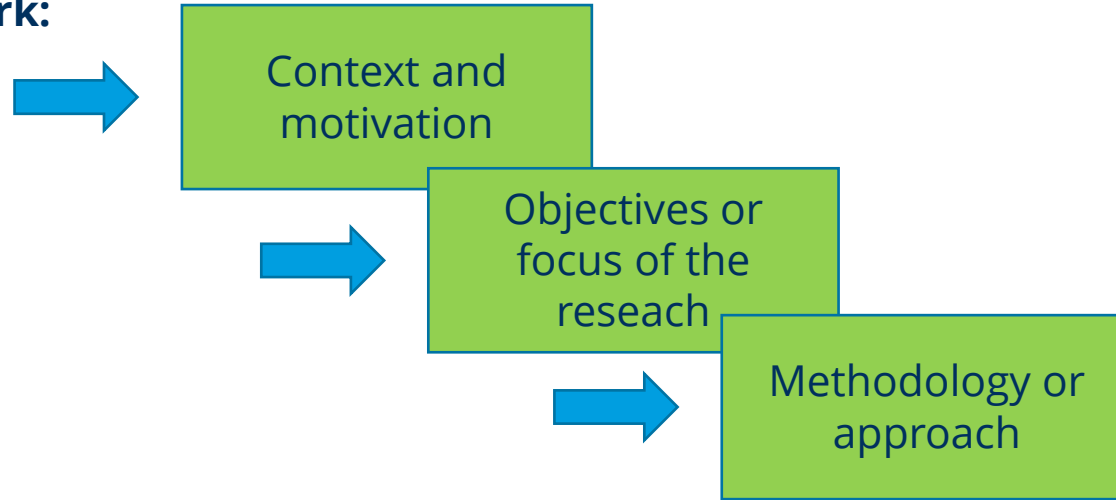


Objectives or focus of the research

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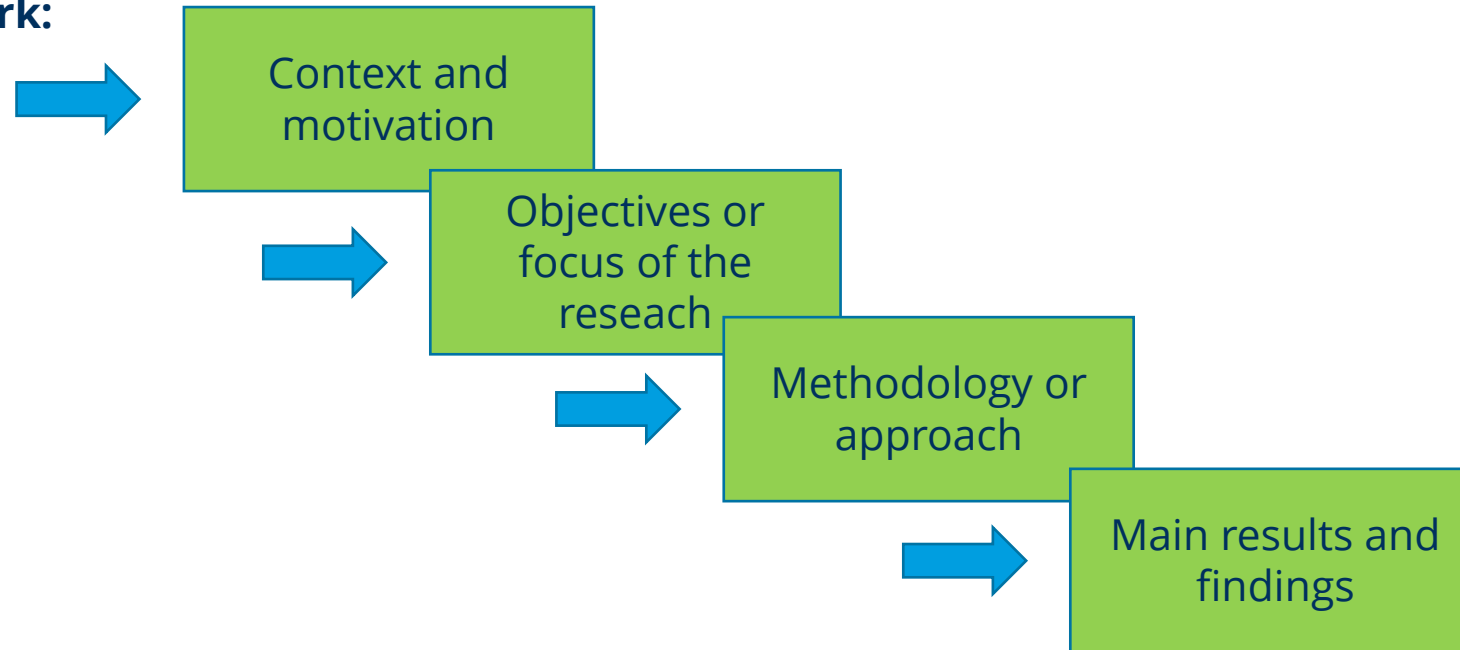
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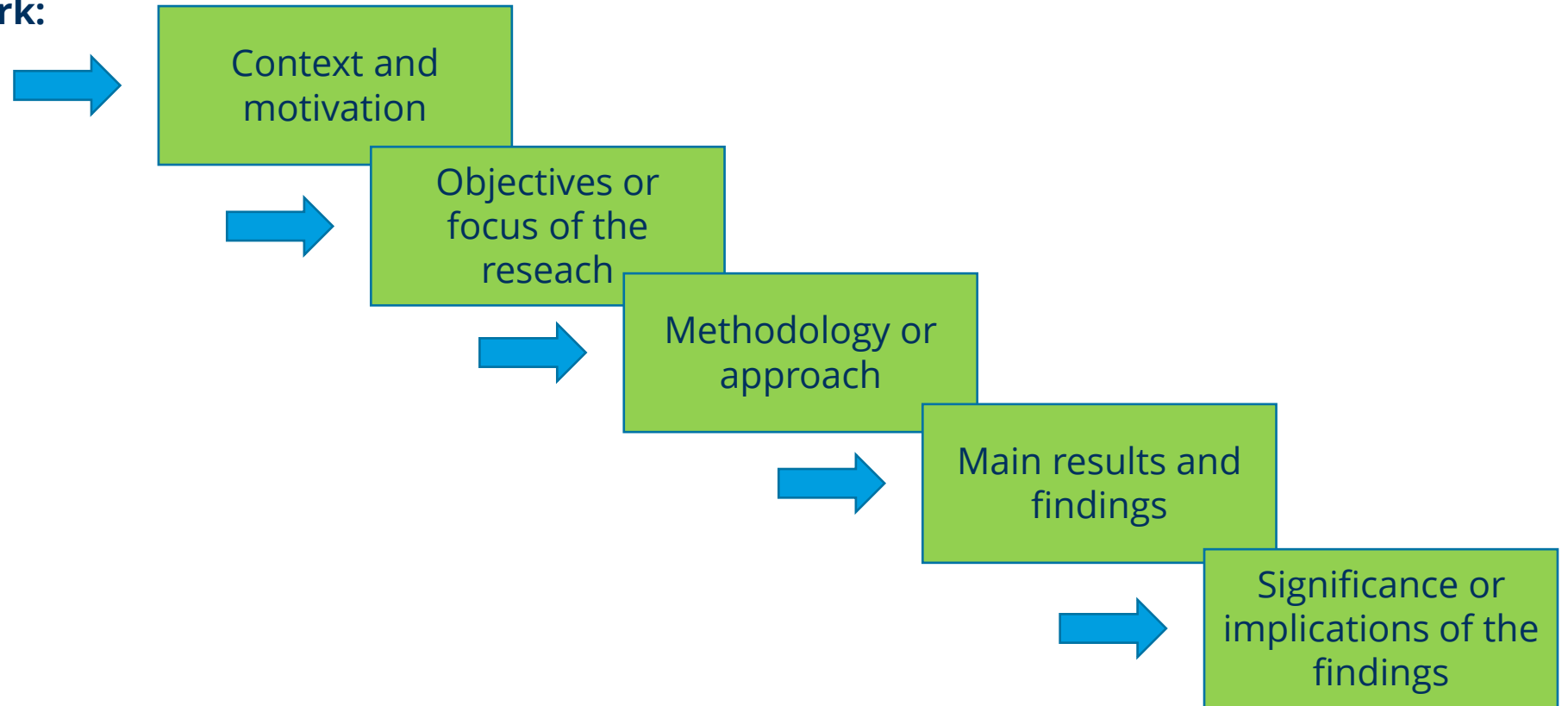
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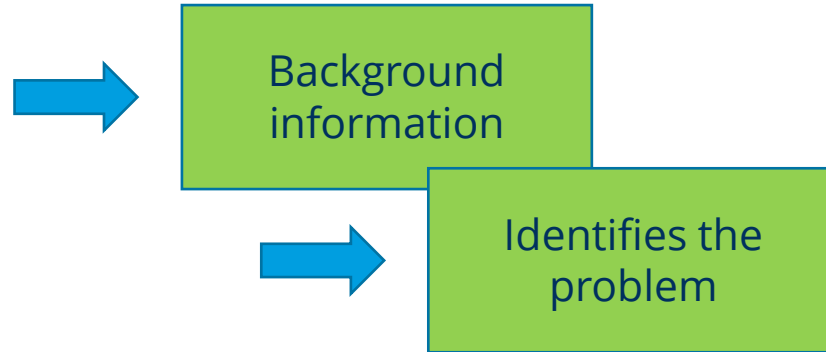
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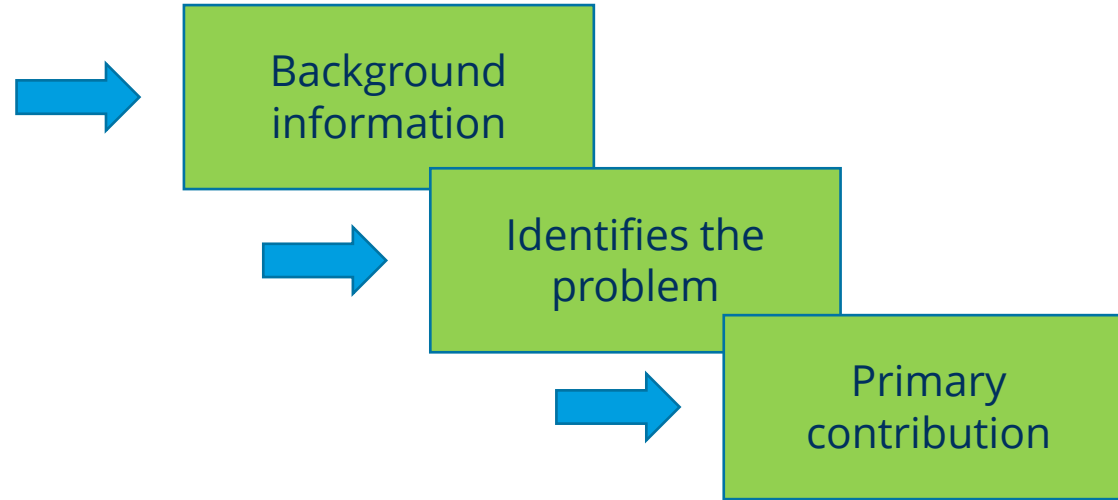
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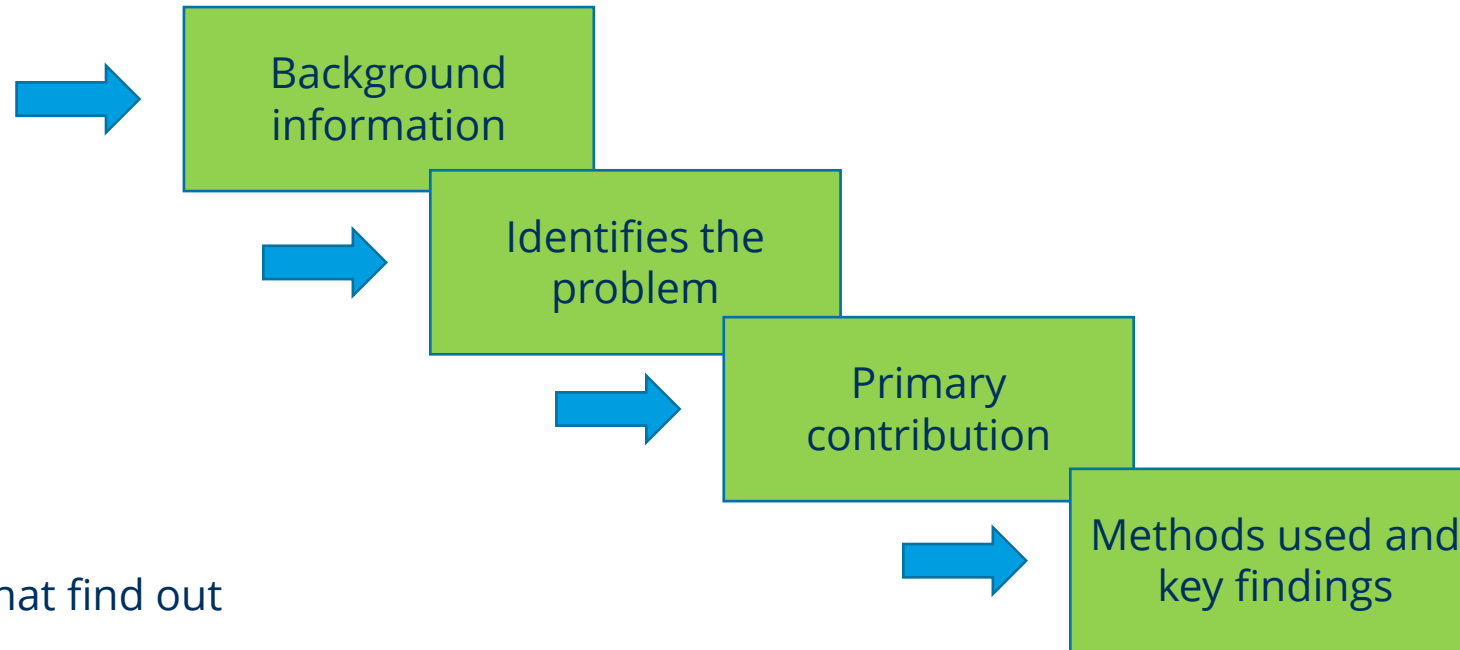
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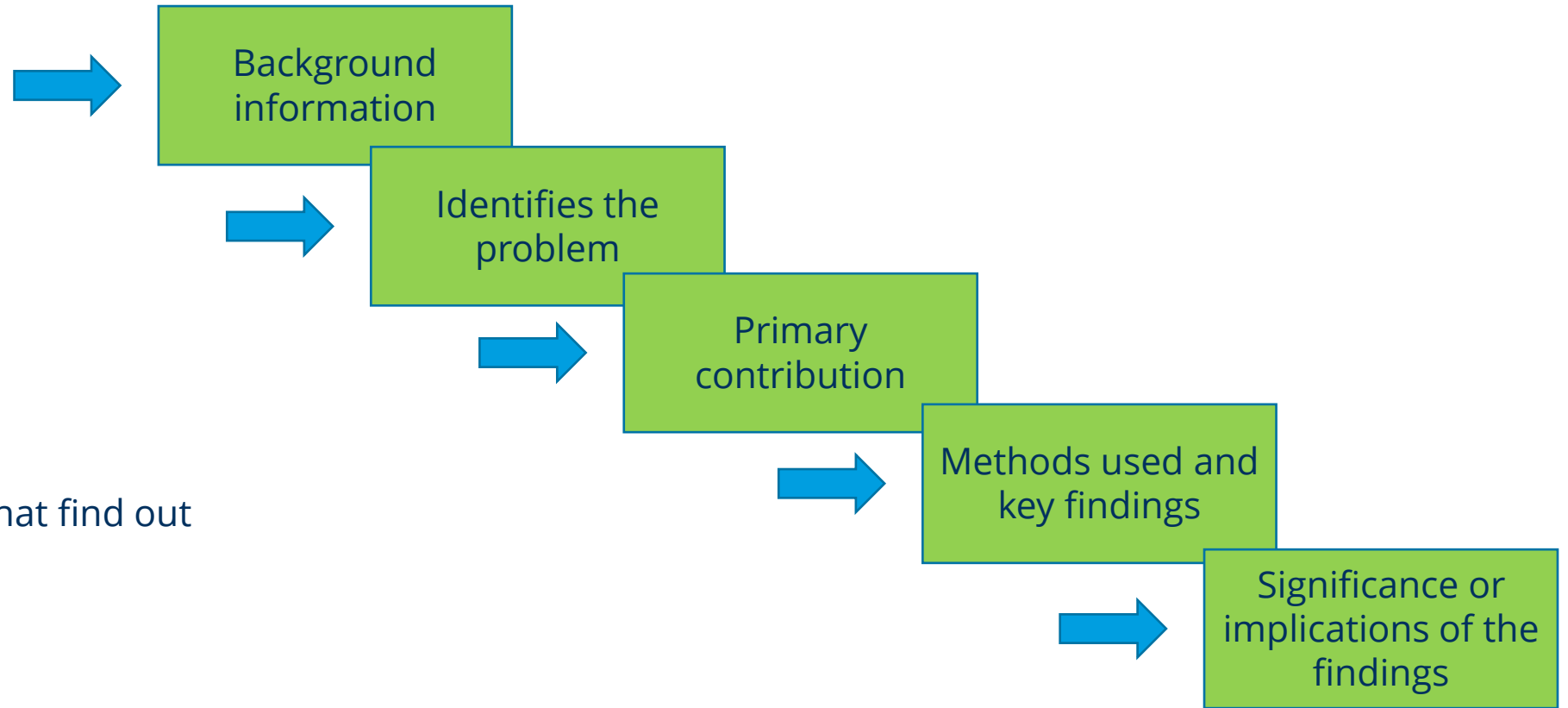
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Case Study

- Choose an abstract related to your topic;

TASK

- Take a couple of minutes to read it and ask yourself the following:

- Objective**
 - Did the authors answered all the questions?
- Discussion**
 - Is any important pieces of information missing?
 - Can you understand the methodology and achievements?

Remarks

Be concise and clear

- Abstracts should be brief but comprehensive

Include key components

- The five-question framework might help
- It is a recommendation, depending on the context, other frameworks might be considered

Novelty

- What makes the research innovative?

Objectivity

- The tone ought to be professional and objective. Do not use overly promotional language
- The abstract must reflect the actual content of the research!

Use specifics

- Specific results or methods help to add credibility
- Allows a reader to quickly grasp the main findings

Review and review and review!

- Revise for clarity and precision
- Make sure that the abstract is built such a complete and coherent summary of the research is presented

Consider the Journal guidelines

- Consider the number of words allowed
- Read related publications from the target Journal

Avoid typical mistakes that might deviate the attention

- Do not use vague statements
- Do not excessively describe methods or findings
- Do not use overly technical language

Thanks!