



Methodology Papers

Purpose

Methodology papers are study protocols or similar articles, explaining and discussing new or innovative ways of applying a methodology in the field of integrated care.

Focus

The focus is on the research methodology itself and how it is applied, to document the approach and encourage readers to replicate and use the methodology themselves.

Content

Methodology papers should include -

- a brief introduction to the methodology, what it builds on and in which context it is applied. If it is a study protocol, also a brief description of the project.
- a clear and succinct description of the methodology, when it should/can be used, which methods could complement it, etc.
- a description of the prerequisites to apply the methodology (e.g. data, resources, skills)
- a discussion on what the advantages and disadvantages of the methodology are, in which contexts it has been used already, what the international experiences are, etc.
- a discussion on how it can support integrated care research and inform practice or policy
- applicability and expected outcomes

Suggested structure

Abstract (Introduction/Description/Discussion/Conclusion) (200 words)

Key words (3-6 words)

Introduction, comprising background and problem statement

Description of the methodology

Results (if any)

Discussion

Conclusion

Acknowledgements (if any)

References

Length

Up to 5,000 words (excluding abstract and key words)