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Guideline/Checklist for Authors

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Category: APPLIED RESEARCH

Title	
Includes major variables in the study and the population	
Reflects the paper	
Abstract	
Appropriate length for category of submission (200 words max)	
Includes subheadings, background, methods, results, conclusions	
Accurately and concisely conveys content	
Introduction	
Nature and scope of problem are presented	
Rationale, need, and importance for the study are described	
Purpose is clearly stated	
Purpose addresses clinical need or professional direction	
Definitions	
Given for all independent and dependent variables	
Provided for all terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader	
Literature Review	
Discussion of related studies	
Relevant and up-to-date citations	
Authors clearly describe what their study/paper will uniquely contribute to the literature	
Research questions/hypotheses are clearly articulated	
Methodology	
HSIRB approval is stated	
Research design is clearly stated	
Research design is appropriate to the research question	
Adequate description of instruments, participant selection, setting, procedures/methods, data collection, data analyses	
Validity and reliability of data collection addressed	
Strategies used to assure validity/trustworthiness	
Written clearly enough to be replicated	
Results	
Participant demographics are discussed	
Text agrees with data presented in figures and tables	

	Includes relevant statistical analyses	
	Analyses are clearly and accurately described	
	Includes description of themes that emerged from the findings	
	Objectively and clearly presented	
Discussion		
	Relates findings to the problem statement and to the research questions and to the work of others	
	Expands on and interprets results	
	Discusses limitations	
	Includes suggestions for further research or next step in this study	
References		
	Pertinent & current citations (20-30)	
	Includes a DOI (with actionable link) for each reference if one is assigned	
Figures & Tables		
	As needed to clarify data (1-6)	
	Clearly labeled and understandable	
Style		
	Well written, organized	
	Clear & precise language	
	Key terms well defined and retain the same definition throughout the paper	
Overall		
	Provides important information that is easily translatable to clinical practice	
	Potential to contribute to the OT profession	