**Title**

Keep the title as concise yet informative as possible (typically 10–20 words). Be specific rather than broad.

- pH regulation in coral
- Effects of light and darkness on pH regulation in three coral species exposed to seawater acidification

**Abstract**

The structure should mirror that of a full paper, including an introduction, aims, methods, results and a discussion. Start with a broad introductory statement that is comprehensible to scientists from any discipline. End by clearly stating the importance of your findings.

**Introduction**

Remember the inverted triangle rule: start broad and narrow in.

The gap in the literature: Provide all the information necessary for the reader to understand your rationale for doing this study.

**Figure/Table captions**

Use declarative titles that summarise the result or major finding of the data you are presenting in the figure.

Figure/table captions should be standalone, i.e., descriptive enough to be understood without having to refer to the main text.

**Discussion**

Remember the triangle rule: start narrow, summarising your main findings in the first paragraph and then zoom out, putting your findings in the context of previous studies.

**Use clear, concise writing**

Keep sentences short and simple. Make one point per sentence. Avoid unnecessary repetition.

- Zebrafish are often exposed to several environmental pollutants at any one time, and the potential effects induced by exposure to several environmental pollutants on zebrafish health are of great concern.

**Use the active voice**

- The expression of X was determined ... = Passive voice
- We determined the expression of X... = Active voice

**General writing tips**

Keep the subject and verb of the sentence close together.

- Glucose, which is made during photosynthesis from ... , is a simple sugar.
- Glucose is a simple sugar that is made during photosynthesis from ...
- Avoid long noun strings.
- Our hospital established a medical services efficiency evaluation index system.
- Our hospital established an index system that evaluated the efficiency of our medical services.

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