

Criteria for evaluating an abstract

The criteria differ slightly for a

1. research design paper (study protocol / report of results)
2. practical project
3. theoretical work (without research design)
4. project with research methodological content

1. criteria for the review of a paper with research design (study protocol/report of results).

- The paper addresses a current problem and issue in midwifery science.
- Introduction/background:
clearly justified by current literature; research gap named.
- Aim:
aim and/or research question clearly formulated
- Methodology:
details of design; appropriate method for answering the research question
- Methodology:
details of sample, intervention, data collection, data analysis
- Results (expected, available):
clear, compact presentation
- Relevance:
rationale for the significance of the findings/work
- Conclusions:
for practice, education, training and/or future research.

2. Criteria for the review of a practice project

- The article addresses a current problem and issue in midwifery science or research.
- Introduction/background:
clearly justified by current literature; importance of the planning/implementation of the practice project clearly demonstrated.
- Aim:
aim and envisaged medium- and long-term results of the practice project.
- Planning and theoretical foundation of the practice project:
clear scientific and literature-supported presentation.
- (Planned) implementation of the practice project:
clear and focussed description of the procedure; if applicable, time schedule; milestones...
- Results and/or discussion:
clear naming of key results; naming of challenges, critical events, deviations from the project plan....
- Relevance:
justification of the importance of the practice project.
- Conclusions:
for practice, education, training and/or future research.

3. criteria for the review of a theoretical paper (without research design).

- The paper addresses a current problem and issue in midwifery science.
- Introduction/background:
clearly justified by current literature; research gap named.
- Aim:
the aim of the contribution/discourse is clearly formulated.
- Execution of the theoretical object:
Clear presentation of the initial argument or perspective.
- Execution of the theoretical object:
compact naming of critical objections/arguments
- Discussion:
discursive consideration of different arguments and perspectives or critical objections
- Relevance:
justification for the significance of the findings/work
- Conclusions:
for practice, education, training and/or future research.

4. Criteria for the review of a project with research methodological content

- The article addresses a current problem and question in midwifery science or research.
- Introduction/background:
clearly justified by current literature.
- Aim:
the aim of the contribution with regard to research method(s)/midwifery science is clearly formulated.
- Challenges in research methods:
clear statement of the problem (e.g. on the design or implementation of research projects)
- Execution of methodological contribution:
focussed naming of strategy(s) to overcome methodological/scientific challenges
- Didactic approach:
naming of didactic methods for teaching contents, skills, competences....
- Relevance:
justification for the importance of the contribution
- Conclusions:
for midwifery science and/or quality of research