4modIA Abstract Assessment

Structure and conventions /6

- Six sections are clearly present in the following order: context, gap, aim, methods, results and conclusion
- The abstract is one paragraph
- · Acronyms, abbreviations and citations are avoided
- Relevant keywords are listed (c.f. target journal guidelines)
- The word count is respected (c.f. target journal guidelines)

Content /6

- The abstract is informative: not too vague, not too detailed, a stand-alone summary of your research
- Sections are coherent; the conclusion is based on the results and responds to the aim

Grammar, vocabulary and scientific style /8

- Correct grammar and spelling (e.g., subject-verb agreements, -s, articles, prepositions, tenses)
- Correct sentence structure/syntax (e.g., relevant subject at beginning of sentence, basic word order S-V-O-IO with 4 elements close to each other, check location of negations and adverbs, avoid noun strings)
- Vocabulary: precise, unambiguous and rich language, relatively formal language and active verbs; no false friends
- Concise text: author has avoided redundancy, long sentences, complicated words/phrases, nominalisation
- Active and passive voice used appropriately