Structured Abstract Template

The following set of headings have been used for producing the abstracts describing a range of software engineering topics, not just empirical ones, and are the set that we recommend.

Background: Previous research and/or rationale for performing the study.

Aims: Hypotheses/propositions to be tested, or goal of the study.

Method: Description of the type of study, treatments, number and nature of experimental units (people, teams, algorithms, programs, tasks etc.), experimental design, outcome being measured.

Results: Treatment outcome values, level of significance.

Conclusions: Limitations of the study, implications of the results, and further work.