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ABSTRACT (300 words max.)

Background: 2–3 sentences

Objectives: 1–2 sentences

Methods: include study design, study population, sampling method, data collection tools, statistical analysis

Results: Main findings – include important numbers and level of significance, if relevant

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INTRODUCTION

Background – brief overview of pertinent literature that is related to the study; end with the main aim(s)/purpose or objective(s) of the study

METHODS

- Study design, study population, sampling method, data collection (tools and methods), data management (exposure and outcome variables), detailed analytical or statistical methods
- Statement on ethics, including the name of the institution and the clearance certificate number

RESULTS

- Number of study participants or records, response rate, descriptive results (including socio-demographics of participants), tables and figures
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DISCUSSION

Discuss main findings – interpret the results of the current study and compare these with previous studies

Limitations – state any factors (e.g. potential biases) that might influence the interpretation of the results

Recommendations – these must be based on the study findings

CONCLUSION

4–5 sentences, related to aim(s), purpose or objective(s) of the study as stated in the Introduction

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