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Conflict of Interest / Limitation of study: Disclose any conflicts of interest or study limitations.

Conclusion: Summarize the main findings of the study.

Acknowledgements: List sources of funding and individuals who contributed but do not qualify as authors.

References: Ensure all references are accurate and formatted in APA style. Include DOI links where available. Arrange references alphabetically.

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- Word Limit: 1500 Words
- Unstructured abstract (up to 250 words)
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- Conclusion
- Acknowledgements – acknowledge funding, technical support, contributions from people who do not qualify as authors etc.
- Conflict of Interest statement
- Up to 30 references including DOIs where available
- Tables
- Legends.

REFERENCE EXAMPLES

- 1. Journal:** Chandrawathani, P., Zary Shariman, Y., Premalatha, B., Rahimah, H., Norhafiza, N. H., Nurulaini, R., Nor Andilla, I., & Wahab, A. R. (2013). Evaluation of neem leaf (*Azadirachta indica*) product for worm control on goats. *Mal. J. Vet. Res.* 4(1):5-12
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