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There are different ways that the authors can present the abstract of a manuscript. However, with the evolution of the journal and the passing of time, the Southern Journal of Sciences adopted the structured format of the abstract.

The structured abstract is intended to be comprehensive, providing a logical order for the presentation of scientific communication. It also provides the readers with a summary of the research background, objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. It is not complicated to do, but frequently the authors may forget to include parts of its content; therefore, this tool was developed, so the authors can enjoy the writing of the abstract in a very straightforward way.
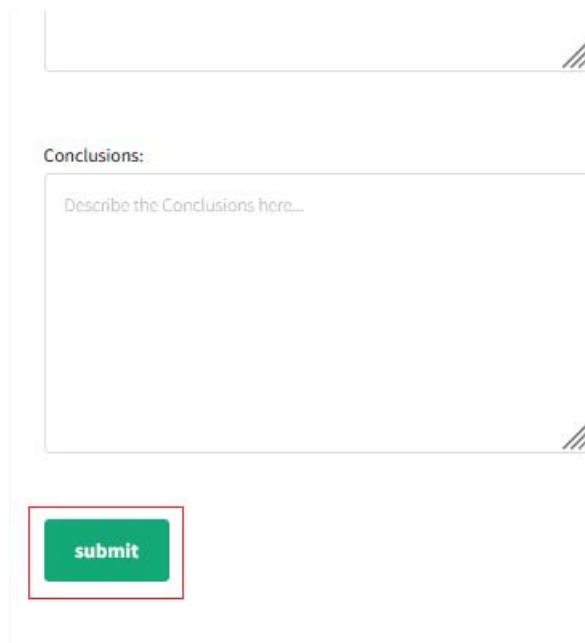
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Figure 1. Textfield introduction areas for the abstract maker tool.

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Figure 2. Submit button to generate the text paragraph.

After pressing the submit button, the authors should go to step 2. In step 2, it is possible to see the abstract generated with the previously informed text, according to Figure 3.

Figure 3. Paragraph preview.

As a final step, the authors can copy and paste the text into a word counter box, Figure 4. In this box, the authors can measure the abstract size if it is too extensive or too short. For example, the

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Figure 4. Word counter box.

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