

## Guidance for Peer Review of Abstracts

<b>Title</b>	Does the title describe the work well? Is it too long or too brief?
<b>Background</b>	Is the background clearly described? Does it provide a reasonable justification for undertaking the work? Is the research area of interest to dietitians?
<b>Aim</b>	Is the aim of the research clearly stated with a definite, measurable outcome?
<b>Method</b>	Have appropriate methods been used to achieve the aim? Are the methods used clearly described? Is the structure and terminology appropriate?
<b>Method – quantitative</b>	Is the study design clearly described? (e.g. sample size, recruitment, observational (retro/prospective), randomised controlled (blinded) etc. Were appropriate statistical tests used and described?
<b>Method – qualitative</b>	The study sample and research setting should be described. Has consideration been given to a theoretical framework? Has the appropriate analysis been conducted? Was it based on a personal intuitive interpretation or were some formal procedures applied? Was a computer aided software package used?
<b>Ethical approval</b>	Has any necessary ethical approval been obtained?
<b>Results</b>	Are the results presented clearly? Do the results correspond with the aim? Are the results given in enough detail to allow understanding?
<b>Results – quantitative</b>	Descriptive statistics; continuous data should have some measure of distribution e.g. mean (SD) or median (IQR), ordinal data should be presented as frequencies or percentages. Comparisons should be appropriate to the form of data (e.g. t-test, ANOVA, chi-squared etc) Appropriate use of figure and tables without duplication in the text Agreement of text with figures and tables Significance reported appropriately