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Abstract

State the research question, the material or data examined, the method, and the principal result in a concise abstract.

Keywords: biology; methods; open science

1 Introduction

Describe the problem, its context, the gap in prior work, and the contribution of this manuscript.

2 Related work

Position the study in the relevant literature and state how the present approach differs.

3 Methods

Document the data, assumptions, protocol, and analysis so that another researcher can reproduce the work. For an illustrative estimator,

$$\widehat{\theta} = \arg\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \, \ell(y_i, f(x_i; \theta)). \tag{1}$$

4 Results

Table 1 shows a compact reporting pattern. Replace all illustrative values with the results of the study.

Table 1: Illustrative results summary.

Method	Estimate	Uncertainty	Sample size
Baseline	0.72	0.08	48
Proposed	0.81	0.06	51

5 Discussion

Interpret the findings, compare them with prior work, and state limitations, sensitivity checks, and threats to validity.

6 Conclusion

Summarize the contribution and identify the next research step.

Declarations

Add funding, data and code availability, author contributions, ethics, and competing-interest statements as applicable.

References

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