

## Structured Abstracts: Required vs Optional Headings

### Research Methodology

Cost-effectiveness study

### Abstract Headings

**Background**, Objective, **Design** (or Methods), Data Sources, Target Population, Time Horizon, Perspective, Interventions, Outcome Measures, **Results** (or Results of Base-Case Analysis and Results of Sensitivity Analysis), **Limitations**, and **Conclusions**

Systematic reviews (e.g., meta-analyses)

**Background**, **Purpose**, **Data Sources**, **Study Selection**, **Data Extraction**, **Data Synthesis**, **Limitations**, and **Conclusions**

Other original research article

**Background**, Objective, **Design** (or Methods), Setting, Patients, Intervention (if any), Measurements, **Results**, **Limitations**, and **Conclusions**

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If the study is a randomized controlled trial, specify where the trial is registered, placing the unique registration number for the trial at the end of the abstract.