

Guidance for how abstracts will be reviewed 2019 - ARM

Item	Poor	Average	Very good	Score
Originality	0-3 Topic already exhausted	4-7 On going topic, some questions answered; some unanswered	8-10 Original not studied before, or fresh look at previously addressed questions	
Clinical relevance	0-3 No value	4-7 Some value	8-10 Real need and totally unaddressed territory	
Hypothesis	0-1 None	2-3 Weak/irrational	4-5 Clear and sound	
Study type	0-3 Small audit/ case series <50 cases (non consecutive not stated)	4-7 Case control/cohort study (eg >50 cases). Large audit	8-10 RCT following consort standards	
Study design	0-1 Inappropriate for aim/objective	2-3 Poor for aim and objectives. Some validated outcome measures	4-5 Appropriate for aim and objectives. ICS/IUGA validated outcome measures	
Power calculation	0-1 No power calculation/ no justification for lack of it	2-3 Weak power calculation or inadequate explanation	4-5 Reasonable power calculation or lack of it explained	
Conclusions	0-1 Irrelevant to study	2-3 Poorly substantiated	4-5 Accurate and well substantiated	