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**TITLE OF THE STUDY PRESENTED IN THE ABSTRACT**

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**INTRODUCTION** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

It should provide background information about the work and its significance while highlighting other relevant literature and specifying how it relates to or differs from your work. It would be best if you also discuss the scope and limitations of your study in the introduction. Please cite relevant sources as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement. Use only 4-5 in-text citations.

**RESEARCH PROBLEM(S)/ISSUE(S) (IF RELEVANT)** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

In this section, you might mention specific issues, difficulties, contradictions, or gaps in knowledge that you will address in your research. You might look for practical problems aimed at contributing to change or theoretical issues aimed at expanding knowledge.

**OBJECTIVE(S)** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

Provide a clear statement/s of goals and objectives/specific objectives of the project that should be understandable to reviewers/scholars from various other disciplines.

**THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE**

**(IF RELEVANT)** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified

Provide details on specific and major theoretical aspects here (if relevant).

**METHODOLOGY** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

The methodology section should be descriptive enough that the reader can identify what was done. References to the methodology are appropriate. Within the methodology section, you can apply as many first-, second-and third-level headings as you need.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-Justified)

In this section, you may include a description of the main findings of the research, using data, figures, tables, etc. Also, interpretations of the results for readers and provides the significance of the findings in the discussion section with appropriate references. **Note that the results and discussion should amount to 50% of the extended abstract.** The findings/results and discussion sections may be combined. Within the results and discussion section, you can use as many first-, second, and third-level headings as you needed.

**CONCLUSION(S)** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

Write a concise paragraph pulling everything together to help clarify the research work and remind the reader of the main arguments and their importance. You can also suggest possible future research on the topic.

**REFERENCES** (All Caps, 12pt. Times New Roman, Boldface, left-justified)

References should be cited within your extended abstract using the Harvard Referencing style. Examples of reference formats are given in the Specific Guidelines sections. For additional information on formatting references, refer to the "Referencing Guidelines" under the "Quick Links" section on the NSALS2024 website. **Extended Abstract Preparation - *Specific Guidelines***

**Extended Abstract Length**

Extended abstracts should be at least three, but not more than five A4 size pages in length, including the references. The word limit is 1,500 - 2,000 words.

**Using Predefined Styles**

The style elements identified in this section have been defined for you to lend consistency to the group of papers. Times New Roman is the preferred font type.

All abstracts should be written in English language using **MS Word** (**.docx/.doc format**) or appropriate tool/software. **You must submit a Portable Document Format (PDF version) of your extended abstract for review.**

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13. Non-English and Technical Terms: In italics
14. Figures: See figure format for more information
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16. Text: Justified
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**TABLE FORMAT**

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Table 1. Title of the table (12-point Times New Roman, table title should appear immediately above the table)

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Table numbers should be indicated in the text as (Table 1) if it is a part of a sentence. If several tables are mentioned in the text, it would be "(Table 1 and 2) or as appropriate.

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Figures include charts, graphs, and drawings. Pictures must be sharp enough; otherwise, they will be rejected. All figures and other graphics should be embedded or electronically placed within the text immediately after the first point of reference. Please do not put them on separate pages at the end of your extended abstract. All the figures should be centered in the main body/text. Figures must be labeled properly with the X, and Y axes marked/labeled . Include a legend as appropriate. The figure should be easily understandable and contain enough information in it, including the caption. You may use double X/Y axes if necessary. The figure caption should be 12 pt, Times New Roman font, left-justified, and appear immediately below the figure. The texts or legends in graphs, illustrations, or images should be set in 10pt "Time News Roman (10 Pt TNR)" font.



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Figure numbers should be indicated in the text as (Fig. 1) or Fig. 1, if it is a part of a sentence. If several figures are mentioned in the text, it would be "(Fig. 1 and 2) / (Fig. 1a, b and c)" or "Fig 1 and 2 / Fig. 1a and b", as appropriate.

**REFERENCING**

**IMPORTANT: Please add only 4-5 citations in the Introduction and include them in the reference list.**

Please ensure that every reference cited in the text is present in the reference list (and vice versa). When two or more references are to be cited together, they should be given in the text chronologically from earliest to most recent.

*Citation in the text –*All citations in the text should refer to:

1. Single author: the author’s surname (without initials) and the year of publication (E.g. Silva, 2010);
2. Two authors: both authors’ surnames and the year of publication (E.g. Ekanayake and Kumar, 2014);
3. Three or more authors: first author's name followed by ‘*et al*.’ and the year of publication (E.g. Soyza *et al*., 2015)

In-text citations example:

"The research was carried out from a social-constructivist perspective with child development seen as a process of guided participation (Rogoff, 2003). It thus adopted a transactional stance towards development that is culturally and historically constructed (Vygotskii, 1999; Silva and Fernando, 2010; Ranathunga *et al*., 2022)."

Reference list - References should be arranged alphabetically. More than one reference from the same author(s) in the same year must be identified by the letters ‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’, etc., placed after the year of publication.

***Reference Style***

1. Reference to a journal publication:

Frank, J., Jeon, C. and Heo, S. (2010). Chemical composition and nutritional quality of selected vegetables. J. Agric. Food Chem. 90, 246- 257.

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Steven J. and White, A.D. (2007). Functional ingredients from tropical fruits. Second ed. Woodhead publishing, UK.

3. Reference to a chapter in an edited book:

Adams, A. and Tana, K.J. (2012). Antioxidant properties of plant polyphenols pp. 181–207. In: Smith, G. and david P. (Ed.), Biological activities of plant secondary metabolites. Academic Press, USA.

4. Web:

Kriss, J.P. (2015). Phytochemicals: Extraction and industrial applications (online). (Accessed on 21.09.2015) Available at http://www.elsevier.com/journals/food-chemistry/0308- 8146generatepdf

**SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES**

**Equations**

Equations should be centered and numbered consecutively. For long sets of equations where only one referencing equation number is wanted. Leave one line spacing before and after the equation.

Describe symbols/constants that appear in the equation as needed.

**Footnotes**

Footnotes are denoted by a character superscript in the text b.

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**Units**

Use only the SI units. Keep a single space between two types of units (e.g. J mol-1 K-1). Use a negative exponent (e.g., kg m-3) and do **not** indicate units as divisions (e.g., kg/m3).

**Nomenclature**

Follow IUPAC nomenclature in naming chemical substances.

**Mathematical operations and mathematical equations** keep a single space before and after arithmetic operators. e.g. 3 + 5 = 8

3 × 5 = 15 (*Use the multiplication symbol, do not use the letter x or \*)*

**Quantitative expression of scientific results**

Keep a single space between the magnitude and the unit of a particular quantity. In expressing percentages, except between the number and the following signs.

%, ℃, °F

e.g. 5.00 × 105 N m-2, 56.7%, 100℃, 212°F.

**Significant figures**

In reporting experimental measurements, do not keep digits that are not significant (beyond the precision of the instrument's scale).

E.g., 4.6567 is to be reported as 4.66 if the scale used is precise up to the second decimal place.

In addition, the terms significant and highly significant traditionally have been reserved for P < 0.05 and P < 0.01, respectively; however, reporting the P-value is preferred to the use of these terms. For example, use ". . . there was a difference (P < 0.05) between control and treated samples" rather than ". . . there was a significant (P < 0.05) difference between control and treated samples."

**Parenthesis**

Keep a single space before and after the parenthesis. However, do not keep space between the first and the last letter/symbol inside the parenthesis. E.g., The magnitude of x is less than five (x < 5).

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