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## WRITING AN ABSTRACT: A SCIENTIFIC METHOD.

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My dear friends and colleagues, the topic mentioned above named "abstract", we all are familiar with this name. Across our research work we have read, listen and written abstract of many papers. Here in this current article we would like to highlight few important things about abstract which could be helpful for new and junior researchers. In a simple language abstract is nothing but *saara* or summary of whole article.<sup>[1]</sup> While writing a scientific article our title is defined, and on the basis of title we carry out and write our article. An important thing is Abstract which always written after writing Introduction, Materials and methods, Results and Conclusion but it comes at the beginning of paper. As described earlier, abstract is the *saara* or summary of your article.

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