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The manuscript is expected to be structured as follows: Title, author(s) name(s) and affiliation(s), corresponding author(s) information, Keywords, Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, Acknowledgments (if any), and References.

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This section may be divided into subheadings. This section describes the outcomes of the research study; the results should be presented clearly and concisely.

3.1. Subsection

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All figures and tables should be cited in the main text as Figure 1, Table 1, etc., using Arabic numerals and should be cited in the text in numerical order (e.g., (Table 1), (Table 2), (Figure 1), (Figure 2), etc.). When the speech talks about the tables and figures in the text, the style of writing the tables and figures should be as follows (Table (1), Figure (2),), etc.). For example (Table (3) shows).

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Figure 2. This is a figure.

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entry 1	data	data
entry 2	data	data ¹

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$$a = 1, \tag{1}$$

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Authors should discuss the results and how they can be interpreted from the perspective of previous studies and the working hypotheses. The findings and their implications should be discussed in the broadest context possible. Negative and positive points of the results must be criticized clearly, and future research directions may also be highlighted.

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Acknowledgments

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Book

Schmidt, N. A., & Brown, J. M. (2017). Evidence-based practice for nurses: Appraisal and application of research (4th ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning, LLC.

Web Page

American Nurses Association. (n.d.). Disaster preparedness <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/work-environment/health-safety/disaster-preparedness/>

News Article

Cresell, J., & Kaplan, S. (2019, November 24). How Juul hooked a generation on nicotine. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/23/health/juul-vaping-crisis.html>

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