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Define unique terms and acronyms the first time used.
Write one paragraph, from 100 to 150 words in length and be written with 10 font size.
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2. **Methods:** Method section that describes the participants (e.g., demographics, selection criteria, and group assignment), the materials (e.g., task[s], equipment, instruments, including a discussion of their validity and reliability, if appropriate), and the procedures employed in the study such as treatment(s) and data analysis.

3. **Results (findings) and Discussion:** Results should be clear and concise. Discussion should explore the significance of the results of the work, not repeat them. A combined Results and Discussion section is often appropriate. Avoid extensive citations and discussion of published literature.

4. **Conclusion and Recommendations:** The first paragraph of this section presents the main objective of the study. The 2nd paragraph discusses the summary of finding, the 3rd paragraph and succeeding paragraph presents the authors inferences based on the findings of the study, implications to theoretical grounds of the study, and insights from the study. The last paragraph focuses on the future direction of the study and the study limitations and how these limitations may be addressed in the study replication.
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Table 1. Average pre-test and post-test scores and mean differences.

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$^a$Standard deviations are enclosed in parenthesis.

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