

Key papers in paediatrics: Picket

Pickets is an evidence-based medicine section which aims to draw attention to the studies which might change our practice. It provides a robust critical appraisal of the paper.

Style of article: a Picket looks at the most noteworthy and clinically relevant articles, re-writes the abstract in a structured way, and then puts this paper in the context of the broader literature with a commentary.

Abstract

- 1) Articles are recognised by the section editors, but authors can also approach editors with a suggestion. If relevant, editors will commission a Picket.
- 2) Sub-section of abstracts:
 - a) Declarative Title: The Result of The Study e.g. "Cough was commonly caused by viral URTI" (make it past tense, and concise, no hyperbole!)
 - b) Reviewing article: (i.e., Write the citation here) e.g., Smith RD. Traffic light system for admissions. NEJM 2020; 3(2);456-467
 - c) Write the abstract under these headings: Study design, Allocation, Blinding, Setting, Patient, Intervention, Outcomes, Follow-up, Main result and Conclusion.
 - d) Main results: should be in a table format and must include just the main, important results in a format that is easy to read as shown below.

Outcomes	Event rates/OR/RR/NNT (95% CI)	
	Control	Intervention

Commentary

The role of the commentary is to give paediatricians a background to the article and place it in a real-world context from which the practising paediatrician can determine whether or not personal practice should be altered. It is worth noting that the readership of ADC ranges from office paediatricians to tertiary care, hospital-based paediatricians.

The paper you've been asked to provide a commentary on has been abstracted in a standardised way. Please do not restate in detail what the paper showed, as the abstract will be positioned immediately above your commentary. As a rule, a single short sentence or passing reference to the paper is sufficient, for example "The study by Pérez Gaxiola has many of the hallmarks of an excellent systematic review ..." or "There are significant weaknesses in the applicability of the survey by Phillips et al beyond tertiary centres ...". It is likely that article would also be edited to conform to Picket standard house style.

Word count

Abstract should be maximum 250 words, with a table.

Commentary should be maximum 300 words with no more than three references.

Submission

When you are happy with the commentary and the abstract, submit your article via ScholarOne using the link provided in the commissioning email (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/adc>). Provide a cover letter stating the name of section editor with whom it was discussed. Please suggest two reviewers for the peer review process.

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