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Provide a summarized and updated review of the literature about the area of study.

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The authors should present the results of the study and the discussion should focus on how the research was instrumental in achieving the objectives.

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Conclusion should include

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