

Parameter	Points 0	Points 1	Points 2	Points 3	Points 4	Points 5
<b>Introduction and aims / objectives</b>	Sufficient background information is not provided. Aims / objectives NOT provided	Background information is provided but aims or objectives are not provided. Aims / objectives provided but no background information provided.	Background information, aims / objectives are provided but lack clarity	Background information, aims / objectives are provided and are somewhat clear and concise	Background information, aims / objectives are provided and are mostly clear and concise	Background information, aims / objectives are provided and are fully clear and concise
<b>Design / methods</b>	Methodology NOT provided	Methodology provided but inappropriate / minimally appropriate	Methodology provided with many gaps and not wholly appropriate to address the research question	Methodology provided with some gaps, with some explanation that is mostly appropriate to address the research question	Methodology explained well with few gaps, that is mostly appropriate to address the research questions	Methodology fully explained and appropriate to address the research question
<b>Results / outcomes</b>	Results OR outcomes NOT present	Results and/or outcomes reported, NOT related to aims/objectives	Results and/or outcomes reported, minimally related to aims/objectives	Results and/or outcomes reported, related to some aims/objectives	Results and/or outcomes reported, related to majority of aims/objectives	Results and/or outcomes reported, related to all aims/objectives
<b>Discussion of results/ outcomes</b>	Discussion NOT present	Results/outcomes discussed minimally with no critical consideration	Results/outcomes discussed minimally with minimal critical consideration	Results/outcomes discussed incompletely with some justification and some critical considerations	Results/outcomes discussed fully with some justification and some critical considerations	Results/outcomes discussed fully with full justification and full critical considerations
<b>Conclusion and implications of study</b>	NOT present	Conclusion present but does not summarize findings	Conclusion present, summarizes findings but lacks clarity	Conclusion present, summarizes findings with some clarity	Conclusion present, summarizes findings clearly	Conclusion present, clearly and concisely summarizes findings and their implications
<b>Applicability to practice</b>	Learning not able to be used by any other members and of little interest	Limited to single institution	Applicable and relevant to a locality	Clear evidence of service improvement but only relevant to a minority of members	Clear service improvement reported. Majority of members would be able to apply this work	Significant service improvement and relevance. ALL members would be able to apply this work
<b>Does the work add to the existing evidence, originality</b>	Not original, frequent similar submissions	Significant duplication of previous work, no development beyond existing published evidence	Limited originality or additional evidence	Some originality or additional evidence	Highly original, innovative and has potential to contribute to the field	Wholly original, innovative and will contribute to the field
<b>Grammar, style and clarity of the overall presentation</b>	Numerous grammatical errors, unclear and poorly styled	Several grammatical errors, some clarity issues	Some grammatical errors, style and clarity need improvement	Few grammatical errors, mostly clear and well-styled	Minimal grammatical errors, clear and well-styled	No grammatical errors, exceptionally clear and well-styled

## Notes

1. Marks for all categories will be combined for the overall score (maximum score = 40)
2. An overall score of **24 and above** will be required for acceptance as a poster.
3. Abstracts will be anonymised and marked by ISOPP Research Committee members.
4. Markers will be required to declare any interest in a specific abstract and will not be allowed to judge their own abstract, or one to which they are closely connected (e.g. same place of work).
5. Feedback will be provided (if requested) to all rejected applicants; however, the decision on acceptance or rejection is final unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate that a process error has been made during the scoring process, in which case the applicant may make a case for a review.