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Abstract
The abstract must be written in English as a single paragraph. It must be aligned both to the left and right margins. 1. How to write a good abstract for your paper. An abstract is a short paragraph of around 200-300 words that summarizes your research paper. Typically, it describes the purpose of your research, your research methods and designs, the results of your research and conclusions. 2. Why do I need an abstract for my paper? When looking for research articles, researchers often decide whether a paper is relevant to their study by reading the abstract. Therefore, it's important to make your abstract as engaging and informative as possible. In addition, online abstracting and indexing services are widely used by readers looking for relevant research. A concise, accurate and well-structured abstract will likely make your paper more discoverable. 3. How to write an abstract? As it’s a summary of your paper, the abstract should be written after your paper is completed. A strong abstract should make sense on its own and cover all major points of your research. Here is a short guide to how to write a good abstract.4. Structure. You can use the structure of your paper to guide the structure of your abstract. Although space is limited, there are four main steps you can follow to create a well-structured abstract: a) Introduce the context and purpose of your research. For example, what is already known about the topic or what is the ‘problem’ that your research is trying to address? b) Describe the methods used in the research. This should be a simple description written in the past tense and using plain language. c) Summarize the results of your research. It can be difficult to include all the results in an abstract, so try to focus only on the most noteworthy ones. d) Finally, explain why the results are significant. For example, how they might affect future research or understanding in the field. You can also include your recommendations for further research.

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1. Introduction in bold, left aligned
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Figures may be colored or not, and must be inserted in the main body of the manuscript as close as possible from the point where they are cited in the text. They must be centralized and should not exceed the margins defined for the page. It is recommended that a minimal of 300-dpi resolution be used in digitized figures. They should be preferably saved in the JPG format. Each figure must have a caption in Arabic numerals. The caption must be centralized just below the figure itself, and separated by a single space before the corresponding text and double space after it. The format to be followed is: Figure 1 – Caption of the figure, with a final dot. In the main text, they should necessarily be mentioned or cited as in the example: “As shown by Figure 1, ...”. Please see other examples below:
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Table 1 – Fuzzy rules for controllers Fuzzy-PI and Fuzzy-PID.

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Table 2 - Fiber Quality Analysis.

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Mean length / mm</th>
<th>Mean width / µm</th>
<th>Fines / %</th>
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<td>0.719</td>
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<td>Standard deviation</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>0.096</td>
<td>0.059</td>
<td>2.082</td>
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Note: The number of fibers counted was 3000. The fine fraction was classified as such if the fibrous elements had an effective dimension between 0.05 and 0.2 mm. (Table notes must be given in Font Size 9 and aligned to the left)

4. Equations

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\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = \nabla(D_{eff}\nabla X) \tag{1}
\]

where X is the moisture content, [kg H₂O/ kg dry mass], t is time, [s], and D_{eff} is the effective diffusivity, [m² s⁻¹].

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(Armstrong et al., 2014; Fischer et al., 2015; Williamson et al., 2013)”. In this case, note that alphabetical order by the author's surname must be observed to list these references. In the case of two authors, the reference must be cited as: “... according to Armstrong and Fischer (1995), ...”. If three or more authors are involved, cite only the first author and use “et al.”, as in the previous examples. If different reports by the same authors have been published in the same year, please use letters a, b, c... after the publication year, as in the example: “Works by Smith et al. (2005 a, b) showed that ...”.

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