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Authors are kindly requested to read carefully the Guidelines amended with detailed methodological instructions.

Text organization and style

Authors should apply scientific methodology in presenting the contents of their papers complying with the standards of scientific publications (“Harvard style”). This implies the procedure as follows:

(1) Title and the content of the paper:

The title is the most important summary of a scientific article, which reflects the scope of investigation and the type of study. Therefore, the title should not contain words such as “analysis”, “methods” and similar.

The content of the paper consists of:

- ✓ *Abstract* – below the title
- ✓ *Key words* (up to seven)

It is followed by the main body of the paper divided into sections. The section headings are as follows:

- *Introduction*
- *Literature review* (the second section)
- *Methodology/method/model/conception of analysis/design* (the third section)
- *Empirical data (documentation background) and analysis* (the fourth section)
- *Results and discussion/findings/practical implications* (the fifth section)
- *Conclusions/research limitations* (the sixth section).

(2) The content of some parts of the material presented:

a. Abstract – up to 150-200 words must contain:

- purpose and research objective,
- methodology/method/model/conception of analysis,
- main findings and results of research (analysis),
- research limitations/implications
- practical implications
- originality/value/the underlined conclusion of research.

The abstract should not be written in paragraphs!

- **Key words** should disclose the essence of the article (up to 5 key words).
- **Introduction** – defines the problem and the subject matter of the research referring to recent bibliography and findings. However, these can more specifically be dealt with in the second section *Literature review*. The last part of the introduction is reserved for setting the hypothesis of the research that will be later on analyzed at the beginning of the conclusions. Finally, Introduction ends up by giving clues of the organization of the text.
- **Literature review** – precedes a research section providing readers with a cutting-edge context of the referential literature dealing with crucial points of current knowledge based on the relevant results of the current research.

- **Methodology/method/model/conception of analysis** – usually in the third section of the paper, methodology/method/model/conception of the analysis should be transparently presented and pointed out in case of the research results being subjected to re-testing by interested researchers (it is one of the fundamental principles of the scientific methodology).
- **Empirical data and analysis** – contain documentation background and the results of the analysis.
- **Results and discussion** – explain results, especially their economic significance and messages.
- **Conclusions** – is not supposed to be a summary! Conclusions are the author's original thoughts and evaluation of the obtained results including the items as follows:
 - ✓ Explanation of the working hypothesis – accepted or not rejected.
 - ✓ Assessment of the results of research/analysis with the focus on what can be classified as a new contribution to economic science.
 - ✓ Attention drawn to research limitations and problems.
 - ✓ Guidelines to future research.
 - ✓ Assessment of the results obtained by the research

It is recommended not to write conclusion in paragraphs.

(3) References should include only the titles (sources) that have been referred to and quoted in the paper.

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