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| Years | Text | Text | Text |
| 2021 | Text | Text | Numbers |
| 2022 | Text | Text | Numbers |

**Conclusions**

1. The Conclusions should specify the degree as to which the objectives have been solved and the aim has been achieved.

2. The Conclusions should be based on the research findings rather than repeat them. The Conclusions should be more of a general nature than the summary of findings and reflect the identified patterns or scientific facts.

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