

Description

Consensus methods like the Delphi process and nominal group technique play a crucial role in biomedical research, especially when existing evidence is inconsistent or limited. These methods help gather expert opinions to guide clinical decisions and policymaking. However, poor reporting of consensus studies can undermine their credibility and reproducibility.

The ACcurate COnsensus Reporting Document (ACCORD) guidelines were developed to address this issue. ACCORD provides a 35-item checklist to ensure clear, complete, and transparent reporting of consensus research.

ACCORD was created through a rigorous three-step validation process:

1. Systematic reviews which identified gaps in how consensus methods are reported.
2. Delphi Process where experts reviewed and refined the checklist through multiple rounds of feedback.
3. Finalization step, where items reaching 80% expert consensus were included in the final checklist.

Clear and transparent reporting is essential for ensuring that consensus-based research is credible and reproducible. The ACCORD guidelines help researchers document their methodology in a structured way, enhancing the clarity, reliability, and impact of their findings. By following ACCORD, researchers can improve transparency, strengthen trust in their results, and support better clinical and policy decisions.

Download the ACCORD Guidelines Checklist to streamline your research reporting and improve the impact of your study.

Want to see how ACCORD compares to other reporting guidelines? Check out our comparative analysis of ACCORD, STROBE, CONSORT, and PRISMA, where we break down their differences and applications in research.

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