

#### **Description**

A <u>literature review</u> presents a summary of studies related to a particular area of research. It identifies and summarizes all the relevant research conducted on a particular topic. Literature reviews are used in the <u>introduction</u> and <u>discussion</u> sections of your <u>manuscripts</u>. However, there are differences in how you can <u>present literature reviews</u> in each section. This smartshort describes how to effectively use literature reviews in these sections. You can also read a detailed article on this topic here.



## Literature Review for Introduction vs. Discussion

#### Introduction

### Discussion



Use previous literature to introduce your research



Use previous studies to explain or reinforce your findings



Discuss subject-specific literature after the general introduction



Only include references that are directly relevant to the topic/target audience.



Identify knowledge gaps based on previous literature



Do not cite review articles unless essential

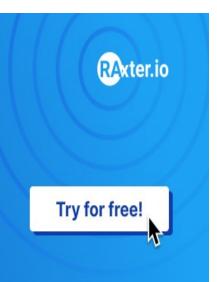
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1. Checklist

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