

Editorial guidelines

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 - 5 key words both in Italian and English
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The text of the abstract must not exceed 12 lines and may only use 100-120 words. If the article concerns research, the abstract must mention: a) the problem; b) the method; c) the results; d) the conclusions. The abstract must indicate the most important aspects which make evident the direction of the results. It is also opportune for the abstract to show the number and type of subjects, the design of the research and the level of significance of the results. If it is the case of a review or an article of theoretical discussion, the abstract must indicate the subjects treated and the main thesis that is maintained, if there is one. The style must be telegraphic and redundant sentences must be avoided.
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EXAMPLE OF TABLE:

Table 1 - Internalization and Externalization Behaviors

	<i>Mean</i>	<i>S.D.</i>
Internalization (CBCL)	8.9	1.2
Externalization (CBCL)	12.5	2.5

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