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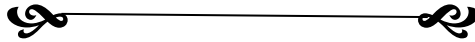
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#### Preamble

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**Abstract:** This should be succinct; brief, but do the following. First, introduce the issue and the context that gave rise to this issue. Then explain the methodology employed for collecting data. It is not enough to just say quantitative or qualitative. Briefly state what the tools and techniques employed. Finally say what the conclusions of the research are. Please do not write extensive details of any of the above. Please also do not include quotations or references. Statements must be straightforward. Do not write in a roundabout way. Confine the abstract to about 300 words.

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