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<td>• Results were provided but lacked sufficient data to address the Hypothesis/Objective&lt;br&gt;• Data were difficult to comprehend</td>
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<td>• Results included sufficient amounts of high quality data to address the Hypothesis/Objective&lt;br&gt;• Data were clear, logical, thorough and easy to comprehend</td>
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| 1     | • Does not demonstrate any knowledge of the research project  
• Reads from the poster (slide or script) all the time  
• Does not understand questions  
• Presentation is very confusing | • Not all of the expected components* are presented and the layout is confusing to follow in the absence of the presenter  
• Text is hard to read, messy and illegible, or has spelling or typographical errors  
• Poster/slides’ background is very poor  
• Photographs/tables/graphs are poorly done |
| 2     | • Demonstrates a poor knowledge of the research project  
• Reads from the poster (slide or script) most of the time  
• Has difficulty answering questions  
• Presentation is generally unclear | • Not all of the expected components* are presented and the layout is untidy and confusing to follow in the absence of the presenter  
• Text is hard to read due to font size or color, or has spelling or typographical errors  
• Poster/slides’ background is distracting  
• Photographs/tables/graphs are not related to the text or are poorly labeled or do not improve understanding of the project |
| 3     | • Demonstrates some knowledge of the research project  
• Has some difficulty answering challenging questions  
• Presentation is somewhat unclear and has inconsistencies | • Most of the expected components* are presented, but the layout is confusing to follow in the absence of presenter  
• Text is relatively clear and legible, but has spelling or typographical errors  
• Poster/slides’ background is distracting  
• Photographs/tables/graphs are not related to the text, or labeled correctly or do not improve understanding of the project |
| 4     | • Demonstrates good knowledge of the research project  
• Speaks clearly and naturally; makes eye contact  
• Answers most questions  
• Presentation is clear for the most part, but has a few inconsistencies | • All expected components* are presented, but layout is crowded or jumbled making it confusing to follow in the absence of presenter  
• Text is relatively clear, legible, and mostly free of spelling or typographical errors  
• Poster/slides’ background is unobtrusive  
• Most photographs/tables/graphs are appropriate and labeled correctly, which improve understanding of the project |
| 5     | • Demonstrates very strong knowledge of the research project  
• Speaks clearly, naturally and with enthusiasm; makes eye contact  
• Answers difficult questions clearly and succinctly  
• Presentation is logical and very clear | • All expected components* are presented and are clearly laid out and easy to follow in the absence of presenter  
• Text is concise, legible, and free of spelling or typographical errors  
• Poster/slide background is unobtrusive  
• All photographs/tables/graphs are appropriate and labeled correctly, which improve understanding of the project and enhance the poster/slides’ visual appeal |

*Components are defined as Title, Authors and Institutional Affiliation, Hypothesis/Objective, Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, Future Work, Bibliography, and Acknowledgments*