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A retrospective cohort study of structured abstracts in MEDLINE, 1992-2006

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Table 1Select data element comparison of averages of structured-abstract set to entire MEDLINE SET

	Structured-abstract set	Entire MEDLINE set
Record size in bytes	2,445.0	1,687.0
Words in abstract	248.8	192.2
Abstract length (in characters)	1,644.0	1,263.4
Article title (in characters)	101.3	90.2
Medical Subject Headings	13.8	11.5
Number of authors	5.3	3.9