

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

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

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	<b>Structured-abstract set</b>	<b>Entire MEDLINE set</b>
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

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