

Author's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewing Guidelines:**

Your task is to read the lay summary and provide feedback to the author about: 1) whether or not you understood the background information, research methods and results/conclusions (**content**), 2) whether or not the author ordered ideas logically and provided a “so what” component (**structure**), and 3) if the way in which the lay summary was written is relatable to a non-scientist (**style**).

Y/N	Topics	Questions to Consider
	<b>Content</b>	Does the author present a thorough review of their research (including background, methods, and results/conclusions)? Does the author provide necessary detail without overwhelming the reader?
	<b>Structure</b>	Are the ideas ordered logically such that they build off of each other?
	<b>Relevance (“so what” factor)</b>	As a reader, did you clearly get the “so what” factor about the topic presented?
	<b>Style</b>	Does the author present information using analogies or in plain language that is understandable to a non-scientist?
	<b>Thought-Provoking</b>	Do you find yourself interested in this topic and eager to learn more?
	<b>Effective Communication</b>	Do you feel like the author communicates effectively? (If you have suggestions or questions, please write below.)

**Additional Comments/Suggestions/Questions from Peer Review:**