



Publication of 'gray literature' in EJOI

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Conference abstracts provide an insight on what are the current trends in research. By publishing ab-

stracts in a regular scientific journal, researchers will find it more easy to identify the so-called, 'gray literature', meaning preliminary reports of new unpublished studies that may be used in systematic reviews. Readers can also be inspired by new ideas which otherwise might not have a wide distribution. Gray literature is generally defined as academic literature that is not formally published.

It may nonetheless be an important source of information for researchers, because it tends to be original and recent.

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Happy reading!
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