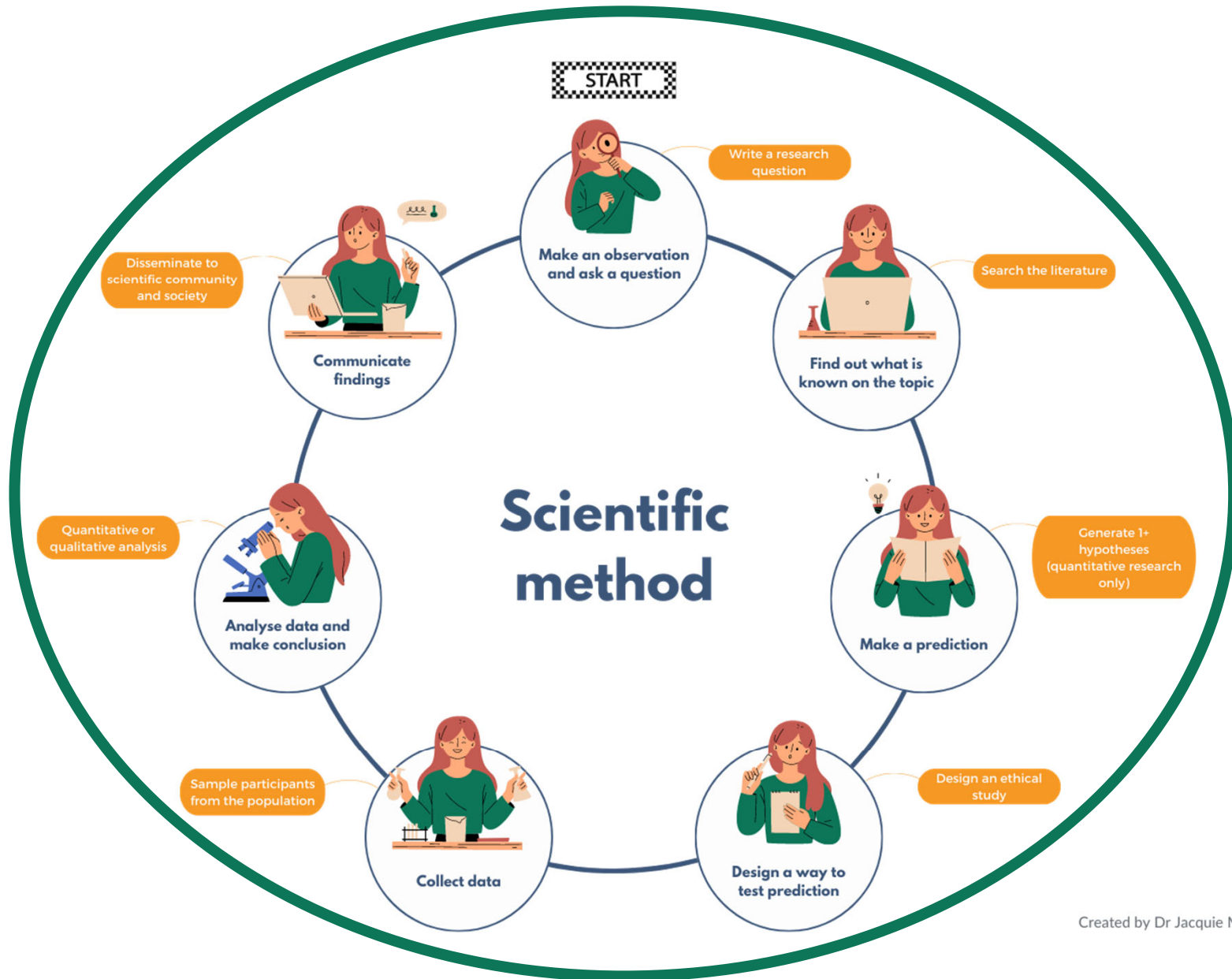


# Lab report video 6

Abstract section

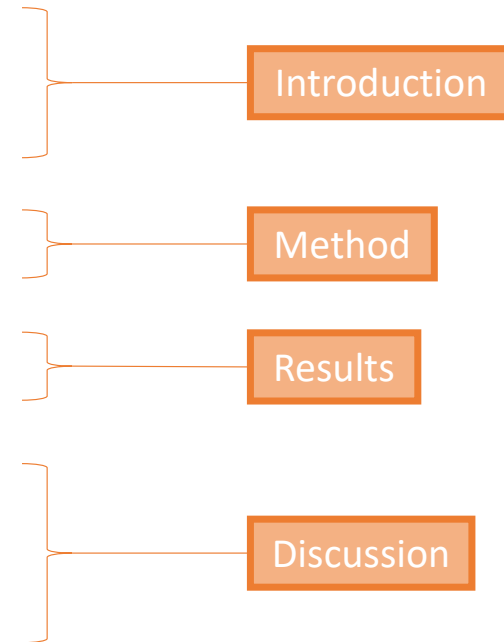


# Purpose of the Abstract section

- Provide an overview of the most critical points from all other sections
- Helps a reader decide whether it's worth reading the full report

# Structure of the Abstract section

- 1 paragraph
- Parallels the structure of the lab report at large, within a strict word limit
  - Why is the topic important and what does past research say, as a whole?
  - What is the aim of the current study?
  - Who were the participants and what did they do?
  - What were the key findings?
  - Did the findings support your hypotheses?
  - How do the findings fill a gap in the literature and how might they be useful in the real world?



# Writing the Abstract section

- Do it last, but **do not** do it last-minute
- Ask yourself: What information is vital for the reader to understand the scope of this study? What will help them to make a judgement call on its quality?
- Balancing act - remember that you can't include everything
- Can cut and paste your own wording from other sections, but will most likely need to edit slightly to reduce word count

# Skills involved in completing the Abstract section

- Brevity
- Accuracy
- Judgement
- Logic
- Communicating clearly and professionally

# Questions

Please post any questions you might have on the discussion boards.