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A long-form academic manuscript with front matter, numbered chapters, lists of figures and tables, citations, appendices, and bibliography.

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Document contents

Evidence note: distinguish observed results, interpretation, limitations, and future validation throughout the document.

0.1 Abstract and front matter

Provide abstract, keywords, declaration, acknowledgments, contents, figures, tables, abbreviations, and required institutional statements.

Evidence	Method	Interpretation	Limitation
Abstract and front matter	Structured analysis	Material pattern identified	Context-specific sample
Robustness check	Sensitivity review	Direction retained	Further validation recommended

0.2 Introduction

Establish context, problem, aim, questions, contribution, scope, key definitions, assumptions, and chapter structure. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

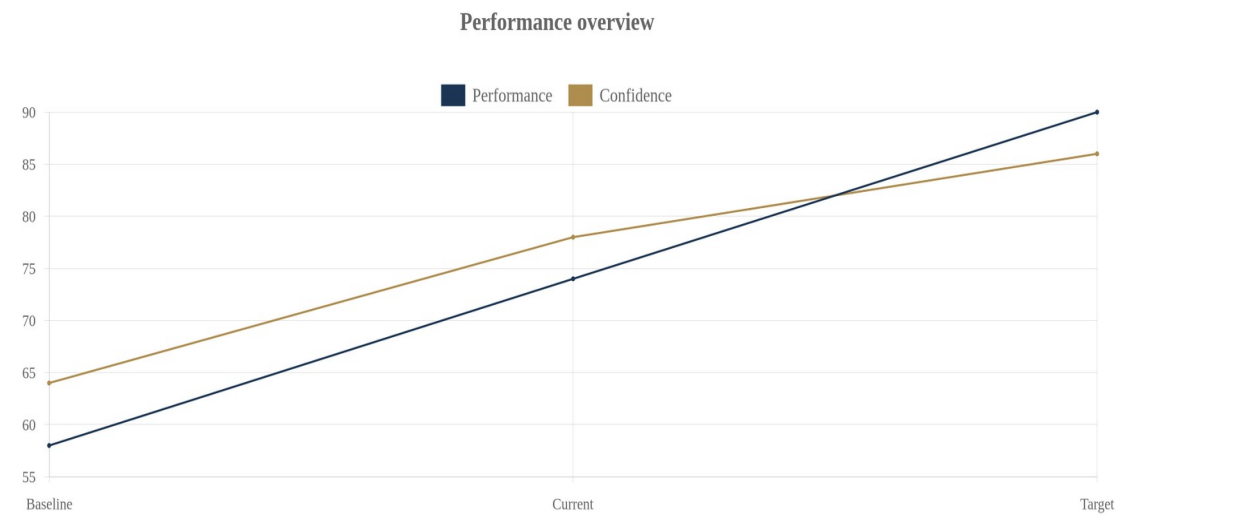


Figure 1: Illustrative performance profile



0.3 Literature review

Critically synthesize theory and evidence, organize themes, evaluate methods, expose gaps, and develop the conceptual framework.

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0.4 Methodology

Justify philosophy, design, setting, sampling, data collection, measures, analysis, rigor, ethics, reflexivity, and limitations. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

0.5 Results

Present findings systematically with tables, figures, estimates, qualitative evidence, robustness, and transparent deviations. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

0.6 Discussion

Interpret findings, connect them to questions and literature, develop contribution, evaluate mechanisms, and address alternatives. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

0.7 Conclusion

Synthesize answers, theoretical and practical contribution, limitations, recommendations, and future research. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

0.8 References and appendices

Include complete bibliography, instruments, protocols, supplementary analyses, approvals, data notes, and other supporting material. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.