Template for a technical report

The format: maximum 700 words (not including title, table or references)

No abstract is required since the title should state the key finding.

Title: the conclusion of the work should be stated in the title.
Examples of how to format:

* “Name of technique” demonstrates high reliability in measuring “construct” in patients with “health condition”,
* Most patients with “health condition” experience “symptom or experience”.
* Hand therapists rarely perform “clinical behavior” in “context”.

Measures: describe what measures were collected, the sample

Analyses: State what statistical analyses were performed succinctly.

Examples:

* t-tests were used to detect differences between the men and women
* ICCs, mean differences and limits of agreement were calculated
* descriptive statistics were calculated.

Findings: briefly state results

Relation to prior work: This should state how the findings relate to prior literature on this topic in 1-3 clear analytical sentences. If no prior work in this area, then this section can be deleted.

Examples

* Strength differences between men and women of approximately 30% were similar to what has been found in patients with XX conditions.
* ICCs exceeding 0.8 indicate high reliability and are similar to values obtained in prior studies (1-3 REFS).
* the percentage of XX reporting XX is similar/different (describe size of difference e.g. effect size or mean difference, 95% CI) than previous studies reporting XX. We attribute this to XX

Impact: Do not repeat the conclusion. A succinct statement can be included about the implications of the findings or how the data could impact on clinical practice methods for research. This should be a specific statement that is supported by the data.

Examples:

* reliability is sufficient for group comparisons, but caution should be exercised when interpreting with respect to individual patients
* the use of XX treatment is low despite evidence of its effectiveness, indicating a need for greater utilization in hand therapy practice
* Reliability was excellent and XX can be used with individual patients, with an MDC of XX
* Patient reported a rate of return to work of XX 12 months after nerve repair

References: 1- 5 of the most salient references should be cited