

RED MEAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SA PROJECT COMMITTEE (RMRD SA-PC)

LITERATURE STUDY - GUIDE TO AUTHORS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Generally, a literature study for RMRD SA has the specific purpose to culminate into a successful project proposal.
- Keep in mind that reviewers of the literature study will be experts in the general proposed field.
- The value of this literature study lies not in its length, nor its number of references, but in its appropriateness and relevance to the study field.
- A literature study is not a comprehensive literature review.
- The literature study should be written in a format which could be considered appropriate for publishing as a scientific review article.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LITERATURE STUDY

- Give a brief background to the project proposed
- Provide sufficient evidence to the reviewers that the proposed research team is familiar with the subject
- Confirm that the subject is of importance to the relevant industry
- Describe the extent of current knowledge on the subject relevant to the proposal
- Identify important gaps in knowledge that need to be addressed
- Reveal if similar work has been done before, either locally or internationally
- If so, explain why it needs to be repeated (indicate limitations of the previous studies)
- Show, if appropriate, that the methodology to be used has been tested and accepted

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Scientific terminology and writing style is appropriate.
- References must be up to date, showing that the latest information has been considered
- Articles in accredited scientific, refereed journals are preferred. Un-refereed work, lay publications and electronic websites must be kept to a minimum.
- Acronyms should be defined.
- Any new terminology or techniques should be briefly explained.