**Manuscript Template – Louie Group**

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**Abstract** (typically 250-300 words – check for any specific guidelines for the target journal)

Write *after* completing your manuscript. Summarize the purpose, approach, and key findings and implications of the research.

**Introduction** (Aim to stay within 2-3 pages)

Start with a brief overview of the field to which your research contributes (e.g., environmental impacts of nanomaterials) and the importance of the field (keep in mind the focus of the journal to which you’re submitting).

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