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The maximum length of the paper should be seven (07) pages (including references and appendices).

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2. briefly review the pertinent literature,
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Provide a summarized and updated review of literature pertaining to the area of study

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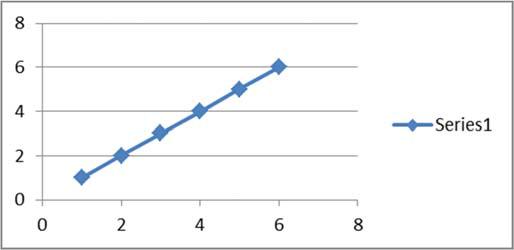
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Conclusions should include:

1. the principles and generalizations inferred from the results,
2. any exceptions to, or problems with these principles and generalizations,
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