

Abstract Guidelines

Abstract Title

Must be short, informative, contain major keywords, 14 points in Arial font, sentence case, bold and justified text.

Author's Names and Organisation/Institution Affiliation

Listed with the author's first name and last name, 12 points in Arial font and the presenting author's name in bold. Superscript numbers must be used to indicate the author's organisation/institution affiliation(s).

Author's organisation/institution affiliation(s) must include city, state and country and the appropriate superscript number, 10 points in Arial font and justified text.

Example

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Abstract Text

Must be in 10 points in Arial font, single-spaced, justified text and maximum of 500 words.

The abstracts should address:

1. **Background**
Brief statement of relevant work or clinical situation, and hypothesis if applicable.
2. **Aim**
Brief statement of overall aim(s).
3. **Methods**
Laboratory or other techniques used, including statistical analyses. Outcome measures clearly stated.
4. **Results**
Provide a description of the main findings: statistically significant results and relevant negative data. Do not include inferred results.
5. **Conclusion**
Must refer to the aim(s) of the study and may include suggestions for future action.
6. **References**
In the text, references should be cited using superscript numbers in the order which they appear; up to five key references are to be included.

In the reference list, the references should be numbered and listed in order of appearance in the text. Cite the names of all authors when there are six or fewer; when seven or more list the first six followed by et al.

In General

Use standard abbreviations only within the body of the abstract. When using abbreviations spell out the name in full at the first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parenthesis. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the name in full is outlined in the body of the abstract. Capitalise the first letter of trade names.

Care should be taken to ensure high quality English expression and grammar.