



## **Rules For Preparation and Submission of Abstracts**

### **Abstract Title**

An abstract must have a short, specific title (containing no abbreviations) that indicates the nature of the investigation.

### **Author Name(s)**

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- Submit all abstracts in English
- Abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data submitted from the same institution and/or individuals will be disqualified
- To ensure that the abstract receives proper scientific consideration, please make sure that the abstract is submitted to the appropriate category.
- Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before submission. **The abstract will be published exactly as it has been submitted.**

### **Abstract Text**

- Describe briefly the objectives of the study unless they are contained in the title.
- Include a brief statement of methods if pertinent. State findings in detail sufficient to support conclusions.
- Do not begin sentences with numerals.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations (kept to a minimum) must be placed in parentheses after the first use of the word or phrase abbreviated.

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