

American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2024

Pre-Submission Checklist - General Abstracts

Before you submit your abstract to Scientific Sessions 2024, please use the checklist below to make sure it meets the highlighted submission guidelines and follows best practices.

Text

- Ensure the title is conclusive, not descriptive. Explicit titles denoting the findings should be used (not “Investigations of ...,” “Studies of ...,” etc.)
 - *Descriptive: “Effects of Hypoxia on Kv1.5 Channels”*
 - *Conclusive: “Hypoxia Inhibits Kv1.5 Channels in Rat Pulmonary Artery Smooth Muscle Cells”*
- We recommend that abstracts have the following identifiable sections:
 - Introduction/Background
 - Research Questions/Hypothesis
 - Methods/Approach
 - Results/Data (descriptive and inferential statistics)
 - Conclusion(s)
- Clearly state the hypothesis if you include a hypothesis.
- Do not include references, credits or grant support information.
- Minimize the use of abbreviations: Most abstracts should contain fewer than three.
- Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the first use of the full word or phrase.
- Use generic drug names.
- Do not begin sentences with numbers.
- Limit text to 2,500 characters for the abstract body.
 - Character count includes graphics, which deducts 250 characters **per** graphic.
 - Character count **does** include spaces.
 - **Do not include** the abstract title or authors in the abstract body.

Graphics

- Keep graphics simple: Line or bar graphs are most appropriate.
- Ensure any text is large enough to read when printed.
- Use only pre-sized .BMP, .GIF, .JPG or .PNG.
- Save color images in RGB mode.
- Ensure images are 72-300 dpi.
- Limit image width to 440 pixels (no limit on length).

NOTE: Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid and/or correct errors before the submission deadline. The abstract will be published exactly as it has been submitted. For full details, please access the General Abstract Submissions Guidelines [on our website](#).