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.)
    - o *Descriptive: "Effects of Hypoxia on Kv1.5 Channels"*
    - o *Conclusive: "Hypoxia Inhibits Kv1.5 Channels in Rat Pulmonary Artery Smooth Muscle Cells"*
- ☐ We recommend that abstracts have the following identifiable sections:
    - o Introduction/Background
    - o Research Questions/Hypothesis
    - o Methods/Approach
    - o Results/Data (descriptive and inferential statistics)
    - o 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.
    - o Character count does not include graphics.
    - o Character count does include spaces.
    - o 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.