

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**IMPORTANT: Abstracts must include data (absolute values) in detail sufficient to support conclusions. Abstracts that do not contain data (absolute values) will not be considered for review.**

### *Guidelines for Submission*

**The body of the abstract must not exceed 1,950 characters (not including spaces). Each graphic counts as 500 characters. Each table counts as 500 characters.**

Briefly describe the objectives of the study unless they are contained in the title. Include a brief statement of methods if pertinent. **Reminder: Abstracts must include data (absolute values) in detail sufficient to support conclusions. Abstracts that do not contain data (absolute values) will not be considered for review.**

Abstracts should not describe research in which the chemical identity or source of the reagent is proprietary or cannot be revealed. Authors should not “split” data to create several abstracts from one. If splitting is judged to have occurred, priority scores of related abstracts will be reduced. Abstracts containing identical or nearly identical data submitted from the same institution and/or individuals will be disqualified.

The following guidelines apply:

- Do not re-enter the abstract title or the authors' names/institutions.
- Use generic drug names.
- Do not begin sentences with numerals. When percentages are used, the absolute number from which they are derived must be included; for example, “33% (10 of 30)”.
- Standard abbreviations may be used without definition. Nonstandard abbreviations must be kept to a minimum and placed in parentheses after the first use of the abbreviated word or phrase.
- Do not include references, credits, or grant support.
- Do not include names or personal information of any patient participating in the study or trial.
- Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors. Abstracts may not be revised after **May 7, 2018**.

### *Abstract Acceptance and Presentation*

#### *Acceptance*

- Abstracts are selected on the basis of scientific merit and are allocated to oral or poster presentations.
- This conference is a forum for the presentation of novel research findings. Thus, the work covered by the abstract must not have been published (manuscript) prior to September 14, 2017.
- Notification of abstract acceptance status will be emailed to primary authors in mid June 2018..

### ***Embargo Policy***

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- Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, will jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts.
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