Abstract Pre-Submission Checklist

Before you submit your abstract to Scientific Sessions, 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
  Descriptive: "Effects of Hypoxia on Kv1.5 Channels"
  Conclusive: "Hypoxia Inhibits Kv1.5 Channels in Rat Pulmonary Artery Smooth Muscle Cells"
- If you are submitting multiple abstracts, ensure your name is identical on each one
- List the senior author last
- Abstracts *may* have the following identifiable sections, but they are *not* mandatory: Introduction, Hypothesis, Methods, Results and Conclusions. These fields can be edited or deleted as appropriate for your abstract.
- Clearly state the hypothesis, if you are including a hypothesis.
- State a mean, SEM and sample size
- Do not include references, credits or grant support
- Minimize 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 numerals
- Limit text to 1,950 characters
    - Character count includes graphics, which deduct 250 characters **per** graphic
    - Character count does not include spaces, the title or authors

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 .gif, .jpg or .tif
- 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. NO exceptions. For questions regarding submission guidelines, email an AHA programming staff member at AHAScientificAbstracts@heart.org