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Pre-Submission Checklist - General Abstracts

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. 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"*
- ☐ It is recommended 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 are including a hypothesis.
- ☐ Do not include references, credits or grant support information.
- ☐ Minimize 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 1,950 characters for the abstract body
  - o Character count includes graphics, which deduct 250 characters per graphic.
  - o Character count does not include spaces, the title, authors, or graphics captions.
  - 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)

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