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 includes graphics, which deducts 250 characters per graphic.
   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.