Guidelines for Authors: Preparation of Abstracts

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TITLE
The title should be in sentence case, with no unnecessary capitalization and no full stop at the end (e.g., Results from experiments in this field), with a maximum of 150 characters.

AUTHORS
First name, middle initials if required, and surname with no full stop at the end. If the authors are presenting an abstract on behalf of a study group, this information should be included in the author list as a corporate or group author.

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Affiliations should include department, institute, town, province, and country.

MAIN TEXT

• Should not exceed 300 words.
• Use reference format (see example below).
• Greek and other special characters may be included.
• SI units should be used throughout (litre and molar are permitted).
• Web links (URLs) should be provided in full, including both the title of the site and the URL, in the following format: Mouse Tumour Biology Database [http://tumor.informatics.jax.org/cancer_links.htm].
• Abbreviations should be used as sparingly as possible and should be defined when first used.
• Research abstracts should be structured to include a Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions section
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REFERENCES
References may be included if they are essential, but will not be included in the abstract word count. All references should be cited consecutively in the text, using numbers in square brackets. Only papers that have been published, or are in press, or are available through public e-print/preprint servers should be included in the reference list. Journal abbreviations should follow MEDLINE standards. References should be laid out at the end of the abstract in
Vancouver style and preceded by the relevant reference number. An example of a reference for a journal article follows. The full reference style guide can be found at the journal’s website. Citations to references should be included in square brackets [1,2].

**Reference Examples:**

1. Last name A, Last name B, Last name C: **Title of journal article.** *Journal Medline abbreviation* year, *Vol:* first page-last page.

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