

# Abstract submission for the Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia Chapter Meeting, Science Week, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

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## ***The Abstract Format***

The abstract should be submitted as a single document with Title, Authors, Institutional Affiliations, Ethical Approval Statement, Abstract Text including Tables and Figures if necessary, and References. The Abstract Text must not exceed **250 words**. This word count does not include the Title, Authors, Institutional Affiliations, Ethical Approval Statement or References, but does include any Tables or Figures. Please note requirements for spaces (e.g.  $p = 0.001$  not  $p=0.001$  and  $45 \pm 3.2$  not  $45\pm3.2$ ). All abstracts must be written in English.

The abstract must consist of an Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and a Conclusion. Titles prior to each section **are not required**.

- *Introduction (maximum three lines in word) should concisely summarize the background for the study.*
- *Materials & methods must provide sufficient information to allow the quality of the study to be evaluated. Specific details of the number of animals studied and doses of drugs given must be recorded. Generic names should be used for all drugs. Statistical methods should be recorded.*
- *Results **must include data**. Parametric data should be presented as mean  $\pm$  SD. Nonparametric data should be presented as median values (range). Individual p values*

*for results are not necessary in the abstract text, but authors must make clear which results were statistically significant.*

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- A maximum of three references may be listed in Harvard style (see examples below).
- Acknowledgements should be limited to the major source of funding of the study.

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Each section (Introduction, Materials and Methods etc.) should be a separate paragraph with no subheadings and no spacing between paragraphs.

When using  $\mu$  e.g. in  $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$ , use the Arial font Greek letter. Avoid using a different font e.g. "symbol".

**Units:**

- Use negative indices, not solidus e.g.  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$  not mg/kg
- %, not per cent or percentage
- Minute & hour not min & hr
- SI units throughout with the exception of; mmHg for blood, intracranial and intra-ocular pressure and  $\text{cmH}_2\text{O}$  for airway pressure and CVP
- mmHg or kPa are permissible for blood gases

**Abbreviations:** Do not start a sentence with an acronym or abbreviation. Acronyms should be written in full at first usage followed by acronym in brackets with the exception of the following, which may be used without explanation :

- HR = heart rate
- PR = pulse rate
- ECG = electrocardiogram
- $f_R$  = respiratory rate
- SAP = systolic arterial blood pressure
- DAP = diastolic arterial blood pressure
- MAP = mean arterial blood pressure
- $\text{PaCO}_2$  and  $\text{PvCO}_2$  = arterial and venous partial pressure of carbon dioxide
- $\text{PaO}_2$  and  $\text{PvO}_2$  = arterial and venous partial pressure of oxygen

- $FE'CO_2$  and  $PE'CO_2$  = expired, fractional and partial pressure of end tidal carbon dioxide
- $V_T$  = Tidal volume
- $V_E$  = Minute ventilation
- NSAID = non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
- ANOVA = analysis of variance
- MAC = minimum alveolar concentration
- $SpO_2$  = oxyhaemoglobin saturation
- $FiO_2$  = fraction of inspired oxygen
- IV, SC, IM = intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular
- SWG = standard wire gauge (needle size)
- n = number in a group

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