

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED ON-LINE

On-line Submission

Abstracts within the scope of the symposium can only be submitted online via: www.eacpt2007.nl. The abstract submission deadline is March 1, 2007. Abstracts received after this deadline cannot be considered and will be discarded. Submission of an abstract implies the transfer of copyrights to the symposium organisers, provided the abstract is accepted for presentation.

Abstract instructions

Please make sure you type your title in the top box removing the existing text. The title should occupy no more than two lines and contain no more than 160 characters, including spaces.

Text should be word-processed using the font set Times New Roman 12

The abstract text should contain no more than 3000 characters, including spaces.

Tables and figures will be printed below the text. When a figure or table is included, it should be referred to in the text as Figure 1 or Table 1.

The abstract document will be used untouched (except for the insertion of a number) for reproduction in the pre-circulated abstract book and the Proceedings Supplement of the Journal.

General

Abstracts are accepted on the understanding that they have any necessary internal approval. Studies involving human subjects are assumed to have been approved by the Ethics Committee of the investigator's institution.

Abstracts should start with an introduction and, where appropriate, a statement of the aims of the work followed by methods, results (in the form of experimental data) and end with a conclusion and references. Where animals are used, the species, strain, sex and weight range should be given. Details of statistical analysis, n numbers and means and estimate of variability should be quoted where relevant. The use of novel acronyms and numbers for compounds should be avoided unless a reference or structure is provided.

References in the text should follow a standard style: either 'Jones (1990) reported' or, after a statement '(Jones, 1990; Brown & Jones, 1990; Brown *et al.*, 1990)'. Use *et al.* for more than two names. References should be listed in alphabetical order at the end of the text, omitting the titles. In multiple author references, the number of names should be limited to three and '*et al.*' inserted where necessary.

For oral communications, the first-named author indicates the one who intends to present the work. Use other symbols or numerals as superscripts to indicate other affiliations.

At the meeting, the presentation will be expected to comply with the abstract contents and there will be a formal vote on acceptance for publication. Abstracts are accepted on the understanding that they have not been published elsewhere and are not 'in press' in a fuller form.

The Society has a commitment to excellence in the content and presentation of work at its scientific meetings and to the publication of abstracts that reflect the quality of the work of its members and guests.

To avoid abstracts being referred or rejected, it is essential that abstracts intended for publication should be in the correct format.

The text should state unambiguously the aims to be fulfilled, how and what data were actually obtained and in which respect these may contribute significantly to the relevant topic.

Aims of the work being presented and the reasons for undertaking the study must be stated clearly.

Methods must be given in sufficient detail to allow assessment of their appropriateness. Details should either be given in the text or be contained within a cited reference, which must be a paper (not another abstract) already in print or accepted for publication. Include the number of subjects or experimental animals (species stated), solutions used, doses or concentrations of drugs (including the identification of drugs mentioned by code number), whether or not anaesthesia was used (and, if so,

what type) and methods of recording of responses or collection of data.

Results section must contain the authors' own original, unpublished data (with s.d. or s.e.m.), supported by statistical analysis where appropriate. Mere descriptions of changes in easily quantifiable parameters will not be acceptable (see *Examples of Unacceptable Styles*). A table or legible figure may be used.

The abstract should end with a conclusion and references. In general, the abstract should be informative and contain as much detail as possible: phrases such as "will be presented" or "will be discussed" are not acceptable.

In order to provide evidence of "quality control" and to convince the reader of the significance of the observations, the raw data should be given, whenever possible; the number of experiments of each type must be indicated.

Examples of Unacceptable Styles

It is **unacceptable** to describe drug-induced effects solely in a qualitative manner, e.g. *the heart rate fell; the rise in blood pressure was greatly attenuated; the contractions were markedly reduced or abolished; the binding of ABZ 273043 was significantly inhibited or virtually eliminated; the rank order of potency was X>Y>Z; the response was not potentiated; an inhibition was usually seen*. It is **insufficient** simply to state that *there was (or was not) a significant change*.

Where it is not possible to provide quantitative data (e.g. in certain histological, histochemical or immunohistochemical investigations) particular care should be taken to indicate how convincing evidence of changes (or lack of change) was obtained.

Abstract review

Each submitted abstract will be reviewed by several independent expert reviewers. Abstracts will either be accepted for oral presentation in the preferred paper session, accepted for poster presentation or rejected.

The outcome of the abstract review procedure will be mailed to the corresponding author not later than June, 1 2007

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