



Guidelines for Authors: Preparation of Abstracts – Sample Abstract

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400 word limit applicable to the main text, any words in tables or figures will not be counted

Greek and other special characters may be included SI units should be used throughout Abbreviations should be used sparingly and should be defined when first used.

Citations to references should be included in square brackets [1,2], and citations to any figures (Figure 1) and tables (Table 1), must also be included in round brackets.

Structured headings such as Background, Results and Conclusions may be added.

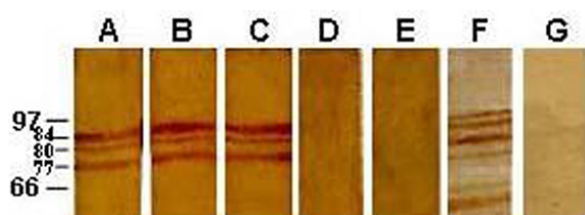
Table 1. Tables should be formatted using the "table function" in a word processing program, not created with tabs or submitted as an image or scan

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Parameter 1	≤9	10-12	≥13	0.01
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Table 2. This table contains at least 3 identifiable pieces of patient data, and therefore this abstract requires patient consent to publish, and a statement detailing so. Case six requires parental consent as the patient is under 16.

Patients	Age	Sex	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
Case 1	59	F	150	85
Case 2	40	M	184	92
Case 3	30	F	156	52
Case 4	68	M	180	81
Case 5	90	M	168	75
Case 6	14	F	165	64

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References (not mandatory for abstracts)

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