

## SCCT Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts are limited to 2500 characters and spaces for title, abstract body and image caption(s). Therefore, it is important to plan, review and edit your abstract submission for clarity and concision.

The following general guidelines are intended to aid authors in developing their abstract content.

A successful abstract should follow the scientific principles and clearly describe the scientific approach and results. Abstract submission is structured with the following body parts:

### **Purpose**

The stated purpose should be concise; usually in no more than 3 sentences. Acronyms or abbreviations must be defined.

- The first sentence provides brief background of the area and gap in knowledge.
- The second sentence gives a concise goal of the study. It can be to test a hypothesis, explore an area of inquiry or compare observations to controls.
- The type of research study should be clearly stated as shown in the bolded text in the above examples.

### **Methods**

Methods should include clear, succinct descriptions of what was done or experiments performed and should include the controls for experimental conditions.

### **Results**

Results should be quantitative data with proper statistical information such as standard deviation (SD), standard error of mean (SEM), n- and p-values.

- Figures or tables can be included.
- If a hypothesis is stated in the Purpose, the Results should address the hypothesis.

### **Conclusions**

A concise conclusion based on the evidence presented in the Results section should be provided.

- Do not overstate the results.
- The Conclusions should address the question/hypothesis stated in the Purpose section.

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