

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS



Poster Presentation Format

Because some AACR Annual Meeting attendees and presenters may be restricted from traveling to New Orleans in April 2022, the AACR Annual Meeting 2022 will offer the following options for presenters of abstracts accepted for poster presentation:

- **In-Person Presentation with E-Poster**—Presenters are strongly encouraged to travel to New Orleans to present their posters in person. However, all in-person presenters will also be required to submit a companion e-poster presentation to accommodate registered attendees who are unable to attend the meeting in person.
- **E-Poster Only**—Presenters of accepted posters who are unable to travel to New Orleans will be required to submit an e-poster. These presenters will be expected to be available remotely during the dates of the poster sessions (April 10-13) to respond to any questions submitted through the e-poster platform.

PLEASE NOTE: E-poster presenters who do not attend the meeting in person are still required to register for the meeting.

E-posters will only be available to registered AACR Annual Meeting attendees. E-poster formats and submission instructions will be provided to presenters of accepted posters with their acceptance

notifications in January 2022. Online-only posters will be placed in separate sessions.

During the abstract submission process you will be asked to indicate your current presentation intentions in the event that your abstract is accepted for poster presentation. You will have the option to change your preference once acceptance notifications are sent out in January 2022.

AACR Abstract Submission System

Authors must submit abstracts for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2022 using the AACR Abstract Submission System, which will be available at AACR.org/AACR2022 beginning September 21, 2021. You can create, modify, and submit abstracts until the November 18, 2021, abstract deadline. Complete instructions on the use of the AACR Abstract Submission System will be provided on the website.

NOTE FOR 2022: Submit your abstract detailing how you use AACR Project GENIE data by the November 18, 2021, deadline for an opportunity to be featured in a special session during the AACR Annual Meeting 2022. Simply include GENIE as a keyword during the submission process.

The Abstract Submission System has been optimized for the current versions of most browsers. Browsers should be set to enable JavaScript and to accept cookies. Users who need assistance in properly updating and configuring their browsers should contact Abstract Submission Customer Service at 217-398-1792 or aacr@support.ctimeetingtech.com.

Responsibilities of Authors

By submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting, abstract authors agree and/or attest to the following:

- **Support for Abstract/Verification of Authorship.** All authors accept individual responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of statements in their abstract, and the submitting author is required to ensure that all authors have confirmed that all statements are an accurate reflection of the presented data and have agreed to the submission of the abstract and to their being listed as contributors prior to submission. Authors will be notified of their inclusion on an abstract via email.
- **Sponsorship of Abstracts.** The submitting author must provide the name of an AACR member who has agreed to sponsor the abstract, and the submitting author must attest that the permission of the member sponsor has been secured prior to initiating an abstract submission. See page 24 for Abstract Sponsorship Regulations.
- **Transfer of Copyright.** On behalf of all authors, the submitting author must assign and transfer copyright for the abstract to the AACR.
- **Presentation of Abstracts.** The submitting author for each abstract must designate a presenter who agrees to register for the meeting and attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research presented in the published abstract. If the assigned presenter cannot attend the meeting, the authors are expected to designate a replacement or withdraw the abstract (see pages 21-22).
- **Confirmation of No Prior Publication/Presentation.** Authors who submit an abstract confirm that they have not previously published these data, that they have not previously presented them at a large national annual scientific meeting, and that they are not planning to present or publish them prior to the dates of the AACR Annual Meeting 2022.

EXCEPTION: Encore presentations are permitted for clinical trials abstracts that are submitted for the January 10, 2022, clinical trials deadline. During the submission process, authors of encore clinical trials abstracts must provide the date and name of the meeting at which the original trial abstract was presented.

Content of Abstracts

Each abstract should contain (a) an introductory sentence indicating the purposes of the study; (b) a brief description of pertinent experimental procedures; (c) a summary of the new, unpublished data; and (d) a statement of the conclusions.

Abstracts should be carefully proofread to avoid errors in the published literature. American spelling should be used throughout; for more information regarding American spelling, please refer to *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, Eighth Edition* (Council of Science Editors, 2014).

Abstract Control Number

An Abstract Control Number (e.g., 22-A-1234-AACR) will be assigned to each abstract submitted online and will be listed on all email correspondence regarding the abstract. Please refer to the Abstract Control Number in any abstract communications.

Financial Relationships of Coauthors

Per ACCME regulations, the AACR must collect information on the financial relationships of all meeting presenters and abstract authors. You will be asked to disclose your financial relationships and the financial relationships of each of your coauthors. For more information on financial relationships, visit [AACR.org/CME](https://www.aacr.org/CME).

Sponsor Permission and Information

Each abstract must be sponsored by an AACR member. You must secure the permission of the sponsor before submitting the abstract. For details, see the "Abstract Sponsorship Regulations" on page 24.

Length of Abstracts

The combined length of the abstract body, title, and tables may not exceed 2,600 characters, not including spaces and the author string. Tables count for 800 characters against the limit. Submission cannot be completed for abstracts that exceed this limit.

Abstract Category, Subcategory, and Subclassification

You must select a category, subcategory, and subclassification for your abstract. See pages 27-31 for details.

Disclosure of Chemical Structures

At the time of abstract submission, the submitting author is required to state whether chemical compounds were used in the scientific work to generate the data in the proffered paper. Chemical compounds are defined as low-molecular-weight (generally <1000 g/mol) organic or inorganic molecules, peptides, or proteins/nucleic acids cocrystallized with low-molecular-weight molecules. If chemical compounds were used, the corresponding author is further required to indicate whether the complete chemical structures of the compounds used will be disclosed at the time of presentation at the meeting. The chemical structures are not required to be included at the time of abstract submission; rather, an indication of the intent to disclose any such structures at the time of presentation is required.

The Program Committee will then evaluate the information provided by the corresponding author and determine the acceptability of the proffered paper for presentation. Those who do not intend to disclose chemical structures may have their abstracts rejected for participation; however, a limited number of these abstracts without chemical structures may be accepted for presentation if deemed to be of sufficient scientific merit.

Submission Fee

Each abstract submitted must be accompanied by a US\$75 abstract submission fee. The submission fee can be paid by credit card or check. The fee is nonrefundable regardless of the final disposition of the abstract.

Abstract Deadline

The deadline for abstract submissions is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Thursday, November 18, 2021**. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. **No significant changes may be made to abstracts after the November 18, 2021, deadline.**

NOTE: Submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2022 does not constitute registration for the meeting. Abstract presenters must register to attend the meeting at AACR.org/AACR2022.

Late-Breaking Abstract Deadline

The deadline for late-breaking abstracts is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Monday, January 10, 2022**. Abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in any area of cancer research that were not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Only those abstracts that are deemed to be of high scientific priority will be accepted.

Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to late-breaking abstracts.

Clinical Trials Abstract Deadline

All abstracts describing clinical trials (including placeholder abstracts) should be submitted as late-breaking abstracts (see page 8). The deadline for clinical trials abstracts is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Monday, January 10, 2022**. Final data for placeholder abstracts are due **Thursday, February 3, 2022**. Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to clinical trials abstracts.

Publication Opportunities

Authors who intend to submit a manuscript based on their abstract for publication in an AACR journal can be considered for simultaneous publication of the manuscript and presentation of the abstract. In addition, manuscripts can be considered for publication beyond the simultaneous opportunity. For more information on all publication opportunities in an AACR journal, please contact the AACR Publishing Division at aacrpublications@aacr.org.

Presentation of Proffered Papers at the AACR Annual Meeting

Every proffered abstract that has been accepted for publication in the online *Proceedings* must have a corresponding presentation at the meeting. Specifically, the author listed as the presenter for an accepted proffered paper must attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research outlined in the published abstract, according to the specific guidelines of the session. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the designated presenter is unavailable to attend the session to present the paper, he or she must contact the AACR Program Development Department to designate a coauthor to serve as the presenter. If no abstract authors are available to present the data, the presenter must withdraw the abstract immediately by contacting the AACR Program Development Department at 215-440-9300 or abstractchanges@aacr.org.

Failure to comply with these regulations pertaining to abstract presentation may result in actions including, but not limited to:

- The withdrawal of the abstract from the session
- The removal of the abstract from the online *Proceedings*
- The loss of future sponsorship privileges for the sponsor of the abstract
- The loss of future abstract submission/authorship privileges for the presenter of the abstract

Deadline for Withdrawal of Abstracts

Requests to withdraw regular abstracts will be accepted through **Monday, February 21, 2022**. Requests to withdraw late-breaking or clinical trials abstracts will be accepted through **Monday, March 7, 2022**. Withdrawal requests must be sent by email to abstractchanges@aacr.org. Withdrawal requests must include the Abstract Control Number and title as well as an explanation of the reason for withdrawal.

Abstract Sponsorship Regulations

Expanded Abstract Sponsorship Privileges for AACR Members

Expanded abstract sponsorship privileges for selected AACR member types are available for the AACR Annual Meeting 2022, as outlined below:

- **Active, Honorary, and Emeritus Members** may now sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts for presentation at the meeting. (As always, members must verify the content, authenticity, and quality of the abstracts they agree to sponsor.)
- **Affiliate Members** are permitted to sponsor one abstract for each deadline provided that they are the presenter of the abstract. Affiliate Members are **not required to provide an endorser** for their abstract.

Members must be in good standing in order to sponsor and endorse abstracts for presentation (see below for details). To be in good standing for the November 18 regular abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2021. To be in good standing for the January 10 late-breaking and clinical trials abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2022. Associate, Honorary, and Emeritus Members are exempt from the payment of dues; therefore, this regulation does not apply to them.

1. Each abstract submitted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting must be sponsored by an Active, Emeritus, Honorary, Affiliate, or Associate AACR Member in good standing (dues paid or eligibility recertified). (Student members are not eligible to sponsor an abstract.)

2. An Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member may sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts and may use his or her sponsorship privileges in two ways: (a) to sponsor abstracts on which he or she is listed as an author, or (b) to sponsor abstracts submitted by colleagues on which he or she is not listed as an author.
3. An Associate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that (a) he or she is the presenter of the abstract, and (b) an Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member in good standing endorses the work. Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members may endorse an unlimited number of abstracts.
4. An Affiliate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that he or she is the presenter of the abstract. (Affiliate Members are not required to provide an endorser.)
5. Permission to list an AACR member as a sponsor or endorser must be obtained prior to selecting the sponsor/endorser in the Online Abstract Submission System. Individuals listed as sponsors or endorsers of abstracts will receive a notification of sponsorship or endorsement via email.
6. The sponsor must verify the content, authenticity, and quality of the abstract. Sponsorship of an abstract implies support for the data and the interpretations contained therein.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORS. Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced. Violations will result in the rejection of the abstract by the Program Committee.

Membership Application Deadlines for Abstract Sponsorship

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract for AACR Annual Meeting 2022 must submit an application for membership no later than **November 12, 2021**. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a clinical trial or late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **January 5, 2022**. Membership questions may be directed to membership@aacr.org.

MEETING RESOURCES



AACR Annual Meeting Program/Navigation

AACR Annual Meeting attendees can use the following electronic and print resources to plan their itineraries and navigate the meeting:

- **Online Itinerary Planner (available January 6, 2022).** Search all AACR Annual Meeting presentations (including all proffered abstracts beginning March 8, 2022) by author/speaker, title word, and keyword and create a personal itinerary for the meeting. Personal itineraries created in the Itinerary Planner can be exported as an iCalendar file into attendees' personal Outlook, Google Calendar, or Apple iCal applications. Itineraries can also be imported into the AACR Annual Meeting App (see below).
- **AACR Annual Meeting App (available March 18, 2022).** Attendees can carry the AACR Annual Meeting wherever they go—with or without a network connection. The AACR Annual Meeting App is available in native versions to serve users of iPhone, iPad, and Android devices and also in a browser-based version for use on most web-enabled smartphones and tablets.

Once downloaded, all App content and functionality is stored locally on the user's Apple or Android device and can be

accessed without an Internet connection—including the full text of more than 6,000 abstracts. Users can search, browse, and select sessions to create a personal itinerary for the meeting. They can also import their itineraries from the Online Itinerary Planner (see above).

- **Print Program Guide.** All attendees receive a portable Program Guide containing the dates, times, locations, and titles of all AACR Annual Meeting sessions. The Program Guide also contains the names of the chairs and invited speakers in each session as well as the titles of all invited presentations. More detailed program information (including the Minisymposium and Poster Session presentations) is available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).
- **Print Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits.** Detailed information on the Poster Sessions (including the complete titles and authors of the posters presented) and the Exhibit Show is available in this print guide. A limited number of copies of the guide are made available in the Registration Area and in the Exhibit Hall for attendees to pick up. Complete Poster Session information is also available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).