This document will provide the information you need to prepare your late-breaking abstract for submission to the 2020 AABB Annual Meeting.

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ABSTRACT CATEGORIES AND TOPICS

Blood Bank/Blood Center
- Collections and Product Manufacturing
- Component Processing
- Donor Hemovigilance – Noninfectious Adverse Events
- Donor Hemovigilance – Transfusion Transmitted Diseases
- Donor Apheresis
- Donor Collections
- Donor Recruitment and Retention
- Donor Testing

Cell Biology, Immunology and Biochemistry (Basic and Preclinical Research)
- Leukocytes (includes Experimental transplantation/immunotherapy)
- Platelets
- Red Cells

Cellular Therapies and Immunotherapies
- Collections, Processing and Storage
- Hematopoietic Cell Therapy/Transplant
- Cord blood (including cord tissue and perinatal cells)
- Immunotherapies (includes CART cells)
- Nonhematopoietic Cell Therapy
- Regulations
- Somatic Cell Therapy
- Regenerative Medicine

Immunohematology and Genetic Testing (red cells, leukocytes and platelets)
- Immunohematology (includes serology)
- Molecular Diagnostics and Testing

Hematology and Coagulation
- Disorders
- Testing and Assay Development

Information Technology
- (IT, aka Informatics: EHR, LIS)

Instrumentation
- Instrumentation

Inventories
- Inventory Distribution
- Inventory Management
- Inventory Storage

Leadership
- Marketing
- Operations
- Strategic Planning

Management
- Financial Management
- Laboratory Administration
- Personnel Management
- Practice Management
- Quality Management

New Innovations, New Techniques and New Technologies
- New Innovations, New Techniques and New Technologies

Patient Blood Management
- Patient Blood Management

Public Health and Policy
- Public Health and Policy

Quality
- Quality Assurance
- Quality Control
- Laboratory Safety
- Quality Management Systems
- Standards, Regulations and Accreditation

Therapeutic Apheresis
- Therapeutic Apheresis

Tissue Banking and Management
- Tissue Banking and Management

Training/Education Methods
- Competency Assessment
- Professional Development
- Proficiency Testing
- Training

Transfusion Service
- Evidence Based Medical Practices
- Pediatric Transfusion Clinical Medicine
- Perioperative and Anesthesia Transfusion Practices
- Patient Safety
- Patient Testing
- Recipient/Patient Hemovigilance – Noninfectious Adverse Events (Transfusion Reactions)
- Recipient/Patient Hemovigilance – Transfusion Transmitted Infectious Diseases
- Trauma and Massive Transfusion Practices
- Transfusion Medicine Clinical Practices
Submission of an abstract indicates the following:

1. The author(s) has not published the data in a scientific journal; nor, has the data been accepted for publication before the AABB abstract submission closing date.

2. The author(s) has not presented the data at another national or international annual scientific meeting.

3. The accuracy of the submitted abstract is the responsibility of the author(s). Errors made on your submitted abstract are likely to appear in print.

4. Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, may jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts. Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the author/presenter. The presenter is required to attend the annual meeting during the day of presentation and must submit the applicable registration fee.

5. The content of the presentation and reference materials must remain the responsibility of the author(s). A commercial supporter may help prepare the presentation, but they should not be biased to advance the proprietary interest of the sponsor.

6. While it is expected that many late-breaking abstracts will reflect the latest research related to COVID-19, we encourage submissions on all topics. During these unique circumstances, AABB is allowing COVID-19-related abstracts that were submitted during the general abstract submission period to be resubmitted as late-breaking abstracts if the data and research have been expanded since the original submission.

7. Late breaking abstract submitters will be asked to explain why their abstract was not submitted by the general submission deadline (May 15, 2020).

UPDATED - THE $25 processing fee is waived for late-breaking abstract submissions.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

All abstracts should be as informative as possible and follow the guidelines below.

(Abstracts that do not follow all format guidelines will be rejected.)

FORMAT

Abstracts must include the following sections:

• Background/Case Studies – information regarding the objectives/goals or why the study was performed.

• Study Design/Methods – information about the key methods utilized in the study.

• Results/Findings – summary of the results observed (tables can be used, but figures cannot be used). Quantitative data must be included in scientific abstracts.

• Conclusion – a statement of the author(s)’ conclusion based on the stated results.

Note: Although data should be summarized, abstracts must include specific reference to numbers studied and statistical significance of findings. It is insufficient to state: “The results will be discussed.” or “The data will be presented.” Tables (not graphs) may be helpful in presenting data.
HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT (CONTINUED)

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

- If the presentation involves commercial products it must be objective and rely on scientific methods.
- Presentations must be free of commercial bias for or against any product.
- Generic names should be used whenever possible. The intent is to avoid abstracts submitted for promotional purposes.
- Any human subjects/animal research presented must have been approved by the appropriate agencies and have been in accordance with applicable ethical standards.

ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Every effort will be made to publish the abstract exactly as submitted. Although abstracts will be typeset for electronic distribution, they will not be edited or corrected by the AABB Staff except as needed to conform to publication style. Please ensure that your submission adheres to the following guidelines:

- The combined length of the abstract body, title, and table may not exceed 2,900 characters, including spaces. (Character includes all letters, numbers and punctuation.) Abstracts that exceed this character limit will be rejected by the online submission site and must be modified before the abstract is officially accepted.
- Titles should be indicative of the content of the abstract. The title should be brief and must be entered in title case (first letter of every word capitalized).
- Author(s) names should have no titles or degrees listed. Author(s) institutions should be listed as precisely as possible (include city, state or country).
- Author(s) should include statistics, when it would permit a clearer interpretation of the data.
- Author(s) can include one table. Graphs and images are not allowed.
- All units of measure must be expressed in the metric system; temperatures in Celsius.
- Generic names of drugs must be given, typed in lower case. If the proprietary name is also, given, the first letter must be capitalized.
- Unless an abbreviation is widely known and accepted (Fya, CPD, HIV), the term or phrase must be written in full the first time it appears in the abstract, followed immediately by the abbreviation in parentheses, i.e. hydroxyethyl starch (HES) or filtration leukapheresis (FL). Do not use abbreviations in the title.
- Avoid starting sentences with Arabic numbers.
HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT (CONTINUED)

- Except in rare cases, no more than ten (10) authors may be submitted and listed with each abstract. As per the rule in medical research publication, each of the authors must have contributed in at least one of three ways: 1) substantial participation in the research being reported, 2) writing of the submission, or 3) review/editing of the abstracts.
- Author(s) are strongly encouraged to print a hard copy of their abstract for their records before submitting.
- Avoid use of the first person in descriptions of the authors’ previous work.
  - Unacceptable: “We previously demonstrated that…”
  - Acceptable: “It has been shown…” or “Investigators previously demonstrated that…”
- Do not include any of the following identifying information in the body or title of the abstract text:
  - Name(s) of author(s)
  - Names(s) of institution(s)
  - Geographic locations of institutions or study site(s) (unless a significant element of the study). Some acceptable and unacceptable examples are shown below:
    - Acceptable: “blood components were obtained from a regional blood donor center”
    - Acceptable: “hospital-based blood bank”
    - Acceptable: “transfusion-transmitted avian influenza in southern Afghanistan”
    - Acceptable: “alloimmunization rates in the Yanomami of southern Venezuela”
    - Unacceptable: “blood components were obtained from the Pasadena County Blood Center”
    - Unacceptable: “blood bank of a large, tertiary care medical center in Manhattan, New York”

REJECTION CRITERIA
Abstracts will be rejected by peer reviewers for any of the following reasons:
A) Insufficient data presented
B) Statistical analysis needed, but not provided
C) Stated conclusion cannot be reached from data presented
D) Information previously published or generally well known and documented
E) Format instructions not followed – no conclusion given, etc.
F) Information has limited significance or relevance and interest for national AABB meeting
G) Abstract poorly written, confusing or not clear, or contains major spelling or syntax errors
H) Advertising (Blatant Commercialism)
J) Error in method or data presented
K) Other serious flaws in the judgment of the peer reviewers

DECISION NOTIFICATION
Authors will receive notification of the status of their abstract via email.
If accepted, abstracts must be presented at the annual meeting. The presenting author must register for the meeting, and present during their assigned session time. Failure to do so, without adequate notification and justification, may prevent the authors from submitting abstracts to future meetings.