

## Guideline for Camera-ready copy

1. All abstracts must be written and submitted in English, using MS Word 2007 or later.

### Format

▪ Paper size	A4 (use the template)
▪ Number of words	400
▪ Margins	Given in the template (left 3.0 cm and right 1.7 cm)
▪ Font	Times New Roman
▪ Font size	12 font size)
▪ Pages	One

Figures, tables, and references **should not be included** in the abstract.

We encourage you to use the camera-ready abstract template given together with this document where everything is formatted according to the guidelines.

**Please submit the word document – not a pdf file.**

2. The abstract should contain the following:

### TITLE

- Should be brief and reflect the study carried out. If scientific names of organisms are included they should be written in capital italics. If common or vernacular names follow the scientific name, they should be included in parentheses.
- The letters should be bold uppercase and center aligned.
- Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line Spacing: 1.0
- There should be no line space above the title. One line space should be left below the title.

### NAME/S OF AUTHOR/S

- Center aligned.
- Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line spacing: 1.0.
- Author ‘surname’ should be written first, followed by ‘initials’. Each initial should be followed by a full-stop and a space between two initials. (*Refer to the template give*).
- Asterisk mark should be indicated after the affiliation number of the corresponding author.
- One line space should be left between the name/s and affiliation/s.

### AUTHOR/S AFFILIATIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

- Author affiliations should be given according to the author list and should be in *Italics* (Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line spacing: 1.0).
- Corresponding author’s email address should be indicated after the authors’ affiliations.
- No line space should be left between the affiliations and the email address
- **Please refer the template.**

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## **TEXT**

- Should include Introduction, Brief on objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions; should be written, within a single paragraph without sub-titles/sub-headings (the first line of the paragraph **should not** be indented) and justified.
- Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line spacing: 1.0).

## **Keywords:**

- Maximum of 5 keywords separated by commas should be included after the sub-title, **‘Keywords:’** placed at the end of the abstract (Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12, Line Spacing: 1.0, Style: *in Italics, Capitalize First Letter of Each Word*).
- One line space should be left between the text and keywords.

**Spelling:** British spelling must be used throughout the text.

**Abbreviations:** Should be cited in full at first occurrence, except for standard abbreviations.

**Non-English and Technical Terms:** Should be in italics.

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## Sample Template

### Title of the Abstract

**Author Names: (Last name followed by a comma and a space, and then the initials without spaces. After the last initial, a super-scripted number (from 1) should be added to show the corresponding institutional address.)**

*Institutional address: Superscript number linking the author name following by the full institutional address.*

*\*email address of the corresponding author*

### Abstract

The abstract should specifically contain the background/importance of the study, objectives, methods in brief, key findings and major conclusions. The abstract should be self-contained and citation-free. Should be written in a single paragraph. Scientific names should be italicized.

**Keywords:** *Up to five maximum keywords, italicized, Capitalize First Letter of Each Word*