

Guidelines for submission of abstracts

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- i) The abstract must report original research.
- ii) An author may submit one abstract as a single author and one abstract as a co-author **OR** no more than four abstracts as co-author.
- iii) The title should be brief and explain the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
- iv) The author/s names and addresses –
 - **Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors.**
 - The address of the Institution in which the work was carried out should be included under the author's name.
 - If the collaborators are from different Institutions, the addresses of the Institutions should be included in brief. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the authors' names and before the respective addresses (as shown below).

Example (multiple authors):

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- v) **The text of the abstract should not exceed 300 words.**
- vi) Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- vii) The abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- viii) Two copies of the abstract should be submitted electronically on separate pages of a single Word document. The first copy should contain name(s) of author(s) and institutional affiliations. The second copy should carry only the title and the text and **should not** contain name(s) of author(s) and place(s) where the research has been carried out.
- ix) A maximum of five keywords should be provided.
- x) Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship.
- xi) Use font "Times New Roman" size 11 with 1.5 spacing on A4 paper.