Guidelines for Abstract Submission
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1. Abstract should be written in a single page as a one paragraph.

2. Word count of the abstract should not exceed 400, excluding the title, authors, and affiliations.

3. The abstract should be submitted in the Microsoft Word template provided, using the following formatting.

   Title: Times New Roman 12, bold, centered, only the first letter of the first word of the title should be capitalized. All other words should be in lowercase except for proper nouns and abbreviations.

   Body of the abstract: (in structured format as indicated in template, 10 points, font type: Times New Roman, line spacing: single). Margins (Top, Bottom and Right -2.5 cm each, left - 3 cm) should be as shown in the template.

4. A maximum of five keywords should be mentioned at the end of the abstract.

5. Abbreviations should be well defined the first time they are used.

6. If scientific terms of organisms, botanical names, etc., are included, they should be written in *italics*. If common vernacular names follow the scientific name, they should be included in parentheses.

7. Research grants can be acknowledged only at the end of the abstract under the heading "Acknowledgement"

8. Abstracts should be submitted using our online system, which is supported by the Microsoft CMT, on or before 09.01.2026. For more information on submission, please follow the online submission instructions.

9. All abstracts should be submitted in the English language.

10. The mode of presentation will be decided by the editorial board.

11. After receiving the reviewer's comments, abstracts cannot be withdrawn by authors.