

Final guidelines for abstracts for 2016 NSA ASM

1. Authors must prepare their abstract(s) using the template provided. Please note that the guidelines have been substantially revised due to the change of Proceedings publisher. **Abstracts prepared using the old template will be returned.**
2. Specifically, authors should conform to the following styling guidelines:
 - i. Please **DO NOT** change the font or font-size of the template, otherwise your abstract will be returned without review.
 - ii. Title should be typed using **CAPITAL LETTERS**, with no more than 125 characters including spaces
 - iii. Author names should appear as Initials Surname, e.g. John Peter Doe should be presented as JP Doe.
 - iv. The name of the presenting author should be underlined.
 - v. Use superscript preceding the initials to indicate authors' affiliation, e.g. ¹JP Doe, ²J Smith, etc.
 - vi. Authors' affiliation should be brief, i.e. less than two lines per affiliation on the template provided in font size 9pt. Separate the affiliations with a semi-colon. Altogether the authors' affiliations should NOT exceed 5 lines on the template provided.
 - vii. The contact e-mail of the presenting author should be provided after the affiliations (this is excluded from the 5 lines limitation stated in vi.)
 - viii. The body of the abstract should be structured using the following headings:
 1. Background/Aims
 2. Methods
 3. Results
 4. Conclusions
 5. Funding source(s): Include only the name of the funding body. **DO NOT** include any reference number. Write N/A if not applicable.
 - ix. The body of the abstract is limited to 250 words (including the headings). Abstracts exceeding this length will be returned without review.
 - x. References, figures and abstracts are not permitted.
 - xi. A list of standard abbreviations can be found [here](#). These abbreviations can be used without spelling them out in full at first use. All other non-standard abbreviations should be written out in full the first time they are used.
 - xii. Your abstract must present the **RESULTS** of your investigation. Abstracts that simply describe investigations that are "on the drawing board" will be returned without review. If your investigation is **quantitative** in nature, your Results section must include appropriately-analysed **numerical data**.
 - xiii. Abstracts submitted after 4pm (AEST) on the 31st July 2016 will not be considered.