GUIDELINES REVIEWING LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS

Deadline: Thursday, 20 June 2019 at 13:00 CET

The ERS International Congress is an important forum to communicate new research findings in the fields of clinical practice, experimental research and epidemiology or public health to the "respiratory community". The aim is to allow researchers and clinicians to learn from each other and to exchange knowledge. By a careful grading of abstracts, we identify communications that contribute significantly to these objectives.

Which abstracts should be considered as late-breaking?

When submitting their late-breaking abstracts, authors were given the following instructions:

- Abstracts that are considered as late-breaking must contain novel data and this data must become available for public dissemination only after the standard abstract deadline on 15 February 2019.
- Only abstracts having a major impact on clinical practice or scientific reasoning will be accepted.
- The study and results reported should be novel and not simply an extension of previously published work.
- The late-breaking abstract round is not designed to favor investigators who unintentionally missed the deadline for the regular abstract submission.

The abstract may be outstanding research, however, not late-breaking research. Therefore, please grade the abstract according to the quality of the research and note all truly late-breaking research abstracts by selected "Yes" for consideration as "Late-Breaking":

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<th>Title</th>
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<td>01.02 - Rehabilitation and chronic care</td>
<td>Effects of Heated Humidified High-Flow Nasal Cannula on Respiration Parameters during Six-Minute Walk Test in Patients with COPD: A Crossover Trial</td>
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HOW TO SCORE ABSTRACTS

You should grade the abstracts based on the **scientific strength**, and on methodology and the data provided and on the **novelty/originality** of the findings, as far as one can judge from a brief abstract.

**Grade the abstracts considering the impact it can have on scientific reasoning and/or clinical practice!**

The scores scale applied is as follow:

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<td>Adequate; previously published finding or less important to ERS</td>
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<td>Fair; confirms established findings</td>
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<td>Good; novel findings</td>
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<td>Very good; major scientific advance</td>
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**X – COI** – Defer, if you are an author, a co-author, or have a similar conflict of interest, or if you feel that you do not have the expertise to score an abstract. You will have no possibility to grade this abstract.

**X – Wrong Group** – Means that abstract was submitted under wrong category. You will have no possibility to grade this abstract, you may suggest the right group by choosing it from the drop-down list.

- The final number of late-breaking abstracts accepted will also depend on the number of slots available in Abstracts Sessions.
- Abstracts without any data, with major flaws in design or interpretation, or with unacceptable ethics should be rejected (score 1), preferably with a brief explanatory comment.
- The "**Comments to the Author(s)**" section will provide feedback to the abstract author(s) to improve the research and presentation of the research in the future. This is especially vital to those that will not have their abstract accepted. You can select one or more comments from the list of pre-defined or, if no pre-defined comment fits, you can still add one in the free text field. Please remember than your comments might be forwarded to authors who request feedback. The aim is to help authors improve the quality of their abstracts, and for those whose abstracts have been rejected, to encourage them to submit as abstract for future ERS Congress by giving them some advice.
  - **Important:** If you select the comment “**confirms established findings**” you will be asked to provide reference to at least one full paper (original research) that confirms your comment.

- Some authors may have submitted multiple abstracts from a single study; please avoid giving the same high score to different abstracts from a single study, from the same author.
Further recommendations

In the "Comments for the Committee" section, add any comments that may assist the Group Chairs as they schedule abstracts for presentation. Comments can be used for both acceptable and unacceptable scores, as they will help support the decision.

▪ **Give brief comments** indicating, e.g., a recurring theme, a hot topic, a controversial issue. This will allow us to group abstracts into homogeneous sessions.

▪ If an abstract is not submitted into the appropriate Group, please select the pre-defined comment “Out of scope for this category of submission”, automatically the “X – Wrong Group” score will appear, and you will have no possibility to grade this abstract. Indicate which Group would be more appropriate from the drop-down list.

▪ **Lack of novelty of LBA** - if you reject the late-breaking abstract based upon lack of novelty (i.e. confirms established findings), you need to add at least one reference (*mandatory field) of a full paper (original research).

▪ **Clinical trials** – if the LBA is related to the clinical trial the trial number is available for the reviewing - clinical trials should be distinguished from other studies and carefully taken into consideration.

▪ Finally, please indicate one or two abstracts which would be suitable for press releases during the Congress by selecting “Yes” in the “Newsworthy” field that you will find after each abstract.

Thanks again for your help.

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Timeline for 2019 late-breaking abstracts process

▪ June 6 to June 20: reviewing by Assembly Heads, Assembly Secretaries, Group Chairs and Group Secretaries

▪ June 28* to July 7: allocation of abstracts into available slots, done by Assembly Heads
  *pending there is no delay in reviewing

▪ By end of July: notification sent to authors