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5. The first author must **provide Conflict of Interest Disclosure information** for all authors when submitting an abstract.
6. Authors are not permitted to submit an abstract on work that has been **published previously**.
7. While it is rare for an abstract not to be accepted, AAI reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to **decline any abstract** deemed inappropriate.

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- Title, date, and time of session in which abstract has been programmed
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- Presentation time

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Online Submission Instructions

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General Abstract Preparation

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- a sentence stating the study objective (unless given in the title);
- a brief statement of methods, if pertinent;
- a summary of the results obtained; and
- a statement of the conclusions. (It is not satisfactory to say "the results will be discussed.")

In addition:

- Use a short, specific title with upper and lower case letters. **Do not put a period at the end of the abstract title.**
- Capitalize initial letters of trade names.
- Use standard abbreviations for units of measure.
- Other abbreviations should be spelled out in full at first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Exceptions: commonly used abbreviations such as DNA, RNA, etc.
- **Include the source of research support on the bottom line of the abstract.**

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Title: Capitalize only the first word of the abstract title (except for capitalized abbreviations e.g., DNA, T cell). **Do not include a period at the end of your title. DO NOT** enter the title or authors again in the body of the abstract. The title, author and co-authors will automatically be included in the final abstract. Before you continue you must PREVIEW your abstract. See following sample.

Sample abstract (9 pt; Times Roman):

Characterization of a bone marrow constituent with a novel accessory function in B cell development and tolerance

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During B cell development a large proportion of B cell receptors (BCRs) on newly formed immature B cells are specific for self-antigens. Tolerance mechanisms that eliminate self-reactivity include clonal deletion and receptor editing. In the former, an immature B cell that encounters antigen dies through apoptosis, whereas in the latter renewed immunoglobulin light chain rearrangement allows the BCR to attain a new, non-autoreactive specificity. Currently, intrinsic and extrinsic signals that might favor one mechanism of tolerance over another are poorly understood.

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- If you select "oral", your abstract will be considered for a short talk before an audience (Block Symposium).
- If you select "poster", your abstract will be presented in a poster session only.
- **All** abstracts will be programmed into poster sessions.

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