GGAA2025

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Author Guidelines for submission of abstracts

Introduction

Authors are invited to submit their abstracts for inclusion in the GGAA2025 conference, using the guidelines below. A peer review of the papers will be performed, and accepted papers will be published on the webpage of GGAA2025, **www.ggaaconference.org.**

Selected abstracts will be allocated into the conference programme as posters, speed-poster presentation or oral presentations, a representative (presenting author) is expected to register for the conference to present the work.

Thank you for submitting your work for GGAA2025, if you have any questions, please email **abstract@ggaaconference.org.**

Once you have read the following guidelines, please click here to submit your work.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

GENERAL GUIDELINES	Abstract
Maximum word count	500
Suitable for scientific reference	Yes
Abstract submission is a commitment to present the paper / attend conference	Yes
Preview or literature review	Not accepted
Paper on original research will only be considered	Yes
Abstract should be discussed with co-authors and read critically by colleague not closely involved	Yes
Authors will be asked to rewrite substandard papers or risk rejection	Yes
Changes and corrections in titles and authors after submission are to be avoided	Yes

CONTENT (Sections)	Abstract
Title (maximum 15 words)	Yes
Keywords (3 to 5, must be different from Title)	Yes
Text (maximum 500 words)	Yes

Introduction	Yes
Materials and Methods Statistical analysis to be included here	Yes
Discussion	Not required
Results	Yes
Conclusions	Yes
Images, figures and tables	Not allowed
Acknowledgements	No
References	No

PRESENTATIONS	Presentation
Authors are only permitted to present 2 oral presentations or posters; co-authors should be asked to present or be present for poster viewing if multiple papers are submitted.	Yes

Author Guidelines for Abstract Submission

An abstract should allow the reviewers to referee the proposed paper for scientific content, ethics, presentation and relevance. Submission of an abstract is deemed a commitment to present the paper.

- Your abstract, if accepted, will be published in the conference proceedings and must be suitable for use as a scientific reference.
- The presenting author for each abstract must register for the conference. Opening and deadline for registration will be announced soon. Failure to register will result in the abstract being removed from the conference proceedings and programme. If you are having issues registering, please contact **abstract@ggaaconference.org.**
- Please ensure all authors agree to being identified as associated with the paper; the abstract should be discussed with any co-authors and read critically by a colleague who has not been closely involved.
- Abstracts that do not meet the required criteria will need to be amended by authors in-line with reviewer comments. If the requested changes are not made, the abstract will be rejected. Amendments, other than those requested by reviewers, can only be made in exceptional circumstances.
- Abstracts must be no more than
  - **500 words. Illustrations, tables and figures not allowed**

UK English must be used throughout; no abbreviations should be used in the abstract

- Reviews that give a new evaluation of data that individual experiments could not, are acceptable.
- Previews or literature reviews will not be accepted.
- Where results on commercial products are being presented, authors should ensure that both their organisation and the commercial company involved give permission to publish before submitting an abstract.
- Use of Product brand names is limited to one time only

Deadline & Enquiries

- **Abstract submission deadline: 23.59 EAT (East African Time), 15 December 2024.**
- Please send any queries or assistance requests to **abstract@ggaaconference.org.**

Important information

- If you are submitting more than one abstract, you can use the same Login for each abstract.
- You can alter the abstract at any time up to the deadline.
- Author names are submitted under 'Authors and Affiliations' as part of the online submission process; please enter full author name.
- Please check formatting prior to submitting your abstract.

How to use the online Abstract submission system

The Submission Process

- Use the submission link on the conference website, **Abstract Submission page** or click **here.**
- You will be taken to a login screen; please enter your email address to Login or Register.
- Submitting an abstract is a multi-step process; each step is clearly identified with detail of the information required.
- If you stop part way through the process your submission will be incomplete until you return later and complete all the mandatory questions; progress is automatically saved.
- When you login again, you can click "Edit" on your incomplete submission and continue.
- By clicking "submit" your abstract will automatically be saved; you are able to save and amend your abstract any time up to 23:59 (EAT) on the closing date.
- Abstracts will only be marked complete, and be submitted, after you tick "submit".
- At the deadline, any incomplete abstracts will be rejected.
- You will be able to review how your submission will appear in the Abstract Book by clicking the link shared in your email upon submitting your abstract.

Title

The title should be descriptive, specific, and concise. It should also state the animal species concerned. It should replace information otherwise found in the main text. The title should be a maximum of 15 words, and not have a 'full stop' at the end. No abbreviations please.

Presentation Type

Please use the drop-down menu to indicate whether you prefer an oral, speed-poster or poster presentation. Speed-poster presentation allow the presenter two slides information about their poster to attract delegates to their poster. Further information on presentation format can be found on the conference website.

Themes

Please indicate which conference theme you feel your paper fits most closely. This will help the scientific committee to allocate papers to appropriate sessions to create a balanced programme.

Authors and affiliations

- When naming authors, please use first and last name written in full.
- Additional authors can be added to the abstract submission by clicking 'add author' below the author section.
- Presenting author must include email address.
- Affiliations can be added by clicking 'add affiliation'.
- Use only university/institute, city and country. Do not include department, section, etc.
- Please ensure that you use the correct affiliation and address for your institution to ensure consistency amongst submissions.

- All correspondence will be sent to the submitting author only; the presenting authors email address will be published in the conference proceedings.

Abstract Upload

Abstracts are automatically created in the submission form. No files to be uploaded.

Author approval

All authors must approve the manuscript before submission. You must tick the box to confirm this is the case.

Author will attend

All presenting authors (oral, speed-poster presentation and poster) are expected to attend the conference. You must tick the box to confirm this is the case. Any other authors wishing to attend the conference will also need to register.

The presenting author must register for the conference before the deadline. Opening and deadline for registration will be announced soon. All presenting authors are expected to attend the conference in person or hybrid. If you are not able to attend the conference, please contact **abstract@ggaaconference.org** to discuss options, such as a co-author presenting in your place. If a presenting author fails to attend, the abstract will NOT be published.

Conflict of interest

Please state here if any of the authors have any financial, professional and personal relationships that may pose a conflict of interest regarding this abstract submission.

Ethical guidelines

All work must comply with the Ethical guidelines for research in animal science. Please confirm that this is the case and where appropriate, the required licences are in place.

Career stage

Please select whether you are a master's student or a PhD student. Submissions from students may be eligible for poster prizes.

Submit Abstract

Once this has been selected, abstracts will be marked as complete and sent to reviewers. Authors will not be able to edit abstracts once the deadline has passed.

Abstract details

Title, Authors, Affiliations and Keywords are not included in the word count. Your submission should be structured and contain the following information:

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Keywords

Keywords must be different from words used in the title. Keywords should include 3 to 5 words separated by comma. No abbreviations please.

Text

Please use British – UK English spelling

The text should be presented in one (1) paragraph. The text should include introduction, material and methods, results and conclusion.

Content

Introduction

State the background and objectives of the work.

Material and methods

Describe the methods used, including numbers and types of animals. Statistical analyses conventions should be those used in **['animal'.](animal)**

Experimental design and statistical methods must be clear, vague statements such as "the data were analysed using Minitab" are not acceptable. Experiments where treatments and pens (or groups) of animals are confounded are not acceptable.

Results

Results obtained, together with relevant statistical analysis, should be presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions drawn. Treatment means should be presented with appropriate standard errors of means or differences. The minimum number of decimal places required to demonstrate statistically significant differences should be used. Probability values must be presented to support conclusions. Probability levels of $P > 0.05$ are NOT statistically significant.

The use of percentages should be avoided wherever possible; concentrations or compositions should be expressed as mass per unit mass ($g\,kg^{-1}$) or mass per unit volume ($g\,l^{-1}$); decimal proportions should be used for common ratios such as, for example, diet digestibility coefficients.

The results of surveys will be accepted if the work is original research, rigorously designed, executed, and statistically analysed.

Conclusions

The conclusions should reflect the original objective(s) of the work and clearly state the author's view of the implications of the results to scientific understanding and practical use. Vague sentences are not acceptable. A discussion is not required.

Awards

Poster prize

Posters presented by students, as indicated in the submission form, are invited to join the poster competition. The poster will be judged by a judging panel on the following criteria:

1. Poster follow the principles of the abstract (Title, scope of work, Material and methods, Results and conclusion)
2. Clear message
3. Use of visual content (pictures, figures, tables) are encouraged.