



Clinical Research Sessions Abstract Guidelines

Irish Equine Veterinary Association Conference 2023

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The IEVA CPD and Conference Committee invites authors to submit scientific abstracts for inclusion in the Clinical Research Sessions at their annual Conference. Abstracts relating to recent research into any aspect of equine clinical science and practice will be considered.

Those authors whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to present an oral presentation at the IEVA Conference. Oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length with an additional 2 minutes for questions. Details of our requirements for oral presentations will be provided in due course to those authors whose abstracts are selected for oral presentation. While the number of oral presentations that can be accommodated may be limited; should there be sufficient demand, authors of abstracts of sufficient quality will be invited to produce poster presentations for display at the Conference. Details of our requirements for poster presentations will be provided in due course to those authors whose abstracts are invited for poster presentation. The presenter of each accepted abstract will receive free registration at the Conference. However, travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses will not be offered.

Content and Format

The abstract must be written in English and be no more than 300 words (please refer to

[Future Publication of Material in Your Abstract](#)). Use single line spacing and Times New Roman 10-point font; do not indent paragraphs. Tables, graphs, and figures should be reserved for the presentation. References can be included if they are absolutely essential. Do not include the title, author lists and institution details or declarations in your word count but do include any references in the word count. Use bracketed numbers [1], [1-3] etc to cite references in the order that they appear throughout the body of the abstract. Reference format must include its author list, article title, journal, year, volume, and page details.

The abstract should be provided with the following headings:

- **Background:** The background behind the decision to choose the subject to study.
- **Objectives:** The statement that is being tested, and is testable by the methods (below); or the original aims and study deliverables.
- **Study Design:** Concise statement of the study design.
- **Methods:** Brief description of materials and methods, and methods of testing hypotheses.

- **Results:** Brief highlights of the results obtained. When commenting on significant comparisons, p values alone are not sufficient. You must include either mean + SD or median & IQR for each group or express the mean difference with 95% confidence intervals. 95% CI must also be included for odds ratios. Lack of data is the most common reason for rejection of abstracts.
- **Main Limitations:** Concise statement of limitations and source of bias.
- **Conclusions:** Conclusions drawn from results.

A short title (maximum 35 characters) should be provided on submission. This will be used for the Conference scientific programme.

The following may provide some useful pointers regarding what will not be accepted:

- Single case reports are not acceptable.
- Abstracts describing a study using clinical cases that lack confirmed, definitive diagnoses are not acceptable.
- Abstracts that describe data as pending are not acceptable.
- Vague statements such as “the results will be discussed” will not be acceptable.
- Preliminary data from an ongoing study can be used. However, you cannot submit another abstract next year on the same data (even if you have more data and it is more accurate), unless the abstract is about a completely different set of data or a different part of the project.
- You must put actual data in the abstract: do not submit the abstract expecting to get the data by the time you present it at the meeting.

Ethical Guidelines

All research involving either experimental or clinical research on animals described in submitted abstracts must follow international, national, and/or institutional guidelines for humane animal treatment and comply with relevant legislation in the country in which the study was conducted.

Authors are encouraged to adhere to animal research reporting standards, for example the [ARRIVE reporting guidelines](#) for reporting study design and statistical analysis; experimental procedures; experimental animals and housing and husbandry. Authors should also state whether experiments were performed in accordance with relevant institutional and national guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals.

All submissions must make transparent and complete declarations under the following 4 headings:

- *Ethical Animal Research*

This normally involves review and oversight of the use and care of experimental animals by an institutional ethics committee. In some countries, review and oversight by an institutional, professional or hospital ethics committee is also mandatory for clinical research.

- *Informed Consent*

Failure to include appropriate information on owner consent will lead to abstract rejection. Abstracts describing research using client-owned animals will be considered for publication only if the work:

- Involves informed client consent for inclusion in the study for all prospective research and informed client consent may be required for some retrospective studies but is not usually expected for retrospective review of medical records.
- Client confidentiality must be maintained, and authors should select photographs and video material with care to ensure that humans cannot be identified specifically.
- Consent for admission to hospital, diagnostic investigations and/or treatment is not equivalent to explicit informed client consent for research.

Please note, where data has been collected from human subjects a declaration that these subjects have consented to participate in the research will be required.

- *Competing Interests*

Take care to include your co-authors' competing interests as well as your own.

- *Sources of Funding*

If appropriate, state "not applicable" against the relevant heading.

Do not include this information in the main body of your abstract or word count. You will be required to make the same declarations, along with any other acknowledgements, at the beginning of your oral presentation at the Conference.

Submission Dates

Clinical research abstracts can be submitted from **3rd to 28th April 2023.**

Submission Process

To submit your abstract please save as word doc and pdf and submit to info@Irisheva.ie under the subject heading "IEVA Conference Abstract Submission".

Your submission should include the authors' names and addresses after the abstract title and the Ethical declarations described above at the end of the abstract.

Underline the name of the person who will present at IEVA Conference.

Peer Review

Submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed but not blinded. After an initial screening to ascertain the subject area, abstracts will be reviewed and scored by 2 individuals from the IEVA CPD Committee. Both scientific quality and relevance to equine veterinary practice will be considered. Excessively poor grammar, lack of clarity of writing and failure to make complete and appropriate ethical declarations will be grounds for abstract rejection.

We will endeavour to respond which a decision on all submissions within 6 weeks of the deadline of 28th April.

Future Publication of Material in Your Abstract

Publication of a 300 word abstract in the IEVA proceedings will not prevent you submitting the same work as a full manuscript to Equine Veterinary Journal or Irish Veterinary Journal. If you are considering future publication in other journals, authors are encouraged to verify guidelines with editors of specific journals and to be aware that some journals limit the length of previously published abstracts to 250 words (notably J Am Vet Med Assoc, Am J Vet Res and J Vet Int Med). As 300 words is the **maximum** limit for abstract submission, you will not be penalised for submitting an abstract ≤ 250 words.