

## **Framework rules for abstracts of scientific contributions at congresses of the German Society for Rheumatology e.V. (DGRh)**

### **A. Content and composition of the abstract**

**1. The abstract** of the original scientific paper consists of:

- a concise formulation of their title and
- last name, first name, name and location of the clinics or research institutes of all authors.
- The length of the abstract text should be between 250 and 350 words and must not exceed the length specified by the submission programme at <https://www.m-anage.com/Login.aspx?event=dgrh2022>.
- Abstracts must be submitted in German or English. Exceptions are abstracts for the Forum on Experimental Rheumatology, which must be submitted in English only.

### **2. Content**

The content (no statements of intent, no overviews) and style (scientifically common terminology) of the abstract should be informative. The abstract must contain at least:

#### **a. Specific information**

- on the objectives of the study,
- the subject of the study (patients, laboratory animals, etc.) and
- the essential methods.

#### **b. Results**

- are given, if possible, in figures with statistical evaluation.

#### **c. Conclusion**

- Small tables or diagrams for a clear presentation of the results are possible.
- Abbreviations should be explained if they are used for the first time.

### **B. Regulations for the acceptance of "Encore Abstracts" at DGRh congresses**

Encore abstracts are short scientific summaries that have already been published or presented elsewhere in identical form as posters or scientific articles. Encore abstracts are only accepted by the DGRh reviewers for participation in the congress if they contain new results (new drugs, new indications or head-to-head studies).

Encore abstracts are also included in the applicable abstract categories, can be written in German or English, must be visibly marked as Encore Abstracts for the congress and must be presented in German by one of the authors. If no German-speaking author has contributed to the paper, a member of the company's staff may present it in German as part of the poster exhibition. An oral presentation on an Encore abstract in the context of a session is generally omitted. Selected registration studies are exempt from this. Encore abstracts do not take part in the competition for the DGRh science prizes.

### **C. Review of the abstracts**

1. Each abstract will be evaluated by the abstract committee by three independent peer reviewers from the relevant subject area. The abstract will be evaluated on the basis of scientific quality, priority

(originality, timeliness) and type of appropriate presentation (poster and whether additionally as an oral presentation). The evaluation will be made in ignorance of the authors and their research institutions.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Criteria for scientific quality are: Assessability and information content according to the rules presented above for the abstract factual-methodological correctness and logical consistency.
- b. Priority is assessed in terms of scientific relevance and originality.
- c. The reviewers assess whether the contribution is suitable as a presentation in addition to the poster.

2. The abstract committee decides on the acceptance or rejection of the scientific contribution under qualitative aspects on the basis of the reviewers' vote. The abstract committee is convened by the conference presidents. As a rule, it is composed of members of the Programme Committee.

If the Abstract Committee raises no objections, a paper accepted by three reviewers is deemed to be accepted. If only two or fewer reviewers have accepted the paper, the Abstract Committee shall decide after thorough deliberation.

3. The conference presidents make the final decision on the acceptance of the scientific contributions that have been accepted by the abstract committee. The basis of the decision is the evaluation of the priority of the abstract, taking into account the number of contributions received and the adequate possibility of their presentation.

All accepted abstracts will be exhibited as posters. The presenter must be one of the authors. In addition, the conference presidents will decide whether the abstract will additionally be presented as a paper in an abstract session (or in a regular session). The decision will be made taking into account the

- Vote of the reviewers
- the topic of the paper and the
- the time and space available at the congress.

The rules for the evaluation of abstracts of submitted papers do not apply to papers presented by request. The President shall decide on this.

#### **D. Rights notice:**

The DGRh publishes all accepted abstracts (excluding Encore Abstracts) on a congress platform provided by GMS gGmbH. The abstracts will receive a publication number and are thus citable. The posters for the abstracts will be presented in analogue and digital form in the poster exhibition at the congress. In addition, the abstracts will be published on a sponsored web key for congress participants. By submitting an abstract, you grant the DGRh a free, exclusive right of use to reproduce, distribute and make the abstract publicly available. After the end of the congress, you may also otherwise reproduce, distribute and make the abstract publicly available.

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