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## **BNA2025: Abstract Requirements for Authors**

### **Poster abstract submission & review process**

Only registered delegates can submit an abstract. If you have not yet registered, [please do so here](#). We strongly encourage you to register during the discounted Early Bird period, which ends on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 23.59pm (GMT).

Once you have registered, you will be sent a link to access the abstract submission portal in your confirmation email.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Programme Organising Committee for their inclusion in the programme, and suitability for publication in the BNA Journal, [Brain and Neuroscience Advances](#).

### **Poster Fees**

There is no fee for submitting a poster. However, if accepted after review, each abstract will incur a handling fee of £65.00 (inclusive of VAT). This will be charged upon successful review and inclusion to the timetable. If the fee has not been paid by the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, then the poster will be withdrawn from the Festival.

### **Poster Types**

The BNA accepts two types of poster abstract– ‘Traditional’ and ‘Preregistration’. Preregistration posters give the opportunity to submit *plans* for studies yet to be undertaken, whereas traditional posters describe work that has already been completed. Please ensure you select the most appropriate format that best describes your research, when submitting your abstract.

Key differences include:

<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Pre-registration</b>
Describes work that has already been completed	Describes plans for work that has <i>yet to be</i> carried out
Includes results/data and conclusions	Does <i>not</i> include results/data or conclusions
Describes the statistical approach that <i>was</i> used for assessing data	Describes the statistical approach that <i>will be</i> used to assess data

[Learn more about pre-registration posters here.](#)

### **Flash Poster presentations**

During the abstract submission process, you can indicate whether you would like your abstract to also be considered for a ‘Flash Poster’ presentation. Throughout BNA2025, we will showcase 24 posters in dedicated flash poster or ‘rapid fire’ sessions. Flash poster presentations are 3

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minutes long, with 1 power point slide. This is a great opportunity to highlight the key points of your poster and encourage delegates to visit you during your poster presentation.

## **Scientific Abstract Guidance: For abstracts describing basic science, translational and clinical research**

For the purpose of this meeting, clinical studies are those involving patients or human volunteers, NOT those using human tissue/cells.

### **Ethical requirements**

When submitting your abstract, the corresponding author must confirm that the work meets the required ethical standards for experimentation as follows:

- For research using animals/animal tissues, all procedures meet the following requirements as appropriate of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986/ASPA Amendment Regulations 2012 for work performed in the UK, or under the EU Directive 2010/EU/63, or for work carried out elsewhere, all procedures meet with current equivalent national legislation/guidelines.
- For medical research involving human subjects, including research on identifiable human material and data, the World Medical Association (WMA) Declaration of Helsinki as a statement of ethical principles has been adhered to, and procedures concur with equivalent standards set by the relevant national or institutional body.

The BNA reserves the right to reject work that does not appear to comply with the directives above.

### **Abstract submission details**

All details must be entered as you wish them to appear in the abstract book and journal. Authors will not be able to make any changes to abstracts after the submission deadline. The title length cannot exceed 50 words. There is a 400 word limit for the text of the abstract (including references). You may upload 1 figure.

For traditional abstracts, you must include sections for:

1. Introduction
2. Methods & approach for statistical analysis
3. Results
4. Conclusions

For pre-registration abstracts, you must include sections for:

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1. Introduction
2. Methods & Approach for statistical analysis

## Example Scientific Poster Abstract

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<p><b>Method &amp; Approach for Statistical Analysis</b></p> <p>Methods should contain enough detail to allow others to repeat the study. Core methodology papers may be cited. Species and strain, or human population characteristics must be indicated.</p> <p>The approach for statistical analysis must be outlined (e.g ANOVA, confidence intervals, t-test, etc).</p>	<p><b>Method &amp; Approach for Statistical Analysis</b></p> <p>Proposed methods should be outlined in sufficient detail to provide a good understanding of the planned study. Core methodology papers may be cited. Proposed species and strain, or human population characteristics must be indicated.</p> <p>The planned approach for statistical analysis must be outlined (e.g ANOVA, confidence intervals, t-test, etc).</p>
<p><b>Results</b></p> <p>The results section should contain numerical data (including n values) in the text or in a figure or table.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p>Conclusions should be logical and not contain unjustified speculation.</p>	N/A
<p><b>References</b></p> <p>References should be cited in the <a href="#">Sage Harvard reference style</a>. We recommend no more than 3 references are included in your abstract.</p> <p>References are included in the total word limit of 400 words.</p>	<p><b>References</b></p> <p>References should be cited in the <a href="#">Sage Harvard reference style</a>. We recommend no more than 3 references are included in your abstract.</p> <p>References are included in the total word limit of 400 words.</p>
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## **Abstract Guidance: For abstracts describing Training & Education or ‘Other’ themes**

Abstracts describing work that falls under the categories of Training & Education or Other (history of neuroscience, PPIE, etc) themes may not fit the standard abstract format of introduction – results – conclusions. They should include detail of how the work will contribute to the field of neuroscience and we recommend following the below guidance before submitting to ensure effective sharing of your findings with the BNA2025 delegates.

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The title length cannot exceed 50 words. There is a 400 word limit for the text of the abstract (including references). You may upload 1 figure.

You may include sections for:

#### **1. Background & aims**

Describe the importance of the work in the context of the appropriate literature and state whether any theories are being translated into practice.

#### **2. Summary of work & outcomes**

Provide details of methodologies and how impact is measured. Describe the benefit/impact of the work.

#### **3. Discussion**

Discuss whether the aims were met, if the project will continue and whether any change has resulted from the work, including how it has developed our understanding or practice.

#### **4. Conclusions**

Consider whether the outcomes contribute to the enhancement of neuroscience.