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Please ensure that you have read these guidelines before submitting your abstract. Abstracts MUST comprise the following elements:

1. **Title:** The abstract title should be in initial capital/lower case, **not all capitals**.
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 - Only abstracts submitted in **English** will be reviewed. Abstracts should be thoroughly checked for spelling and grammar before submission.
 - Abstracts are to be submitted in **Microsoft Word** format only.
 - The body of the abstract must not exceed **250 words**.
 - Use **size 10 Arial font or symbol font (for symbols)** with **single line-spacing**.
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