

## 2026 IGES Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts should follow the same format as in previous year's published abstract booklet and should be submitted as a Word file (.doc, .docx, .rtf). (See: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/gepi.22431>)

This year's abstract topics include:

1. Biobanks and large-scale population studies
2. Common and rare disease genetics (incl. cancer genetics, heart disease genetics)
3. General polygenic trait genetics
4. Diversity, studies of multiple ancestries, and population genetics
5. Immunogenetics and Infectious Disease
6. Machine learning/artificial intelligence for genetics and genomics
7. Causal inference (incl. Mendelian randomization)
8. OMICs: methods and applications (incl. Spatial transcriptomics)
9. Clinical/translational methods and applications (incl. Polygenic Risk Scores and prediction)
10. Statistical modeling in genetic epidemiology (incl. GxE, GxG, Multi-trait and summary-statistic methods)
11. Family and identity by descent studies
12. Whole genome/exome sequencing

Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be named as TOPIC NUMBER-SURNAME+INITIAL.DOC (eg. 3-DoeJ.doc).
- **Please do not submit PDF files.**
- **Abstracts must be 250 words or fewer.**

The first line of the document should provide a short, concise title in bold font. Max title length of 150 characters including spaces. **All abstract titles should be in title case** (e.g., *Identification of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Variants in Different Specimen Types in Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma*).

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    - **Maximum number of authors is 10.** Any additional authors must be listed as a consortium or group.
- Content-specific style points
  - Italics: Use for Genus/species, emphasis, journal titles in text, *P* (probability) should read *P* value and not *p*-value or *P*-value, and words or terms being defined. Do not use for Latinisms (e.g., et al., in vivo, in vitro).
  - Abbreviations: **First mention of acronyms and abbreviations in the text should be spelled out in full with acronym or abbreviation in parentheses immediately following.** In general, except for units of measure and defined

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- Manufacturers: Insert city and state or country in parentheses.
  - Numbers: Spell out numbers 1–9 and numbers that begin a sentence.
  - % (only when used with a specific number; otherwise spell out).
  - vs. (both in text and in parentheses).
  - African American population (African American --- two words as noun and adjective).
  - Change while to although.
  - Change since to because.
  - Change  $df/d^4f$  to  $df/d^4f$ .
  - N-dashes – use only for ranges and do not use in between words in text
  - References should not be included in the abstract.
- The following items are collected via the online submission form and should not be included in the abstract: Corresponding/submitting author contact information and Topic categories (in place of keywords)
  - **Permitted abbreviations:** min, hr, sec, log (one word, roman, lc), g, mg, kg, *P* (CAPITALIZED and italic).
  - **Common acronyms that do not need to be spelled out:**
    - SD: standard deviation      RR: relative risk
    - SE: standard error      LOD score: logarithm of odds score
    - CI: confidence interval      SNP/SNP's: single nucleotide polymorphism's
    - OR: odds ratio