

## **2018 IGES Abstract Guidelines**

Abstracts should follow the same format as in previous year's published abstract booklet (See: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/gepi.22001/full>) and should be submitted as a Word file (.doc, .docx, .rtf). Please do not submit PDF files.

Abstracts should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Abstracts must be 250 words or fewer.
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d OR: odds ratio	e RR: relative risk	f LOD score: logarithm of odds score
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