

BTS Winter Meeting: Abstract submission guidance

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 November 2026

Abstracts Deadline: 23:59 Tuesday 9 June 2026

1. Your abstract text should be a maximum of 350 words, and you will be allowed to include one table or one figure only. You may include 1 or 2 references – these are included in the word limit. The abstract title, figure/table legends, list of author names and institutions are not included in the 350 word limit. Please note that this is an ABSTRACT, not a full paper – for tips on how to write your abstract, please see the [Winter Meeting webpage](#).
2. When you have completed all fields and submitted your abstract you will receive an email confirming that your abstract has been received. Please note that your abstract is saved to the system when you click the Submit Abstract button. If you return to edit your abstract and then click Submit Abstract, the amended version of your abstract will be saved to the system. You will be able to return to your abstract at any time up to the closing date in order to check or edit your abstract. You will not be able to edit your abstract when the closing date has passed so **please check your submission carefully to ensure that the content is correct and that there are no errors in author names or institutions.**
3. There are a breadth of categories to submit your abstract to. Please select the categorised disease area that closely aligns with the subject of your abstract. If your abstract is focused on patients, this should be submitted to the patient experience category.
4. **Please check that all authors appear in the correct order- we suggest that you view the submitted abstract once it is submitted so that you can see how the information will appear.** If your abstract is accepted, the author names will appear in the printed programme and abstract book in the order that appears in the author list in the submitted abstract. If the 'Main Contact' is one of the authors, this name must also be included in the list of authors.
5. A 'blind' selection process will be used so please do not include identifying features such as names of authors, hospital trusts, universities and other institutions, or towns and cities, within the text of your abstract. This detail is recorded in the appropriate fields during the submission process.
6. If accepted, your abstract will be printed in the BTS Winter Meeting Programme and Abstract book which is published as a supplement to *Thorax*. Your abstract will not be copy-edited - please ensure that any unusual abbreviations are defined and that you have checked the text of your submission carefully.



7. If your abstract is accepted, one of the authors will be expected to attend the Winter Meeting in person, to present the abstract. BTS adheres to the [ICMJE definition](#) of an author - presenters must be an author of the abstract.
8. Please do **not** submit multiple abstracts that have been created out of material from a single study, or abstracts that contain previously published data. Failure to adhere to this request will result in such abstracts being rejected.
9. We will consider encore abstracts provided they have only been presented at **one** meeting previously, e.g. ERS, ATS and other international conferences. The author should complete the relevant fields on the abstract submission form.
10. We will not consider abstracts that contain data previously published in a peer review journal (the exception being conference abstracts - see point 9 above). Failure to adhere to this request will result in such abstracts being rejected.

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