Abstract Preparation Instructions for Authors

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Format

- Abstract title maximum word count is 15.
- All authors' initials and last names and place where work was carried out should be listed.
- The text of the abstract should not contain headings, but should follow the general progression through background, methods, results and conclusions. The methods should include a statement of ethics.
- Case reports should follow introduction, case or cases, discussion and learning points in the same way. A case report should end (before the references) with a statement about the consent given by the patient.
- Use a blank line to separate paragraphs.
- One table or figure is permitted.
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- References must be listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia, they should be superscript¹ and post any applicable punctuation, in the style of the BJA.² (click here for more details)
- No more than three references should be included. If a reference has more than 6 authors, then list the names of first 3 authors followed by et al.
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- Do not include footnotes.
- Please acknowledge any source of funding for your study at the end of the abstract.
During the submission process

- You must confirm that all authors listed in the abstract have contributed to the work and support the submission of the abstract.
- You must confirm that this study received ethics committee approval or was conducted under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986) or equivalent. Abstracts must conform to international ethical guidelines for animal or human research where relevant.
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- Surveys of clinicians conducted in the UK do not require ethical approval. This does not necessarily apply to audits and certainly does not apply to surveys of patients.
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