

**Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention**  
Abstract Submission Information

**1. Submitting an Abstract**

- a. Abstract titles should be no more than 350 characters.
- b. The body of the abstract should be no more than 2,500 characters.
- c. Use of graphics, graphs, or tables in the abstract is not permitted.

**2. Preparation of Your Abstract**

- a. The title should indicate clearly the nature of the study. Please format your title in title case: use capital letters for the first letter in the principal words. Articles, conjunctions, and prepositions do not get capital letters unless they start the title. No period is needed at the end of the title
- b. Do not enter authors and affiliations in the title or body of the abstract. You will be prompted to enter this information online during the submission process.
- c. Abstracts should state briefly and clearly the purpose, methods, results, and conclusions of the work.

Introduction: Clearly state the purpose of the abstract.

Methods: Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly.

Results: Present your results in a logical sequence.

Discussion: Emphasize new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them.

***Please note you should not include the headers "Introduction, Methods, Results, or Discussion" in your abstract. The format above is a guideline to ensure the submitted abstracts have the required components.***

**3. Withdrawing an Abstract**

If you want to withdraw an abstract, please contact the Becca Isakower by email at [bisakower@birthdefectsresearch.org](mailto:bisakower@birthdefectsresearch.org).

**4. Presentation Guidelines**

As you prepare your abstract and think about how you would like to present your work please keep the following items in mind.

- a. A disclosure slide is required for all invited and platform presentations.
- b. Slides for invited and platform presentations should be created in 16:9 wide screen format for optimal viewing.
- c. It is recommended that you use the Annual Meeting Slide Template that will sent with abstract acceptance notifications.
- d. Presentations should be mindful to the public sensitivity of research animal photographs.
- e. Presenters should limit images of whole animals only to those specific cases needed to effectively communicate scientific results.
- f. Use of animal imagery for anecdotal purposes (e.g., experiment design, web services, logos) is discouraged. Use diagrams or non-photographic representation whenever possible.