Abstract Guidelines

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- First author: First author cited who scientifically endorses the abstract and is therefore responsible for its content
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