

Submission of Final Camera-ready Abstracts

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Please follow the steps given below to submit the camera-ready version of your abstract:

- 1) Revise your abstract as required in the reviewers' comments, if any, in order to improve the quality of the abstract.
- 2) Proofread your source document thoroughly to confirm that it will require no revision.
- 3) Ensure that the camera ready submission comply with the guidelines given below. Template for the camera ready version can be downloaded from: http://www.conf.jfn.ac.lk/virc/?page_id=23
- 4) Once you have revised the abstract, please e-mail it to vir@univ.jfn.ac.lk on or before May 20, 2018.

Guideline for Preparing Camera-ready Version of Abstracts

These instructions give you the basic guidelines for preparing **abstracts** for the VIRC2018. All abstracts should be written in British English using MS Word (.doc or .docx format).

Abstracts should be about 220 – 250 words. It may contain an introduction to the study with objective/s, methodology, results followed by a brief discussion and conclusion(s) without subheadings, figures, tables or references. Avoid using abbreviations, and do not cite references in the abstract. Leave a blank line between the abstract body and Keywords. Scientific names of organisms should be written in italics. If common or vernacular names follow the scientific name, they should be included in parentheses.

Maximum of five keywords should be included under the sub-title 'Keywords - ' at the end of the abstract. Each keyword should begin with an uppercase letter and be separated by a comma followed by a single space.

PAGE LAYOUT, TYPEFACE, FONTS, AND ALIGNMENT

Find below some important information about the page layout and content:

- Paper Size : A4 (8.27" × 11.69")
- Font : Times New Roman
- Margins : Left 1.5 inches, right, top and bottom 1 inch
- Language: British English
- Non-English and Technical Terms : In *italics*

All the text must be kept within the print area, and do not write anything outside the print area. All text must be in a one-column format. Text must be fully justified.

I. Title of Abstract

The main title should begin 1 inch (2.54 cm) from the top edge of the page. It should be centered, in Times 16-point type. Capitalize the first letter of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; do

not capitalize articles, coordinate conjunctions, or prepositions (unless the title begins with such a word).

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No extra line space should be left between the title and the author details.

II. Author name(s) and affiliation(s)

Author names and affiliations are to be centered beneath the title and printed in Times 12-point, non-boldface type. Multiple authors may be shown in a two- or three-column format, with their affiliations below their respective names.

If only one author, center the information; if two authors, use the left and right cells; three authors are shown above; if more than three, create a new row and format appropriately, leaving one blank line between rows of authors.

Surname/Family name of Author/s should be preceded by initials. Name/s of author/s should be in lowercase letters except for initials and first letter of the surname/s.

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Nomenclature: Follow IUPAC nomenclature in naming chemical substances.

Mathematical Equations: Keep a single space before and after arithmetic operators. Use the multiplication symbol instead of letter x or *.

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