

***Sustaining health and public services in an uncertain future:
what role for implementation science?***

**6th UK Implementation Science Research Conference
13 and 14 July 2023**

Venue: University of Limerick, Ireland

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Abstract submission guidance

The deadline for abstract submission is **Tuesday 2 May 2023, 12pm GMT**.

Please complete the abstract submission form on the page below and [upload](#) your document to:
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Please submit your abstract as an **editable document** (.doc, .docx, or .rtf). **Please DO NOT provide your abstract as a PDF document.**

There is a 300-word limit for each abstract or 250 words (plus one table or figure) to accompany each abstract; this does not include the title, author list, affiliations or references.

Abstracts submitted for consideration should be based on empirical or conceptual / theoretical implementation research. Each abstract should contain complete and original research results or novel theoretical developments. **Only novel contributions will be considered; papers that have been previously published or submitted in the same format to another conference will not be considered.**

Please limit your submissions to a maximum of two abstracts per corresponding author.

Abstracts will be peer reviewed by the conference scientific committee. We will let you know whether your abstract has been accepted or not by **Thursday 1 June 2023 by email**.

Presenters of accepted abstracts must register for the online conference. Each presenter is responsible for paying their own conference fee. Presenters who are unable to attend online should arrange for another author to take their place. If you need to withdraw your presentation, please contact the organisers as soon as possible at: arcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk

If your abstract is accepted, then it will subsequently be published as part of the conference proceedings, as a fully open-access publication. You can see last year's journal supplement of conference abstracts published [here](#).

Topic guidance

The conference adopts a broad view of implementation science. We define implementation science as the scientific study of methods to promote the uptake of research findings into routine health and social care in clinical, organisational or policy contexts.

The overall theme for this year's conference is ***Sustaining health and public services in an uncertain future: what role for implementation science?*** We welcome submissions that relate to this area, but we will consider all abstracts related to research in the field of implementation science as applied to the health and social care fields.

Abstract submission form

***Please read the following BMC guidelines to ensure that your accepted abstract will be publishable in *Implementation Science*. Examples have been provided below to guide you.**

Presenting author e.g. <u>Mary Smith</u>¹
Title e.g. Effects of a short-term Palaeolithic diet on fitness and body composition
Authors e.g. <u>Mary Smith</u>^{1*} e.g. John Brown²
Affiliations e.g. ¹Department, University, Town, State, Zipcode, Country; ² University, Town, County, Postcode, UK
<i>*Email address of corresponding author</i>
Background Text here
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Conclusion Text here
Trial Registration if applicable, please see guidelines
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<i>Word count:</i>

<p>Do you wish this abstract to be considered for....?</p> <p>(Please only tick one option)</p>	<p>Either oral (10 minutes) or oral-poster (4 mins) presentation: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Oral presentation (10mins) only*: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Oral-poster presentation (4 mins) only*: <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Are you an early career researcher?</p>	<p>Yes: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No: <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>As this is an international conference, we will try to accommodate you to your time zone, however, this will not always be possible.</p> <p>Please indicate your time availability:</p> <p>If you are based in the UK, Europe or African time zones, please indicate no preference if possible.</p>	<p>UK time - Morning <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>UK time - Afternoon: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>UK time – no preference: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Comment</p>

* NB. We recommend that you make a submission for 'Either oral or oral-poster presentation'.

Please only tick the 'Oral-poster presentation only' or 'Oral presentation only' boxes if you are sure that you do not want to be considered for an alternative format.

The abstract reviewers will then consider whether a full-length oral presentation can be accommodated within the programme, before exploring the possibility of a shorter oral-poster presentation. The oral –poster presentation will include a short 4-minute oral presentation and the poster displayed at the conference. **Both oral and oral-poster presentations will need to be recorded and submitted to the conference committee before the conference. The presenter will be given the opportunity to give their presentation live or play the recording, they must however, be available for questions.**

BMC Guidelines for Authors: Preparation of Abstracts

These guidelines provide authors with instructions around the Publisher's formatting and editorial requirements. Please take a moment to read them and familiarise yourself. Abstracts that do not meet these requirements cannot proceed into production

Title

The title should be in bold, sentence case with no full stop at the end and no underlining, e.g.:

Results from experiments in this field

Authors

First name, middle initials if required, and surname with no full stop at the end. Underline the name of the corresponding author. A comma should separate author names. Where authors are from several different institutions, the appropriate institution number from the affiliation list should be given as a superscript number immediately after each author's name, e.g.:

John Smith¹, Susan Jones¹, Bill Fisher²

An asterisk * should be used to link the corresponding author with their email address, if being included.

If the authors are presenting an abstract on behalf of a study group, this information should not be included in the author list but should appear in an Acknowledgements section.

Affiliations

Affiliations should include department, institute, town and country. Where there are multiple affiliations, each should be listed as a separate paragraph. Each institute should appear in the order used against the author names (see above paragraph) and show the appropriate superscript number, e.g.:

¹Department, University, Town, State, USA

² University, Town, State, UK

² Company, Town, State, Canada,

Main text

- Should not be more than 300 words, unless otherwise specified by your conference organizer
- Please use single line spacing
- Type the text unjustified, without hyphenating words at line breaks
- Use hard returns only to end headings and paragraphs, not to rearrange lines
- Use the Publisher reference format (see below)
- Greek and other special characters may be included. If you are unable to reproduce a particular special character, please type out the name of the symbol in full
- SI units should be used throughout (litre and molar are permitted, however)
- Web links (URLs) should be provided in full, including both the title of the site and the URL, in the following format:

Mouse Tumour Biology Database [http://tumor.informatics.jax.org/cancer_links.html]

- Abbreviations should be used as sparingly as possible and should be defined when first used

Structured abstracts

In structured abstracts, paragraph headings should be typed in **bold** with no colon at the end. Do **not** use the heading 'Abstract'. Each heading should be in a separate paragraph, e.g.:

Background

Followed by regular text, on a new line and in the same format as shown above for main text.

Materials and methods

Results

Conclusions

For Case report abstracts: **Background, Case report, Conclusion**

Tables

Tables should be numbered (e.g., Table 1) with a short, descriptive title. Tables should be included in the document where they are to appear. Tables must be cited/called out in the text.

Tables should be formatted using the "Table function" in a word processing program to ensure that columns of data are kept aligned when the file is sent electronically. Tables should not be created with tabs or submitted as images. No colour or shading should be added.

Figures

Figures and illustrations should be numbered (e.g. Figure 1) with a short, descriptive title. This text must form part of the text file and not the figure file. Figures must be cited/called out in the text.

You must have all necessary permissions to use figures.

Figures must be supplied electronically in the body of the text at 300 dpi minimum. Each figure must be inserted as a single, composite file (parts must not be separate graphical units). Don't include figures with embedded hyperlinks.

Trial registration

The Publisher supports prospective registration of randomized controlled clinical trials. Abstracts related to RCTs should include the trial registry along with the unique identifying number. Trial registers that currently meet our requirements can be found at <http://www.icmje.org/about-icmje/faqs/clinical-trials-registration/>.

Consent to publish If the abstract contains details relating to individual participants (for example a case report), written informed consent for the publication of these details must be obtained from the participants, and a statement to this effect must appear at the end of the abstract. Our guidelines for consent statements can be found here: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/about/editorialpolicies>. If the patient is deceased, consent for publication should be obtained from the next of kin; if the patient is under 16, consent should be obtained from the parent or guardian.

References

All references should be cited/called out consecutively in the text, using numbers in square brackets. Only papers that have been published, or are in press, or are available through public e-print/preprint servers should be included in the reference list.

Journal abbreviations should follow MEDLINE standards.

References should be laid out at the end of the abstract in **Vancouver style** and be preceded by the relevant reference number. Foreign/translated works are allowed in references, as long as they also follow Vancouver style. Please ensure that the number of references listed is reasonable and does not exceed more than half a page. An example of a reference for a journal article follows. The full reference style guide can be found at the journal's website.

1. Chomczynski P, Sacchi N. Single-step method of RNA isolation by acid guanidinium thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform extraction. *Anal Biochem.* 1987; 162:156

Guidelines for Authors: Preparation of Abstracts – Sample Abstract

Abstract title here in sentence case (no unnecessary capitalization), no underlining and no full stop at the end

Firstname A Lastname^{1*}, Firstname B Lastname², Firstname C Lastname³

¹Department, University, Town, State, USA

²University, Town, County, UK

³Company, Town, State, Canada, Postcode

***Email address of corresponding author if being included**

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Greek and other special characters may be included - if you are unable to reproduce a particular special character, please type out the name of the symbol in full. Please check if abstract submission systems have corrupted special characters or <p> values. SI units should be used throughout (litre and molar are permitted, however). Abbreviations should be used as sparingly as possible and should be defined when first used.

Citations to references should be included in square brackets [1,2], and citations to any figures (Figure 1) and tables (Table 1), must also be included in round brackets. All figures and tables need corresponding citations in the text, and vice versa.

Structured headings such as Background, Results and Conclusions may be added.

Tables should be formatted using the "table function" in a word processing program not created with tabs or submitted as graphical items.

Tables should not have highlighting or shading. Tables should be submitted in editable format.

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Table 1. Short title, maximum one sentence

Figure titles must form part of the text file and not be part of the graphical figure. Figures must be supplied electronically in the body of the text at 300 dpi minimum. Each figure (even if made up of parts) must be inserted as a single, composite file and not inserted into a table. Please align figures with text.

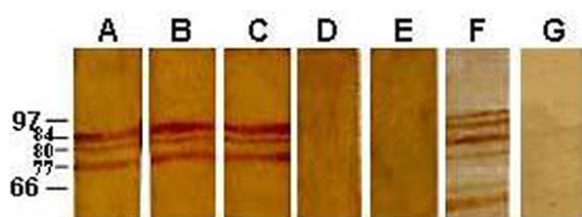


Figure 1. Short title must be separate, editable text and not embedded in image.

Trial registration

Current Controlled Trials ISCRTN73824458

References

1. Lastname A, Lastname B, Lastname C. Title of journal article. Journal Medline abbreviation. Year; Volume: -first page-last page.

2. Lastname E. Title of book chapter. In: Lastname F, editors. Name of Book. Volume 2. 2nd edition. Place: Publisher; Year. p.first page-last