

Poster Guidelines

16th Minipig Research Forum

Amsterdam 22-24 May 2024

Content

We accept posters with either technical (e.g. tips and tricks) or scientific (must contain data) content. Posters are also accepted from companies supplying material relevant for research and testing using minipigs, e.g. assays kits. Please note that commercial posters without data and/or technical information will be declined.

Format

The posters should be in A0 format (84 cm wide x 118 cm high) and in color.

Abstract

Please prepare a short abstract of max 350 words in word format (see the example on next page). There can be one table or illustration, but the entire abstract must fit into one printed A4 page (portrait format). The poster abstracts will be incorporated into the program book and made available to all registered participants of the MRF meeting.

Poster competition

Posters received in pdf before the Step 2 deadline below will be included in the poster competition. As a tradition, members of the MRF Steering Committee will elect the best poster of the MRF, and the winner will be announced during the MRF meeting and will receive 1 free registration to a subsequent MRF meeting for the presenter or a co-author if the presenter is unable to attend.

Submission steps

Step 1

Please submit the poster abstract on or before **Monday 29 April 2024**.

Step 2

Please submit a pdf version of the actual (finished) poster as well as a one-slide PowerPoint presentation for the purpose of a 1-minute oral presentation (in English) by you or your poster at the MRF meeting. Deadline is **Monday 13 May 2024**.

Step 3

Bring the poster to the MRF meeting and mount it on the wall before the start of the meeting. You will be asked to give your 1-minute oral presentation at the poster presentation session on the first day of the meeting, that is on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

All submissions should be sent to contact@minipigresearchforum.org. Questions can also be sent to this email address.

See next page for abstract example to fit into the abstract book (Step 1):

Abstract example, illustrating length and format

Refined Environment – Creating an Enrichment Room for Göttingen Minipigs

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Ellegaard Göttingen Minipigs

Environmental enrichment is an important part of refined housing and care for laboratory animals. It has wide-ranging physiological and behavioral effects and can be particularly effective in the research setting to stimulate natural behaviors and reduce the incidence and/or severity of undesirable or abnormal behaviors. An ideal enrichment program is attractive to the animals and results in sufficiently sustained interest. However, in a standard laboratory setting, it is challenging to create and maintain a complex and continuous stimulating environment program. Hence, creating a dedicated enrichment room can allow the animals to engage in multiple behaviors e.g. play, manipulation, and complex social behavioral events for a dedicated time. Especially young pigs will benefit from this as addition, as play behavior is thought to train social skills and help develop the ability to express and understand communicative signals. This may inhibit aggression and increase group stability. Furthermore, an enrichment room increases positive interactions between the pigs and the staff, and thereby improves socialization and results in a more corporative environment. Our experiences establishing a dedicated enrichment room will be presented.

