

## Poster Guidelines

### 17<sup>th</sup> Minipig Research Forum Amsterdam 9 - 11 April 2025

#### Content

We accept posters with either technical (e.g. tips and tricks) or scientific (must contain data) content. Posters are also accepted by companies supplying material relevant for research and testing using minipigs, e.g. assay kits. The 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 color.

#### Abstract

Please, prepare a short abstract of max 350 words in Word format (see the example on the next page). There may 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

The poster competition will include posters received in pdf before the Step 2 deadline below. As a tradition, members of the MRF Steering Committee will select the best poster of the MRF. The winner will be announced during the MRF meeting and will receive one free registration for one of the next three MRF meetings for the presenter or another person from the presenter's company/organization.

#### Submission steps

**Step 1** Please submit the poster abstract on or before/by **Friday 21 March 2025**.

**Step 2** Please submit a PDF version of the actual (finished) poster as well as a one-slide PowerPoint presentation for a 1-minute oral presentation of your poster (in English) by you at the MRF meeting. The deadline is **Tuesday 1 April 2025**.

**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 come to the stage to give a 1-minute oral presentation at the poster presentation session on the first day of the meeting which is Wednesday 9 April 2025.

All submissions should be sent to [contact@minipigresearchforum.org](mailto:contact@minipigresearchforum.org). Questions can also be sent to this email address.

See the next page for an 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.

