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Abstract Information

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1. **First Author's name** (person who's name appears first on the presentation), and affiliation (university and department / program)
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