

# Instructions to Authors — Version 5

## Abstract Submission for the 2026 Fabry Update Conference

### Overview

All abstracts submitted to the 2026 Fabry Update Conference are processed through an automated compliance pipeline before format editing (burnishing). The pipeline performs a series of compliance checks. If any check fails, the abstract is returned to the submitting author with a redlined document identifying every issue. The abstract will not proceed to burnishing until all compliance checks pass.

This document describes what the pipeline checks and how to prepare your abstract so that it passes on first submission. All checks run in a single pass: if multiple issues are found, you will receive one redlined file listing all of them, so you can fix everything in a single revision.

### Use the Current Template

Your abstract must be prepared using the official template:

**2026\_Clean\_Abstract\_Template\_v5.docx**. Download it from [www.fabryupdate.org](http://www.fabryupdate.org) → "Abstract Submission" → "Download Template."

Do not use an outdated version of the abstract and label it version 5; your submission must be on the most current template or it will be rejected.

The template contains eleven labeled sections. Each section label (e.g., "Title:", "Authors:") is pre-formatted in bold. When you type your content after the colon, the correct font, size, and style are applied automatically by the paragraph formatting embedded in the template. Do not change fonts, do not adjust spacing, and do not delete or rearrange the section labels.

A common error is to enter each author or institution as a separate line with a hard carriage return. This violates the embedded formatting codes in the template. All authors must be in the single Authors paragraph; all institutions must be in the single Institutions paragraph. There should be no more than 11 ¶ (paragraph marks) in your abstract—one for each section.

### Template Sections

The template contains the following eleven sections, in order:

- **Title:** The title of your abstract. Use Title Case (capitalize each significant word). Bold, 12pt.
- **Authors:** Full first name, last name, and professional degree(s) for every author, separated by commas. Superscript institution numbers. Bold, 12pt.
- **Institutions:** Numbered institution affiliations corresponding to author superscripts. 12pt.

- **Objective:** A substantive statement of the study objective. This section is required and must contain real content. 12pt.
- **Background:** Context for your study. 12pt.
- **Methods:** Study design and methodology. 12pt.
- **Results:** Key findings. 12pt.
- **Conclusion:** Summary and implications. 12pt.
- **Support:** Funding sources and acknowledgments. 12pt.
- **References:** Numbered references in a single paragraph. All references must be verifiable in PubMed. 12pt.
- **Comment:** Include non-PubMed references here (e.g., FDA Product Insert URL, previously presented at the XYZ meeting, date, location, etc.). 10pt italic.

## Compliance Checks

The following checks are performed automatically. A failure on any check marked "STOP" will cause your abstract to be returned without burnishing. Fix all flagged issues and resubmit.

Check	What It Checks	How to Avoid a STOP
0	Template Version	The file must carry the v5 template identifier. Use the official template downloaded from the conference website. Do not copy content into a blank Word document.
1	Prior Review Markup	No tracked changes, comments, or highlighting from a previous review may be present. Before resubmitting, accept all changes, delete all comments, and remove all highlighting.
2	Reference Manager Codes	Residual field codes from Zotero, Mendeley, or EndNote are detected. The pipeline will attempt auto-removal, but if codes persist the abstract is returned. Before submitting, unlink all citations in your reference manager.
3	Objective Section	The Objective paragraph must contain a substantive statement,

not a placeholder such as "To be added" or "TBD." Minimum 10 characters of real content required.

4*	Author/Institution Ratio	Advisory only (not a STOP). If Authors + Institutions exceed 20% of total characters, you will receive a suggestion to abbreviate. Consider limiting named authors to five and citing the remainder as "on behalf of the [Working Group]."
5	In-Text Citations	If your References section contains references, the body text must include corresponding in-text citation numbers in brackets (e.g., [1], [2–4]). An abstract with references but no in-text citations will be returned.
6	First Names and Degrees	Every author must include a full first name (not just initials) and at least one professional degree (e.g., MD, PhD, PharmD, MSc). Missing first names or degrees will cause a STOP.
7	PubMed Verification	Every reference must be resolvable to a valid PubMed entry via DOI or title/author search. References that cannot be found in PubMed will cause a STOP. Verify your references at <a href="http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> before submitting.

\* Check 4 is advisory only and does not cause a STOP.

## Formatting Requirements

### Font and Size

The template enforces Times New Roman throughout. All sections except Comment use 12pt. The Comment section uses 10pt italic. If you use the template as provided, these settings are applied automatically.

## **Title Case**

Your title must use Title Case: capitalize the first letter of each word except for articles (a, an, the), short prepositions (in, on, at, to, of, by, for, with), and conjunctions (and, but, or, nor). Always capitalize the first and last word regardless.

## **References**

Place all references in a single paragraph in the References section. Number them sequentially with brackets: [1], [2], etc. Use the same bracket numbers as in-text citations in the body of your abstract. Each reference must include author(s), title, journal, year, volume, and pages or DOI. All references must be verifiable in PubMed.

## **Page Limit**

The final Camera Ready abstract must fit on a single page. Abstracts that exceed one page will be edited for length. Submit as concisely as possible. Print your abstract as a PDF file before submitting to confirm it is indeed limited to 1 page.

## **Submission Procedure**

Submit your abstract as a .docx file through the conference website at [www.fabryupdate.org](http://www.fabryupdate.org) → "Abstract Submission." Do not submit as PDF. Do not email your abstract—use the web form only.

After submission, the compliance pipeline will process your abstract. If it passes all checks, it will proceed directly to burnishing for publication. If any STOP check fails, you will receive an email with a redlined .docx file showing every issue. Correct all issues and resubmit through the website.

## **Questions**

For questions about abstract submission or formatting requirements, submit a query at [www.fabryupdate.org/contact](http://www.fabryupdate.org/contact).