Primer on Top 10 ways to have your abstract rejected by the SOT Scientific Program Committee
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1. The abstract is poorly written and unacceptable (very poor grammar, undefined abbreviations)

2. The abstract describes a proposal or work in progress, with little or no results reported. The abstract includes phrases such as "data will be presented" or "results will be presented."

3. The abstract fails to indicate the test substance investigated in the study.

4. The abstract describes and/or promotes a commercial product of potential interest to scientific community.

5. The abstract is one of several from a single study and there does not appear to be sufficient justification (e.g. not enough data) for separate presentations.

6. The abstract presents a review of published literature and does not report new scientific interpretations or applications.

7. The abstract provides an overview of a workshop/task force/consortium/technical report. Although the subject matter may be topical, the submitted abstract provides no new data or knowledge.

8. The abstract summarizes the development and/or evaluation of a database but does not identify its unique features or attributes that represent a technical advance in toxicology

9. The abstract raises ethical questions that need to be resolved or clarified before it can be accepted.

10. The work as presented is fundamentally sound but it is unclear in its connection and relevance to toxicology.

NOTE: CONSIDER CHECKING BOTH PLATFORM AND POSTER BOXES

If your abstract is rejected, you may consider resubmitting as part of "late-breaking" posters, if they are offered at the annual meeting. Please be aware that your late-breaking poster may likely be scheduled only on the last day.