

# Antiviral treatments target highly conserved features of the virus or interfere with biological processes within the host<sup>1,2</sup>

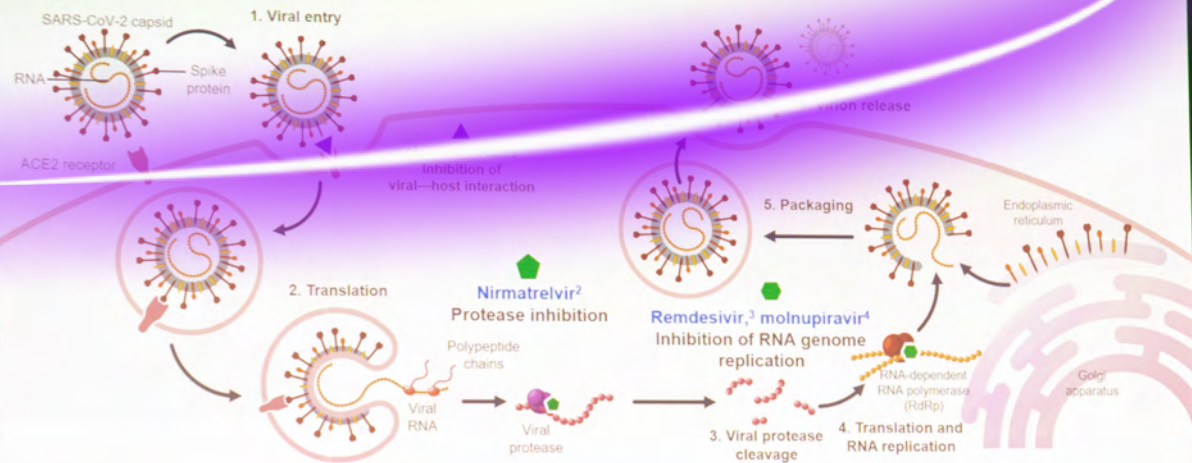


Figure adapted from Eastman RT, et al. ACS Cent Sci 2020, 6:672-683  
ACE2: angiotensin-converting enzyme 2; ACE2: angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 receptor; RdRp: RNA-dependent RNA polymerase;  
SARS-CoV-2: severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2  
1. Eastman RT, et al. ACS Cent Sci 2020, 6:672-683. 2. Nirmatrelvir-ritonavir SmPC 2023. 3. Remdesivir SmPC 2023. 4. Molnupiravir SmPC 2023.



# Rising Star

## Submission guidance

## Rising Star – ICS Gold Medal Submission Guidelines

Deadline for submissions: Monday 8 January 2024, 11:59pm (GMT)

The Intensive Care Society wishes to promote and encourage the presentation of the best critical care science in the UK. The Rising Star – ICS Gold Medal is awarded annually to a young investigator (nurse, AHP or doctor) who has shown excellence in science relevant to intensive care medicine. The candidate should submit an abstract, not exceeding 500 words and following the instructions to authors below.

A maximum of five abstracts will be shortlisted for the Gold Medal oral presentation at SOA24 taking place 18-20 June 2024 at the ACC Liverpool. The time allocated for each presentation is 15 minutes (11 minutes presentation, plus 4 minutes Q&A).

Eligibility: The researcher is usually someone who has completed a substantial body of work (e.g. MD/PhD) and should not be in a Consultant / Senior Lecturer post or equivalent (although where the body of work was completed prior to recent appointment they will be considered).

### Please read the instructions below carefully before preparing your abstract

- Aim to capture the Programme Committee's interest
- Be clear and concise
- Check the abstract carefully for spelling, grammar, readability and clarity

### Online

If successful and selected to give an oral presentation, your session will be recorded and available for registered delegates to watch on demand for six months after the Congress.

### Published abstracts

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Intensive Care Society (PubMed Indexed).

### Certificates and awards

A winner will be selected for the Rising Star – ICS Gold Medal presentation and will be announced during the Closing Plenary session on Thursday 20 June 2024. The winner for each will receive a [complimentary 3 day registration for SOA25 or SOA26 - your choice!](#)

All presenting authors will receive a presenter certificate for their portfolio.

### Key deadlines

8 January 2024	Abstract submission deadline
28 February 2024	Submitting authors notified of the outcome of their submission
31 March 2024	Successful submitters to confirm acceptance of their place
30 April 2024	Early bird registration deadline
17 May 2024	Deadline for registering for SOA

### **Amending a submission**

If you wish to amend your submission you can do this at any time up to the deadline of **11:59pm (GMT) Monday 8 January 2024**.

### **Queries**

If you have any queries about the submission process or you want to withdraw your submission please contact us at [soa@ics.ac.uk](mailto:soa@ics.ac.uk).

### **Using the abstract submission system**

Submitting an abstract is a multi-step process. Some questions are marked 'required' and you will not be able to complete your submission until these questions have been answered. You will save your work as you proceed through the pages. If you have to stop part way through the process please complete all questions in the current page, then proceed to the following page. Your submission will be saved and you can return to complete your work at a later stage. After you have completed submission, you can continue to amend your work until the submission deadline.

### **Submission agreement**

You will need to confirm your acceptance of the submission terms and conditions before proceeding – these are as set out below:

- All correspondence will be sent to the submitting author. It is the responsibility of this person to pass on any relevant information regarding the submitted abstract and the Congress to the presenting author and co-authors.
- If accepted the presenting author must register and pay for a three-day in-person Congress ticket at the appropriate rate for the presenter according to their professional status by 17 May 2024 - failure to register by this date may result in your presentation being withdrawn from the Congress programme.
- It is the responsibility of the presenting author to arrange and pay for their own travel and accommodation as required.
- The authors agree that the Intensive Care Society will publish all abstracts from SOA24 in JICS and may record the presentation for subsequent use, as deemed appropriate, unless discussed and agreed in advance. If for any reason your abstract cannot be published, please specify when completing your submission.

### **Agreement**

*I agree to be responsible for the organisation of the presentation and will ensure that I adhere to all stipulated including acknowledgement of the review outcome, registration of the presenting author and, where relevant, the submission of presentation slides. I understand that to present at the event, the presenting author must register for a three-day in-person ticket the appropriate ticket category (at the time of the event)*

### **Abstract details**

**Title** - Your suggested title should be succinct yet clearly describe the abstract. Use sentence case (i.e. the first letter of the sentence is capitalised, with the rest being lowercase except for proper nouns and acronyms). Do not use any abbreviations in the title. The titles of accepted abstracts will be published in the final Congress programme and on the Congress app (Maximum 160 characters).

Description - Please enter a brief description of the abstract, the full submission will be uploaded on the next page.

Category - Please select Rising Star – Gold Medal.

Requested method – oral.

### **Contact details**

Please enter the contact details of the person submitting the abstract. Please note that all correspondence will be with the submitter of the abstract, therefore it is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contact details. Please email [soa@ics.ac.uk](mailto:soa@ics.ac.uk) if there is subsequently a change in contact details.

### **Lead author details**

Please enter the details of the main author associated with this abstract.

### **Additional details**

Please enter your occupation, grade, city/ region and any co-authors associated with this abstract. Co-authors are not mandatory.

Conflict of Interest - Please give details of any potential conflicts of interest that you could have as part of your abstract submission, financial or otherwise, which could influence or be perceived to influence the content of the poster (Max 100 words).

Abstract cannot be published - if for any reason your abstract cannot be published, please specify the reasons here.

### **Upload area**

Please upload your abstract as a word document (.doc or .docx), maximum file size 5mb

Your abstract should not exceed 500 words (excludes title, author and references).

### **General style guidelines**

- Use standard abbreviations only and place any unusual abbreviation in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears
- Use generic names of drugs
- If reference is made to proprietary products or equipment, the manufacturer's name and location should be included in parentheses
- Please check your abstract carefully as it will not be edited
- Graphs, tables and images can be inserted. All images, symbols, tables, graphs and lines should be clear and distinct (Maximum file size 5MB)

### **Abstracts should be structured under the headings**

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

If applicable, please provide details of any grant(s) received.

### **References**

- References should be listed in the separate box in the abstract submission and should not exceed 200 words
- A maximum of five references will be accepted
- References should be complete, correct and conform to the Vancouver reference style. Some more information and examples are included [here](#)
- References cited in the body of the abstract are included in the word count
- For journals - volume, issue and page numbers must be included
- Only sources referred to in the text should be included in the reference list

Hitting the next button will submit your abstract, and you will receive an email confirmation that your submission has been submitted. Please contact us [soa@ics.ac.uk](mailto:soa@ics.ac.uk), if you do not receive confirmation that it has been received. You can access any submissions made, by logging into your account and selecting 'My submissions' on the 'My account' menu.

### **Review criteria**

Reviewers are asked to mark the abstracts using the judging criteria listed below. A score of ten is the highest that can be awarded. A score of one is given when the submission cannot be judged due to the lack of information provided. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the abstract to ensure that the abstract addresses the following criteria:

- Originality and relevance to intensive care
- Quality of study design/methods
- Adequate presentation of results
- Appropriate statistical analysis
- Conclusion supported by results

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