

### Unsuitable for Further Consideration

Please do not accept any submissions for any category if they do not meet any of the below criteria. Indicate this by scoring all fields as “0” and providing a reason for your decision in the comments section.

1. The submission does not include evidence, original research and/or does not describe a novel initiative/programme.
2. There is an apparent conflict of interest that has not been disclosed.
3. There are ethical concerns.

Please grade each abstract with a score (scale of 1-5) for each of the below criteria:

### Short Oral Presentation

Short oral presentations are intended as a brief synopsis of completed primary research or the outcome of a novel initiative/programme (8-minute presentation + 4 minutes for discussion). Only the most exceptional abstracts requesting a short oral talk can be accommodated.

- a. **Scientific/Programme Merit:** Is the research /programme design appropriate? Do the outcomes/results align with the stated Purpose/Aims of the work? For research studies, does the abstract reflect relevant reporting criteria for the study design (<https://www.equator-network.org/>). For initiatives/programmes, does the abstract provide a convincing argument for the need? For novel research approaches, is evidence provided to support the approach. For advocacy, is the need, approach or outcomes based on evidence or scientific rationale?

- 5 – Exceptional- study/project design is ideally suited to research/project question
- 4 - High/good quality with occasional/perceptible flaws
- 3- Moderate quality with moderate flaws
- 2 - Low quality but presentable
- 1 – Should be moved to a poster
- 0 – Should not be accepted/presented as oral or poster

- b. **Innovation:** Does the abstract reflect a novel approach or propose a shift in the current research approach, clinical practice or area of advocacy? Does it reflect recent innovations?

- 5 - Highly innovative and novel
- 4 - Moderate-highly innovative
- 3 - Moderately innovative
- 2 - Low in innovation but presentable
- 1 - Should be moved to a poster
- 0 - Should not be accepted/presented as oral or poster

- c. **Contribution to the Field:** Is the problem or challenge discussed of high impact and importance to the field and individuals living with spinal cord injury.

- 5 - High impact work with the potential to improve the lives of individuals living with SCI in areas of high priority
- 4 - Moderate-high impact
- 3 - Moderate impact
- 2 - Low impact but presentable
- 1 - Should be moved to a poster
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