



2026 Research Abstract Poster Guidelines

Preparation of an ePoster is **REQUIRED** for all poster presenters and all ePosters must be uploaded into the [Poster Presenter Portal](#). Information on both modalities is included below.

Registration

- ACVIM provides a 50% discount on the ACVIM Forum registration for research abstract presenters.
- The ACVIM will provide the discount code to use.
- You are responsible for registering at the [ACVIM Forum Registration Website](#).
- If you have already registered, we will process a refund for the discount.

General Information

- Abstracts and final poster Q&A sessions will be listed in the [ACVIM Forum Online Schedule](#).
- There will be awards for the best resident research abstracts for eligible ACVIM Candidates. Winners will be announced and recognized onstage Friday, June 12, at the ACVIM Awards Luncheon. Winners will be contacted by email on the morning of Friday, June 12 to alert them. We encourage all winners to attend the lunch.
- **There will be no virtual presentation or virtual Q&A for any research abstract poster presenter. All poster presenters must attend in-person.**

ePoster Information

- ePosters are provided digitally for conference attendees to access through a virtual gallery, available on the secure conference website through the duration of the ACVIM Forum virtual access, ending October 31, 2026.
- ePosters provide viewers high-quality resolution of images and text. Like traditional posters, ePosters provide a concise snapshot of your work. Instead of a physical poster pinned to a board, ePosters are a single slide presentation which is viewed on a device.
- ePoster presenters are required to be present in-person during their assigned times for Q&A opportunities.

ePoster Preparation

- ePosters are electronic posters replicating the display of a physical poster.
- **Do NOT include** animations, video or audio. **Limit use of green and red font.**
- Disclosure Statements **MUST** be included and noted for all listed on the poster, even if you have nothing to disclose. Information on disclosures can be found in the notes section on the poster template.
- Highlight the key takeaway as a core component of your poster to highlight the outcome of the research and foster discussion opportunity.
- Text and legends for figures should be short and support the key takeaway, do not omit them. Make sure to use large, clear, easy-to-read print for text and legends.
- Following the #BetterPoster format, a QR code can link to the full abstract. Instructions on creating and using the QR code are forthcoming.



- PowerPoint templates and additional information to help you prepare your poster presentation are available through the [Speaker Resource Center](#). Please select the template that aligns with your specialty. Your ePoster will be created on **ONE** single slide and we highly encourage use of the #BetterPoster poster templates for all poster presenters.

Upload

- You will submit your ePoster electronically as a PDF into the upload center through your [Poster Presenter Portal](#).
- **Deadline: Monday, June 8.**
- All submitted ePosters will be automatically transferred to our online gallery for presentation. Users must be registered attendees and logged in to access the ePoster Gallery.

Sample #BetterPoster Layout

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Small Animal Internal Medicine

Sucralfate protects against acid-induced gastric mucosal barrier dysfunction

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Sucralfate, an oral gastroprotectant, helped prevent and speed recovery from gastric injury.

Baseline
Control
Acid Injured
Acid + Sucralfate

Scan to Download all abstract details

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE (S): No relevant financial conflicts exist.

UNLABELED/UNAPPROVED USES DISCLOSURE: Sucralfate is not labeled for use in dogs.

Introduction

- Stress-related gastric mucosal disease (SRMD) occurs when critical illness disrupts gastric protective mechanisms.
- Acid suppressants have adverse events in critically ill people.
- Sucralfate is a gastroprotectant with fewer adverse events.

Hypothesis
Sucralfate would preserve barrier function in a canine ex vivo acid injury model.

Methods

- Canine gastric mucosa was kept alive ex vivo on a Ussing chamber and injured with acidic solution.
- Sucralfate was administered both with injury and immediately post-injury.
- Barrier function was assessed with: mannitol flux, transepithelial resistance, and histologic examination

Results

- Sucralfate prevented acid-induced mucosal barrier dysfunction.
- It also increased recovery of barrier function after injury.

Discussion

- Sucralfate protects against and speeds recovery of mucosal barrier function after acid injury
- With its lower adverse event profile, sucralfate might be useful to prevent SRMD in people and dogs.

Extra Figures & Tables

Proposed mechanisms of protection of sucralfate^{1,2}

Sucralfate prevents acid-related mucosal barrier dysfunction. Figure 1. Trans epithelial resistance (TEER) (ohm-cm²) and mannitol flux (nmol/min/cm²) were measured in canine gastric mucosa from control (n=10) and injured (n=10) dogs. Sucralfate (10%) was applied to the area of injury, measured TEER was compared to each injury control (n=10) and a significant difference between the injured dogs and the 10% sucralfate group (p<0.05).

Sucralfate administration demonstrates both acid and injury leads to decreased permeable flux of 14C-mannitol (p<0.05), flux, mannitol permeability.

Sucralfate increases recovery of barrier function after acid injury. Figure 3. Sucralfate treatment (10%) was applied to the area of injury, measured TEER was compared to each injury control (n=10) and a significant difference between the injured dogs and the 10% sucralfate group (p<0.05).

For more information about the #BetterPoster layout, visit the [Speaker Resource Center](#).



Physical Poster Information

- Physical posters should be a printed facsimile of the prepared ePoster and presenters are required to provide the physical version of the poster for display.
- No minimum physical poster size is required for display. Display surface area is neutral colored fabric approximately 4 feet high and 8 feet wide. You can cover as much of the space as you wish.
- Physical poster presenters were assigned to a physical poster based on their selection during the Call for Research Abstracts indicating the physical poster as their preferred poster delivery method or per request from the conference committee.
- Physical posters must be displayed during **all** Exhibit Hall hours Thursday, June 11 - Friday, June 12.
- Physical poster presenters are required to be present in-person during their assigned times for Q&A opportunities.

Physical Poster Set Up and Schedule

Wednesday, June 10

12:00 – 5:00 pm PT

Physical posters set up by presenters. Attach to an available stand with your presentation sequence number sign. Set up information noted below:

- Pick up your presentation sequence number sign at the Poster Park help desk and affix to the upper left side of the poster stand surface to help attendees find your poster.
- Presenters are **REQUIRED** to bring their own mounting devices as they may not be provided. It is recommended that physical posters are mounted with t-pins and hook back Velcro; push pins and thumb tacks do not typically hold for the duration of the event.
- If your physical poster is heavy or on stiff plastic, please make sure you have the appropriate, more robust mounting hardware. Otherwise, the physical poster likely will fall off. ACVIM is not responsible for mounting any physical posters that fall.

Thursday, June 11

9:00 am – 7:00 pm PT

Exhibit Hall open – Posters on display

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm PT

ACVIM Wine & Cheese Reception and Physical Poster Q&A in the Poster Park located in the Exhibit Hall.

- **All physical posters presenters MUST attend their poster for the full length of the Wine and Cheese Reception**

Friday, June 12

10:00 am – 4:30 pm PT

Exhibit Hall open – Posters on display

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm PT

Award winning resident research abstracts announced during the ACVIM Awards Luncheon. Winners will be contacted by email on the morning of Friday, June 12 and are encouraged to attend.

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm PT

Physical posters taken down by presenters. *At 4:45 pm, all remaining physical posters will be discarded.*



Onsite

- All poster presenters are eligible to access the Speaker Headquarters.
- ePosters are managed through our conference software and are available to access at each presentation kiosk through the Mobile App. No individual computers or presentation devices are needed for ePoster presentations.
- Speaker Headquarters Hours:
 - Tuesday, June 9: 2:00 – 7:00 pm PT
 - Wednesday, June 10 – Friday, June 12: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm PT
 - Saturday, June 13: 7:00 am – 11:30 am PT

Thank you for your participation in the highly anticipated research portion of the ACVIM Forum. We appreciate your contributions in advancing veterinary medicine.

Questions?

Please email us at Forum@ACVIM.org