An example abstract for the American Association of Bovine Practitioners conference

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Introduction
The objective of this paper is to explain how to write a research abstract for submission to the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Conference. Although the AABP conference has been very pleased with the quality of research abstracts that have been submitted, there have been some inconsistencies in formatting and content. This layout and format should be used as a guideline when you are writing the abstract.

Materials and methods
The work presented here is a collaborative effort between 3 members of the research committee. The research committee is made of veterinarians who are involved in academia and are active members of AABP. These members met 5 times to discuss the changes that would be made to existing guidelines. During these meetings, they established a timeline to complete these tasks and divided the work evenly among the group. Once the first draft was complete, the material was reviewed by their peers through the use of e-mail and teleconference. An additional revision was made which included adding a sample abstract.

Results
The final draft of the updated abstract requirements was clear, concise, and helped future submissions meet the criteria. The research abstracts submitted had fewer problems with formatting and content.

Conclusion
Providing this guide was helpful to clarify what was required in abstract submissions.