



ESC Congress 2026

Late-Breaking Science Submission rules and guidelines

The Call for Late-Breaking Science is open to the following categories:

Late-Breaking Clinical Trial - Reserved for first presentations of the primary endpoint(s) of a new clinical trial.

Clinical Trial Update - Reserved for presentations of new data or secondary analysis of a trial where the primary data have been presented previously.

Registry, Cohort, Observational & Epidemiological Studies – Reserved for presentations of data not previously presented from a new or existing registry, cohort, observational, or epidemiological study.

Basic & Translational Late-Breaking Science - Reserved for late submissions of important findings in Basic and Translational Cardiovascular Science.

The ESC currently does not allow late-breaking science submissions exclusively from Institutions in the Russian Federation and/or Belarus.

However collaborative research may be submitted and (if accepted) presented by co-authors from other countries.

PART 1 - SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The deadline for LBS submissions is **Monday 1 June 2026, 12:00 noon CEST.**

There will be no extension.

Submissions are only possible through the online submission services.

Draft Status

If you do not click on the submit button (Step 5 of the submission process), your application will be saved in Draft Status, you can re-access it to complete it at any time. Please note that applications that are in draft status after the deadline will not be considered for selection.

Changes and corrections

Once submitted, it will not be possible to make any corrections to the content or other information (such as presenter details, topic, etc.). In order to correct your submission, you must withdraw it and submit a new version prior to the deadline (see below for withdrawal procedure). Note that such a replacement of your submission is not possible after the submission deadline.

Withdrawal

If you want to withdraw a Late-Breaking Science already submitted, please notify us as quickly as possible at abstracts@escardio.org stating the title and number to be withdrawn.

Note that withdrawal is still possible after the submission deadline.

In order to submit, you must complete the following five steps -

Step 1 - General information

Type of submission

You must select one of the following types of submission under which your research can be best classified:

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Study details

Topic - Select one topic from the list of topics shown to index your research.

Full Title of study - A maximum of 200 characters typed in lower-case letters, except for abbreviations and study names. Please be aware that your title might be truncated if you copy and paste it into the field.

Acronym - If the study to be presented is known through an acronym, please indicate the name of the study (e.g. "EMIT") in this field as well as the full name of the acronym (e.g. "European Mizaverol Trial"). This is a mandatory field for **Late-Breaking Clinical Trial and Clinical Trial Update submissions**.

Short title for programme - Enter a short title for ESC programme (ESC TV/ Scientific programme/ESC 365....). Indicate the acronym followed by a short title for your trial. This title will be used as presentation title if accepted.

Funding Acknowledgements - All sources of financial support (including governmental grants) for this research should be listed under this heading. All grant funding agency abbreviations should be spelled out.

Trial Registration number - If available, indicate any reference to your trial registration (number, website link....).

Expected date of trial completion - Applies only for Late-Breaking Clinical Trials & Basic and Translational Late-Breaking Science – Please enter the date at which you expect to have all results ready.

Date primary analysis presented - Applies only for Clinical Trial Updates – Enter the date at which the trial was first presented.

On behalf of - If applicable, a name of a study group can be mentioned here. Do not list any author names in this field.

Study confidentiality and embargo requirements

Data previously submitted as an abstract to ESC Congress 2026 -

If you have already submitted an abstract (during the Call for abstracts) on this study, indicate the abstract number.

If your study is accepted as a late-breaking submission, you will be asked to withdraw your earlier abstract submission.

Submitted Late-Breaking Science should not have been published in any journals and/or online publications nor presented at any congresses. This embargo applies until presentation at ESC Congress 2026.

Nevertheless, simultaneous publication is authorised.

If you have already submitted or intend to submit your data/results for simultaneous publication, indicate the name of the journal/publication.

Publication information - Journal Publication information is required – specify whether the data have been submitted or will be submitted for simultaneous publication. Although the data may be submitted to a journal for consideration, it may not be published before the date of the presentation at ESC Congress 2026. The embargo must remain in place until the scheduled start time of the presentation or publication of the Press release by ESC.

The European Society of Cardiology encourages authors to submit their research for simultaneous publication in the *ESC Journal Family* to maximise the visibility and impact of their work.

All accepted content is subject to a **strict embargo policy and must not be disclosed prior to the official release time set by the ESC** (i.e. the start of the presentation).

Any unauthorised disclosure—including, but not limited to, advance release through press, social media, or journal publication—constitutes a breach of this policy.

In the event of such a breach, the ESC reserves the right to withdraw the presentation from the ESC Press Conference and/or Scientific Programme, retract the content from all ESC publications. In addition, the author(s) may be prohibited from submissions to any ESC congresses for a period of one year.

Please ensure all collaborators and stakeholders are aware of and comply with these requirements.

Should you not have planned to submit your data for simultaneous publication at the time of your LBS submission, kindly note that the ESC offers to highlight accepted applications through the **European Heart Journal**. Accepted applications will be shared with the journal's editorial team in the strictest confidence, and they may contact you directly.

Therefore, we invite you to submit a manuscript to the EHJ in parallel with your submission to the congress, it will then facilitate the fast-track review process, if selected.

Step 2 - Author information and Author list

Your submission must list at least 1 author in order to be completed.

Author list –

Enter each author and affiliation using the “Add a new author” module.

The presenter must be included in the author list and positioned as First author.

You can enter up to 15 authors.

NB: The submitter certifies that he/she has permission from all persons he/she enters as co-authors to be listed.

If none of the authors is available to present during the congress, the application must be withdrawn.

Healthcare Industry Employees -

To ensure scientific integrity and independence in all ESC educational and scientific activities, the following rules apply to participation as presenters:

Individuals with main employment in the healthcare industry are not permitted to serve in presenter roles.

All presenters must disclose any financial relationships with industry in accordance with ESC's conflict-of-interest policy.

Compliance with CME standards for independence and transparency is mandatory for all ESC-accredited activities.

Any submission listing healthcare industry employees only as co-authors will not be accepted.

Institutions –

This is a mandatory entry.

Select your institution when you create the presenter and the authors. Once you have entered your city, a list will automatically appear from which you can select your institution. If your institution is not in the list, you have the possibility of creating it. If your city is not in the list, please enter it, press enter then add your institution.

Presenter during the congress – Indicate the name of the presenter.

Principal investigator - Indicate the name of the principal investigator.

Step 3- Study outline

In this part of the submission, you will be asked to provide some outline information depending on the type of submission selected information requested will vary

Multi-centre study

Purpose – You need to summarise the purpose of the study. *600 characters maximum*

Design – Study Design information

Sample Size information (Number of Subjects, number of groups, number of persons per group, Population studied info and Intervention performed)

Outcome(s) (Primary endpoints & Secondary endpoints) – 2 sentences max per header

Step 4 - Research content

All abstracts must be submitted in English with accurate grammar and spelling suitable for publication.

Abstracts submitted on animal studies: Study must follow the "Principles of laboratory animal care" (NIH Publication no. 85-23 revised 1985) and be in agreement with the national law if applicable.

Please note that any medical research involving human subjects must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association and must have been approved by an IRB.

Do not cut and paste symbols into your text.

Use the symbols provided when you click on the Ω button.

Recommended content structure –

Results have not necessarily to be known at the time of submission.

Nevertheless, they need to be ready for presentation at the congress, if the application is accepted.

Background - In an initial paragraph, provide relevant information regarding the background and purpose of the study, preferably in no more than one or two sentences.

Methods - Briefly state the methods used. Especially for trials where results are not yet available, information on endpoints and statistical power are desirable.

Results - Summarize the results, if available, in sufficient detail to support the conclusions.

Conclusions - State the conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state “the results will be discussed.”

If results are not available yet, please explain the main endpoints that you expect to be able to describe and the conclusions that can be drawn.

NB – Your submission will be used ONLY for review by the selection committee and not published as such by ESC.

For accepted submissions, ESC Press team will have access to this submitted abstract to write the Press Release which you will be asked to review prior to finalisation.

Other Information for content -

In the abstract, use generic drug and product names whenever possible.

The use of commercial drug names, brands and registered trademarks is strictly prohibited.

Drugs should be referred to by the active substance or pharmacological designation.

For experimental and investigational substances, the chemical name should be given.

The names of novel or unique devices can be cited after an explanation of their specific characteristics, but without reference to the company name.

Technical information for content -

Size - The maximum abstract size is 50 lines of 75 characters (3750 characters).

Use the save and refresh button at the bottom in order to display the overall size of the abstract in percentage (shown on the left side of the screen). The programme then converts the size in % to display to you when you register it as a draft.

The character limit does not include the title, nor the authors and the image (if any). Only the text and spaces are taken into account.

Picture(s) - In addition to your text, you can add up to 2 pictures.

Should you wish to insert a table in your submission, you need to upload it as a picture.

Your picture file(s) must meet the following criteria:

Format: JPEG

Size: less than 2 MB

Measures no larger than 1920 pixels(x) x 1080 pixels(y)

The title field for each picture is optional.

Submitters are responsible for the pictures uploaded – Please make sure that your picture(s) is(are) correctly uploaded and readable on the preview (this represents how the reviewers will see it). It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the quality of the attachment(s) is suitable - if not, picture(s) of insufficient quality may be deleted.

Step 5 - Late-Breaking Science submission preview

Please read through the preview carefully before submitting it, as you cannot change it once submitted.

You will be asked again to confirm that the research has not been published nor presented and that you have read and approved the submissions rules (see below for the details of the submission and presentation rules).

Do not forget to click on the Submit button to validate your submission.

You will receive an automatic e-mail confirmation. If you do not receive this confirmation for one or more of your submissions, please contact the Scientific Programme

Department at abstracts@escardio.org

PART 2 - SUBMISSION RULES AND POLICIES

Submissions

There is no limit to the number of Late-Breaking Science applications an author may submit, but you should not submit the same research twice, even under a different topic. If you submit two applications with the same title, content, the submission service will automatically keep the most recent one and withdraw the other.

Note that duplicate drafts will not be deleted nor considered.

Embargo and Publication

All accepted content is subject to a strict embargo and must not be disclosed prior to the official release time set by the ESC (i.e. the start of the presentation).

Any unauthorised disclosure—including, but not limited to, advance release via press, social media, or journal publication—constitutes a breach of this policy.

In the event of a breach, the ESC reserve the right to withdraw the presentation from the Press Conference and/or Scientific Programme and to retract the content from all associated publications. In addition, the author(s) may be barred from submitting to future ESC congresses for a period of one year.

The lead author is responsible for ensuring that all co-authors, collaborators, and stakeholders—including sponsors—are informed of and comply with this policy.

By submitting an application, authors confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with the ESC Media and Embargo Policy. The full policy is available [here](#)

Presentation

Submission of an application constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present the work in-person in Munich, if accepted. Failure to present, upload and register for the Congress by the set deadlines will lead to the withdrawal of the research from the scientific programme.

All expenses (registration, airfare, hotel.....) associated with the submission and presentation of the research are under the responsibility of the presenter.

In case of exceptional circumstances or events, ESC reserves the right to modify presentation terms and conditions and will notify presenters accordingly.

Affirmation of originality and copyright transfer of statement

The submitter hereby affirms that the work submitted is original, except for extracts from copyrighted works fully authorised by the copyright holders, and that all statements declared as facts are based on thorough examination and investigation for accurateness.

By submitting your work to the ESC, you consent to have authors' names, affiliation and biographical material being used in connection with the publication of your work.

Author(s) represents and warrants that he/she/they is/are sole author(s) of the work, that all authors have participated in and agree with the content and conclusions of the work, and that the work is original and does not infringe upon any copyright, proprietary, or personal right of any third party.

Submitting/Presenting published or already presented work will jeopardize future acceptance.

Author(s) retains the right, after presentation at the Congress, to subsequently include the work in articles, books, or derivative works that he/she authors, or edits provided said use does not imply the endorsement of the ESC.

The submitter signs for all co-authors and accepts responsibility on the present rules for submission and presentation for transferring copyright on behalf of all co-authors.

For accepted submissions, ESC Press team will have access to this submitted abstract to write the Press Release, which you will be asked to review prior to finalisation.

ESC reserves the right to provide its press releases a few days before public release to a selected list of Journalists who have previously agreed in writing to respect the ESC embargo policy.

The content belongs to the author(s). However if the study is accepted for presentation, the presenter can agree, on behalf of all co-authors, to transfer and assign to the ESC free of charge, on a non-exclusive basis, for twenty years the rights to edit, publish, reproduce, distribute copies and prepare derivative works such as press release and/or educational products, using all communication tools and means, now known or hereinafter developed, including any and all digital means and any and all supports or forms of media, now known or hereinafter developed, in particular all paper, analog, digital, numerical and electronic media, including Internet, Intranet and Extranet sites and social media. This includes use in indexes or search databases in print, electronic, or other media.

Conflict of interest

The Congress Programme Committee requests all presenters to disclose their potential conflict(s) of interest at the time of acceptance of presentation (agreement form submission).

It is also the responsibility of the presenter to disclose any potential conflict(s) of interest from co-authors pertaining to the presentation on the presentation itself (as may be required).

This will allow the audience to take potential conflicts of interest into account when assessing the objectivity of the presentation.

A potential conflict of interest may arise from various relationships, past or present, such as employment, consultancy, investments and stock ownership, funding for research, family relationship, etc.

All potential conflicts of interest must be stated.

This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the article. Such relationships include, but are not limited to, employment by an industrial concern, ownership of stock, membership on a standing advisory council or committee, being on the board of directors, or being publicly associated with the company or its products. Other areas of real or perceived conflict of interest could include receiving honoraria or consulting fees or receiving grants or funds from such corporations or individuals representing such corporations.

Individuals who are fully employed by the healthcare industry are not permitted to serve as presenters.

Individuals who receive a salary, consulting fees, honoraria, or other financial compensation from a commercial entity in conjunction with their academic or hospital activities must declare this relationship at the time of acceptance of presentation (agreement form submission). Full transparency is required to allow appropriate evaluation of declared interests.

Data Privacy

By certifying that you have read these Submission rules, you also confirm having received the prior approval from the co-authors to provide their data to the ESC.

The information collected in this CALL FOR LATE-BREAKING SCIENCE is subject to data processing to proceed with the elaboration of ESC Congress 2026 scientific programme. Provision of personal data is a statutory requirement to list the authors who have contributed to the research submitted.

The recipients of the data are ESC Staff who process the submissions, and the ESC Committees and volunteers involved in the scientific programme.

Data collected will be kept for 20 years.

Transfer of personal data to ESC Staff, contractors as well as other ESC related scientific organisations occurs for production, promotion and dissemination of the Congress Content.

In accordance with the chapter 3 of the European Regulation 2016/679 with regards to data protection, you have the right to request from ESC, access to and rectification or erasure of your personal data or restriction of processing concerning your data or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. This is done thru withdrawal of the submission according to the terms and conditions of withdrawal.

For data privacy concerns, please contact (kindly note that a proof of identity will be required during the process through a secured link) - Data Privacy/European Society of Cardiology - Les Templiers, 2035 Route des Colles CS 80179 Biot - 06903 SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS CEDEX, France. Or by email to dataprivacy@escardio.org

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, and for information, ESC has appointed a Data Protection Officer that you can reach at dpo@escardio.org

Applicable law

All the rules pertaining to the present submission are governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of France without regard to any conflicts of laws principles thereof that would require the application of the law of any other jurisdiction. Any disputes arising in relation hereto shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the French Tribunal Judiciaire located in Grasse, France.

The ESC reserves the right to make changes to the Late-Breaking Science submission rules based on the Covid-19 situation and convention centre restrictions/protocols/requirements; and/or in case of exceptional/Force Majeure events (defined as unforeseeable and irresistible events beyond control of the ESC, such as natural disasters, war, civil unrest, coup d'Etat....).

Any update or change will be posted on the ESC website.

If you have difficulties in submitting or if you need any further information, please contact us at abstracts@escardio.org

PART 3 - INFORMATION ON SELECTION AND RESULTS - PRESENTATION RULES

Presenter cannot participate in more than one Late-Breaking Science Session (including Hot Line session).

Results -

After the submission deadline, the system will be closed, and submissions will be sent to the Reviewing Committee. Changes or corrections will not be possible after the deadline. The final selection will be made by the Selection Committee, that will determine the appropriate presentation format, day and time of presentation. No rescheduling or changes will be possible.

Results announcement -

An email message will be sent to all submitters end of June 2026 with a report on the status of their submission (accepted or rejected).

If the Late-Breaking Science is accepted, notification and further instructions concerning the presentation format will be sent directly to the assigned presenter (as indicated in the submission form).

If your submission is accepted in a Late-Breaking Science session, you are required to immediately withdraw any other type of submission of the same research.

INFORMATION FOR THE PRESENTER

The presenter will be asked to submit an agreement form online before the given deadline.

Press conferences - A selection of Late-Breaking Science will be presented in an official ESC Press Conference organised by the ESC Press Office. The presenter, or an appointed representative, will discuss the results of their trials with the media. Participation in these ESC Press Conferences is an integral part of the acceptance process. For more information, please contact press@escardio.org

ESC TV – In addition to the Press Conference, the presenter may be required to participate in an ESC TV Interview or contribute with a summary article to the Congress News – further information will be sent accordingly.

We remind you that the Lead authors are responsible for notifying all authors and other relevant stakeholders - including sponsors - about the **ESC Media and Embargo Policy**. If contacted by other organisations for interviews, articles, etc ..., the presenter must ascertain adherence to the embargo policy before providing any information to third parties.