

International Dysphagia Conclave (IDC) - 2026, Mumbai

THEME: "Addressing the Elephant in the Room"

Guidelines for Research Paper Submission

Greetings from SLP QUEST,

Here is the first look of the guidelines for the research paper submission for International Dysphagia Conclave 2026.

1. The scientific papers on "*theme of the conclave*", "*feeding*" and "*swallowing*" related research under the category original research, survey-based studies, and case studies/case series are invited categories for submission.
2. The abstract must be an original research work carried out by the authors themselves. Review of literature or compiling of work done by others will not be accepted.
3. Abstract of research submitted is presented or published prior shall not be accepted.
4. Conference registration is mandatory for presenting author(s) of the paper.
5. All communication on the submitted scientific paper will be communicated to the presenting author only (*presenting author or corresponding author*).
6. Ph.D. scholars and PG students are encouraged to present their thesis/dissertation work.
7. There is no limit to the number of submissions per author. However, a registered presenting author may present a maximum of two papers.
8. No changes will be made after the submission (like change of presenting authors, addition of authors at a later date, change of title).
9. A brief note on how the study inclines with the theme of the conference is expected (not mandatory) for evaluation.
10. Use of AI as applicable to any scientific submission must be adhered to and disclosure to be provided in the title page.
11. Plagiarism (if found), language, organization and scientific content influence the evaluation outcomes directly.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. The total word count should be a maximum of **500 words**.
2. The structured submission shall be under the following files:
 - a. Author information page: **Title, Author details (Presenting author, corresponding author, co-authors name and affiliation), Disclosures, Declarations, and Disclaimers. (File name – 'AIP' followed by abstract title')**
 - b. Title & Abstract abstracts must include clearly defined sections like: **Title, Background with need of the study, Objectives, Method, Results, and Conclusion (bibliography optional). (File name – 'Abstract' followed by abstract title)**
3. In addition to the headings stated above, researchers must ensure the following points under respective study designs are compulsorily included in the abstract:
 - a) **Case report:** Title must have case report or case series, what is unique about the case and what does it add to the scientific literature, deidentified patient information, primary concerns and symptoms of the patient, relevant past interventions and outcomes, details of diagnostic testing, provisional diagnosis, prognosis, describe all forms of therapeutic intervention (rehabilitative, pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, and self-care) and its dosage, informed consent process
 - b) **Survey:** Title must have survey design, describe target population, type of sampling, informed consent process, total length of time of the survey, development of the survey questionnaire, mode of dissemination of the survey, timeframe of data collection, number of items and sections of the questionnaire, and response rate
 - c) **Case-control or quasi-experimental:** Title must have the study design, state the specific objectives along with hypotheses, describe the settings and relevant location of data collection, period of data collection and follow-ups (if any), give the eligibility criteria, sources and methods of selection, clearly define all outcomes, describe all

statistical tests, report any missing data or participants for each variable, summarise key results with respect to objectives, discuss the strengths and limitations of the study

- d) **Randomized Controlled Trials:** Identification of RCT in the title, state the specific objectives along with hypotheses, describe the trial design, eligibility criteria of participants, settings and locations where data was collected, intervention details with dosage, define primary and secondary outcome measures, method used to generate random allocation sequence, type of randomization, blinding details, statistical method followed, baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of the group, descriptive and inferential statistical results with effect size, registration number in the CTRI portal.
4. Provide a minimum of 4 keywords for your submitted research.
5. The font and size of the submitted abstract must be in Times New Roman and 12, respectively.
6. The document submitted must be in .doc or .docx format only.
7. The deadline for submission of abstract is **30 July, 2026**.
8. **The abstract must be submitted via SLPQUEST website www.slpquest.com/idc2026. In case of any technical difficulties, please reach out to the team.**

Research Categories

1. The research papers submitted will be categorised as “PLATFORM” or “POSTER” based on peer review process of abstract.
2. Authors may indicate their preferred presentation category. However, final placement will be determined through the review process. If a submission is not selected for a platform presentation, it will be automatically reassigned as a poster presentation.
3. The parameters that are considered for decision of category shall be original research, survey and case study in the order decreasing priority. For instance, original research has a higher chance of being assigned to the platform section.
4. The Submitted research will be peer reviewed and assessed on *a) Adhering to submission guidelines, b) Relevance, c) Novelty, d) Significance, e) Content, and f) Clarity.*

Award Categories

1. **Best Platform Awards**
2. **Best Poster Awards**
3. **Theme Based Awards**
4. **Best *Institute for Dysphagia Research* Award**
5. ***State for Dysphagia Research* Award**

The selected research would be based on the assessment of *a) Adhering to submission guidelines, b) Relevance, c) Novelty, d) Significance, e) Content, f) clarity, and e) platform or poster presentations for conferring an award.*

Timeline and Queries

1. The preparation guidelines for “PLATFORM” or “POSTER” presentation will be provided post abstract selection.
2. For updates on all the events and timeline, please visit www.slpquest.com/icdc2026.
3. If you may have any query, you may reach out to the organizing team.

For any further clarifications/queries, kindly write to us at icdc2026mumbai@gmail.com

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