

TEN TOPICS IN RHEUMATOLOGY ASIA

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1. **Subject**

The content must focus on a rheumatology topic.

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Organize body of abstract using headings and information described in the sample format below. Use standard abbreviations (spell out in full at first mention, add abbreviations in parenthesis). Use numerals for numbers.

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METHODS:

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CONCLUSION: State only those conclusions of the study that are directly supported by data, along with their clinical application.

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