# HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT TO PEERJ FOR BITS2016 COLLECTION

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The Collection is able to contain your accepted Abstracts and any peer-reviewed journal publications which may result from the meeting. Initially, we encourage you to submit your accepted Abstracts to PeerJ Preprints. The instructions for doing so are below.

**We kindly ask you to submit your abstract to PeerJ BITS2016 Meeting Collection no later than July 1, 2016.**

**Instructions to submit a Preprint: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

1) Create a free account in PeerJ at https://peerj.com/signup/ and follow the steps to activate your account;

2) Once your account is activated, click "My Manuscripts" and "Submit Article" (or click on https://peerj.com/manuscripts/start/);

3.1) Start the submission by choosing "Life, Biological and Health Sciences" as the research area;

3.2) Check the Preprint author guidelines (https://peerj.com/about/preprints/scope-and-instructions/);

3.3) Choose "Preprint" as article type;

4) Start your submission and follow the steps;

5) In the first submission screen there is a "Comments from the Author" field – please include the following text in this field: "This is an abstract which has been accepted for the BITS2016 Meeting" (for abstracts);

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