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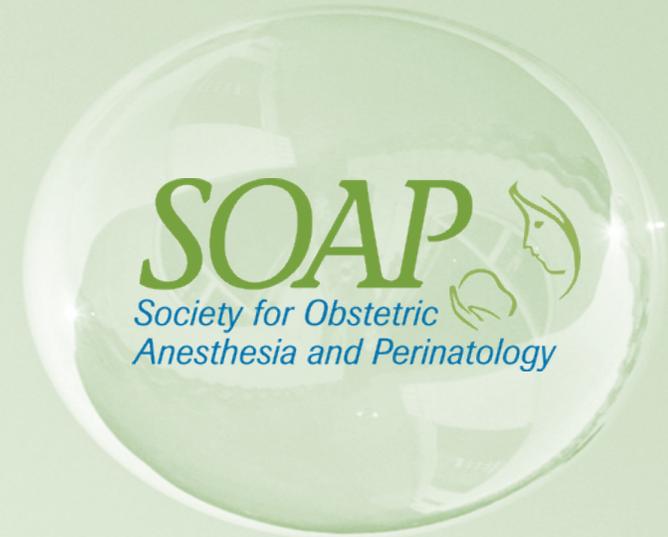
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ANNUAL MEETING



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FROM DISCOVERY TO DELIVERY:
Bridging Research and Clinical Care in Obstetric Anesthesia



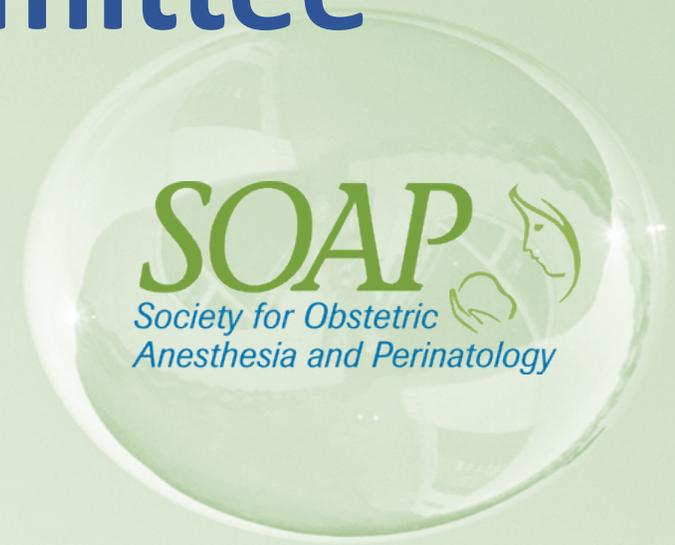
Abstract Grading Webinar February 3rd, 2026

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Abstract Review Subcommittee

- Dr. Ruthi Landau (Immediate Past Chair)
- Dr. Michaela Farber (Chair)

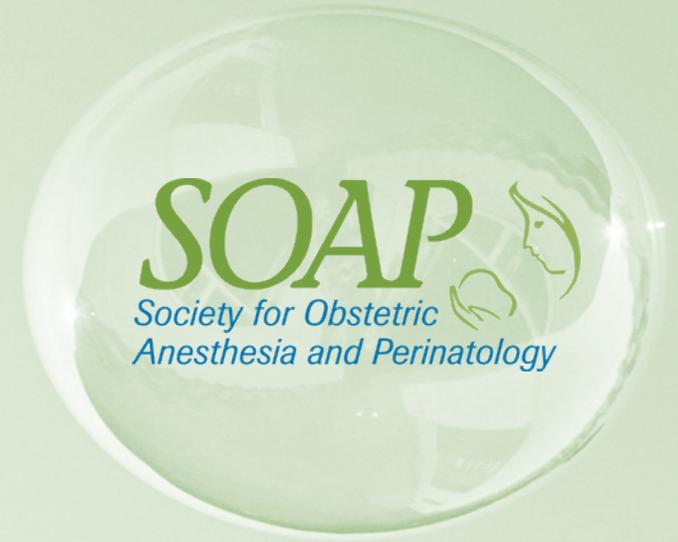


Roles:

Before grading

- Ensure that IRB/ethical issues are sorted out before abstracts sent to the reviewers (this applies to the research abstracts)
- Identify that there are no conflicts for the reviewers (author on the abstract, same institutions)

Abstract Review Timeline



- Abstracts assigned: February 2nd
- If you didn't get an email (on Monday) from Cadmium, let us know
- Identify that there are no conflicts for the reviewers (author on the abstract, same institutions): Friday February 6th
- **Review Deadline: Sunday February 15 11:59 PM EASTERN**

111 Reviewers (US, Canada)

Case reports reviewers 67 (71 in 2025)

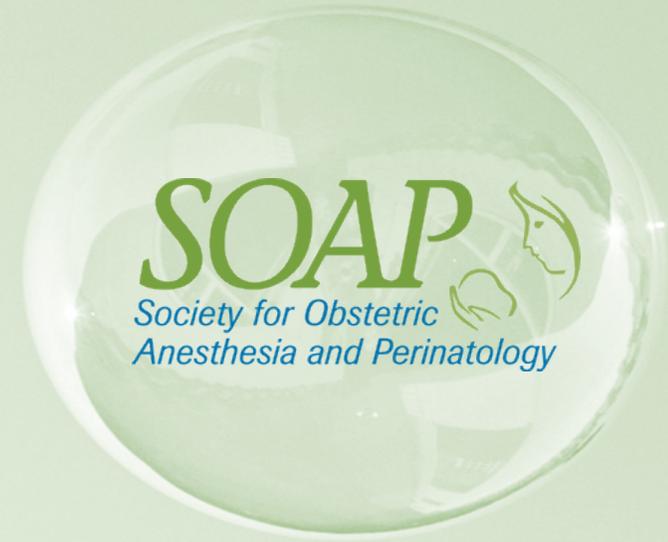
- New reviewers: 19

Research abstracts reviewers 44 (31 in 2024)

- New reviewers: 3

- Reviewed case reports last year 13

Most who want to moderate (n = 90) will be able to



Submissions:



2026: 558 total (+ 109)

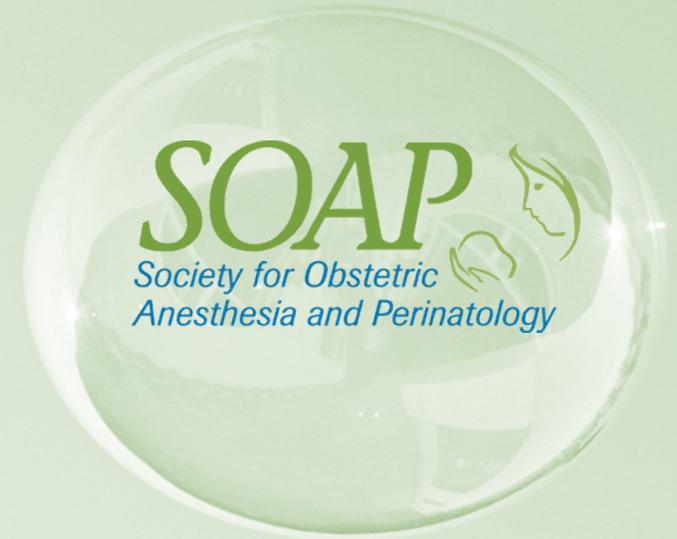
- **355 Case Reports (+40)**
- **233 Research Abstracts (+99)**

2025: 449 abstracts submitted

- 315 Case Reports
- 134 Research Abstracts

2024: 498 abstracts submitted

- 306 Case Reports
- 192 Research



Reviewers (6 reviewers per abstract)

- Case Report reviewers: 32 each (26 in 2025)
- Research Abstracts: 32 each (32 in 2025)

355 case reports

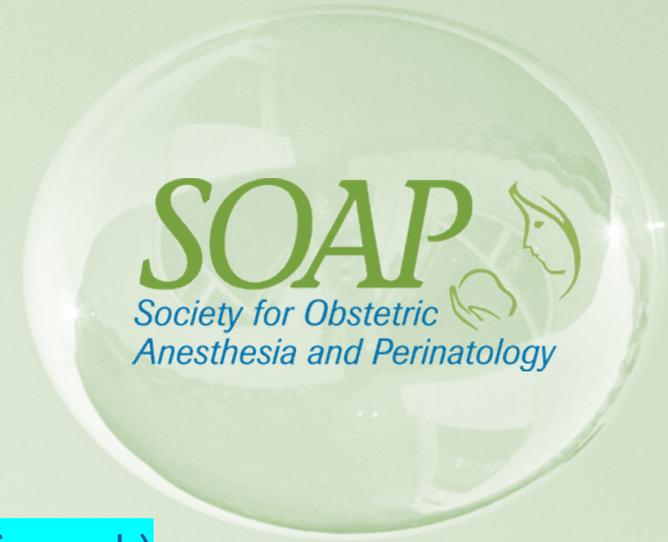
- ORAL: Best Case Reports = 10
- 3 sessions with total 335
- Reject = 30

233 research abstracts

- ORAL: 7 GM + 8 BP = 15
- 4 sessions with total: 207
- Reject = 26 (12%)



2026 Annual Meeting



Thursday, April 30

8:10am – 9:40pm – Gertie Marx (main stage) = 7 abstracts (13 min each)

2:45pm – 5:45pm – Abstract & Case Report Breakout Session 1 (9 min/6 min each)

Saturday, May 2

8:00am – 9:30am - Abstract & Case Report Breakout Session 2 (9 min/6 min each)

9:30am – 10:45am – Best Case Reports (6 min each)

10:45am – 11:45am – Best Paper (10 min each)

3:00pm – 5:00pm – Abstract & Case Report Breakout Session 3 (9 min/6 min each)

Sunday, May 3

8:00am – 9:30am – Abstract & Case Report Breakout Session 4 (9 min/6 min each)

315 case reports

- 3 sessions with 90 abstracts – 270
- Reject = 45

134 research abstracts

- ORAL: 6 GM + 6 BP + 16 OP = 28
- E-Presentation: 90
- Reject: 10% = 15



2025 Annual Meeting



Thursday, May 1

1pm – 2pm – Best Paper Competition (main stage) = 6 abstracts (10 min each!)

5pm – 7pm – Case Reports (6 rooms) - 15 per room = 90 case-reports (8 min each)

Friday, May 2

7am – 10:am – Research e-presentation breakouts (6 rooms) - 18 per room = 108 research abstracts (10 min each)

11am – 12:30am – Gertie Marx (main stage) = 6 abstracts (15 min each)

1:30pm – 2:15pm – Oral Research Presentations #1 (concurrent) = 4 abstracts (10 min each!)

Saturday, May 3

10:55am – 12:15pm – Best Case Reports (main stage) = Top 12-15

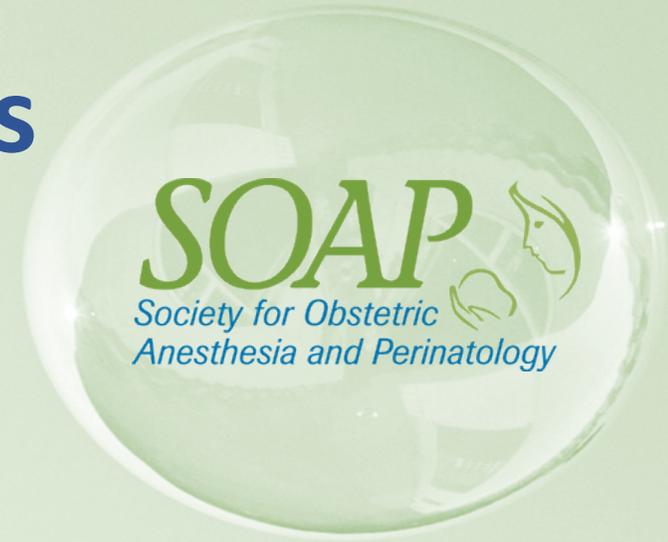
5:20pm – 7:20pm – Case Reports (6 rooms) - 15 per room = 90 case-reports (8 min each)

Sunday, May 4

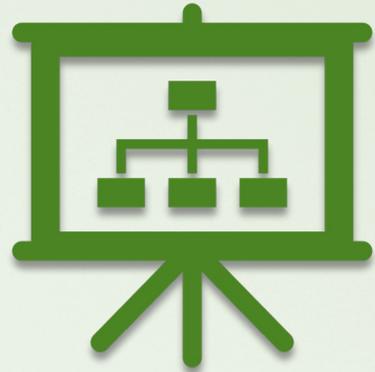
9:15am – 11:15am – Oral Research Presentations #2 (concurrent) = 12 abstracts (10 min each!)

11:25am – 1:25pm – Case Reports (6 rooms) - 15 per room = 90 case-reports (8 min each)

How to grade case reports & research abstracts



Is this a
a great study/case?



Methods
& analysis



Results &
Discussion



How
relevant?



Is it well
presented?

How to grade case-reports (1-2 cases)

1. Background (disease)

- 0-1 – poorly written
- 2 – mediocre
- 3 – acceptable
- 4 – very clear
- 5- outstanding

2. Case(s) description

- 0-1 – poor
- 2 – mediocre
- 3 – acceptable
- 4 – strong
- 5- outstanding

3. Discussion - Teaching points are clear and based upon research

- 0-1 – unclear
- 2 – mediocre
- 3 – acceptable
- 4 – strong
- 5- outstanding

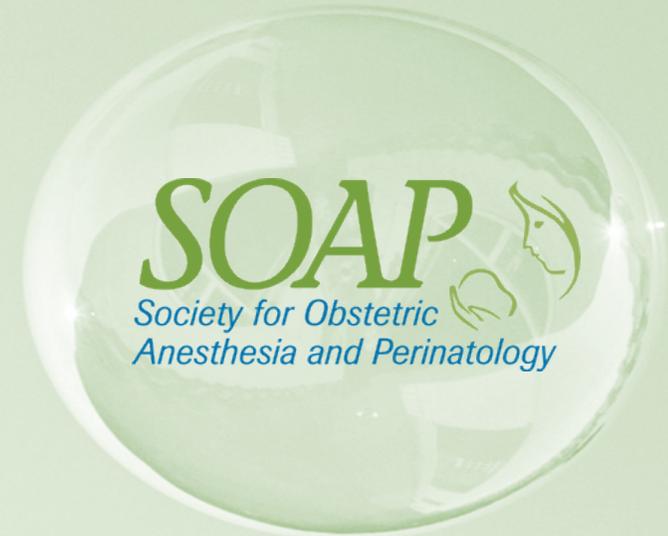
4. Interest - Case(s) very pertinent to obstetric anesthesia practice

- 0-1 – little interest
- 2 – minor interest
- 3 – moderate interest
- 4 – strong interest
- 5- outstanding

5. Quality of abstract & Figures/Table

Might change clinical practice

- 0-1 – poor
- 2 – mediocre
- 3 – acceptable
- 4 – strong
- 5- outstanding



SCORE (range 1-25)

0-9 This case report should not be accepted – (it is awful)

9-13 some interesting education aspects but not novel or poorly presented

CUT-OFF FOR ACCEPTANCE LIKELY 13-14

15-20 Will be accepted

20-24 One of the best case-reports this year (will likely be in Top 10)

24-25 This will change clinical practice – outstanding case & abstract

How to grade research abstracts (& case series)

1. Hypothesis is sound and clear

- 0-1 – unclear
- 2 – somewhat clear
- 3 – moderately clear
- 4 – very clear
- 5- outstanding

2. Methods are sound and well executed

- 0-1 – poorly executed
- 2 – reasonably executed
- 3 – missed some points
- 4- executed well
- 5- outstanding

3. Conclusions are clear and based upon research

- 0-1 – unclear conclusion
- 2 – conclusion is reasonable but unclear how achieved
- 3 – conclusion is reasonable with minor uncertainty
- 4 – conclusion is valid and clear
- 5- outstanding

4. Interest

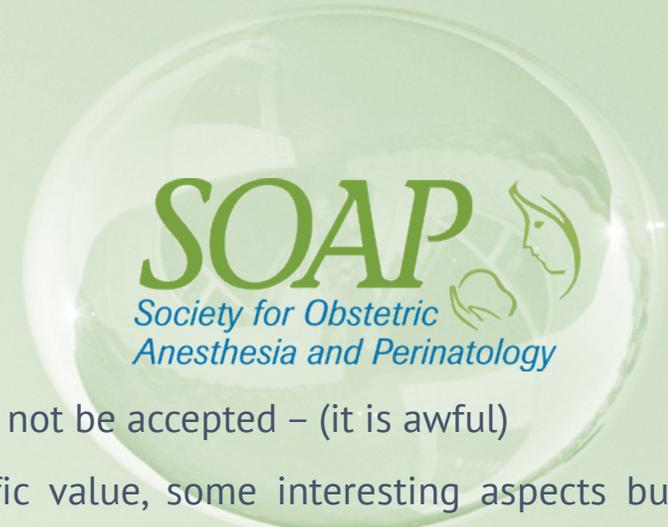
Material is new or very pertinent to obstetric anesthesia

- 0-1 – little interest
- 2 – minor interest
- 3 – moderate interest
- 4 – strong interest
- 5- outstanding

5. Quality of abstract & Figures/Table

Accurately reflected results

- 0-1 – poor
- 2 – mediocre
- 3 – acceptable
- 4 – strong
- 5- outstanding



SCORE (range 1-25)

0-9 This abstract should not be accepted – (it is awful)

10-12 Marginal scientific value, some interesting aspects but not high-quality science or important question, or has significant flaws in design or reporting (will likely be rejected)

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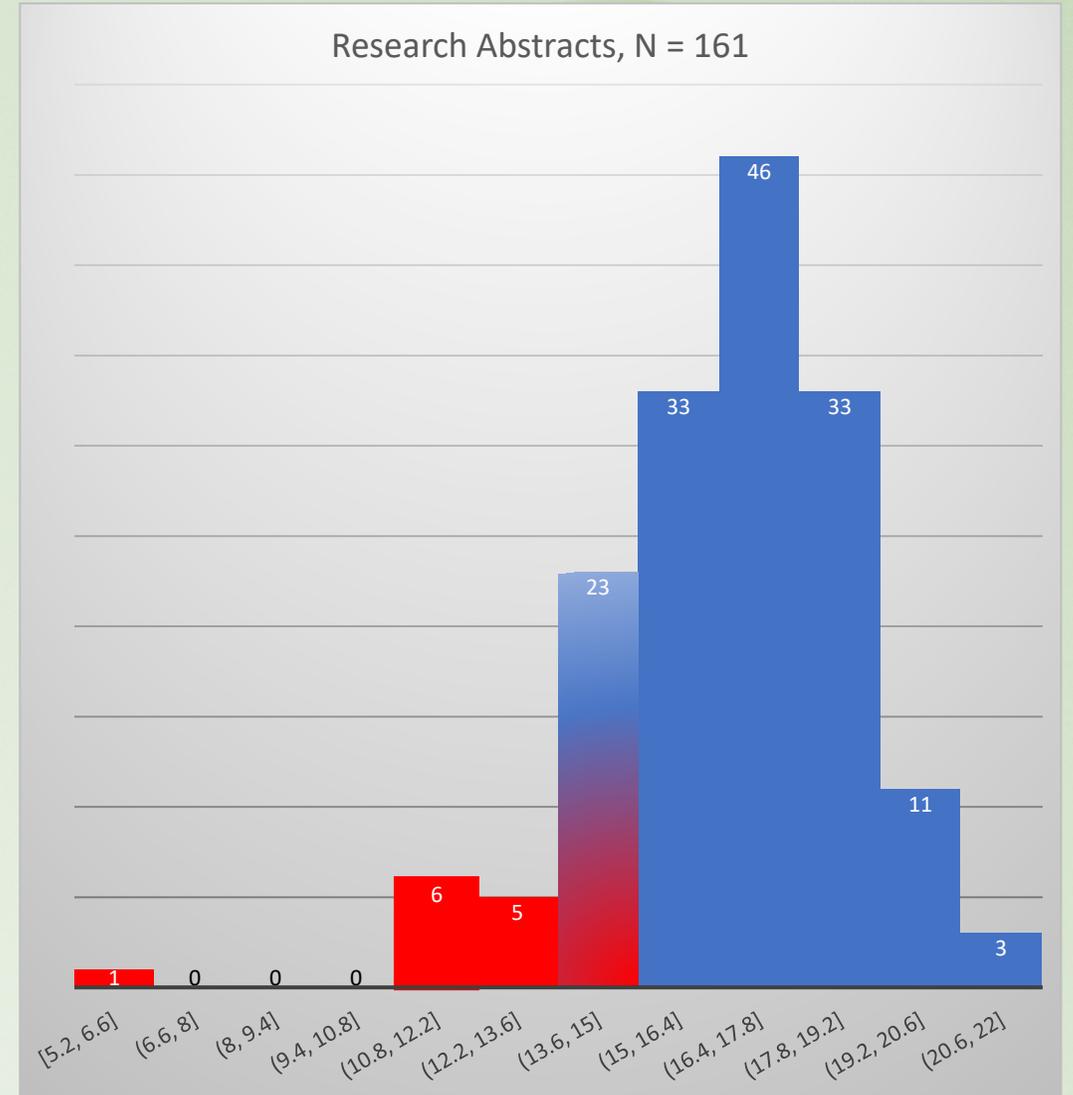
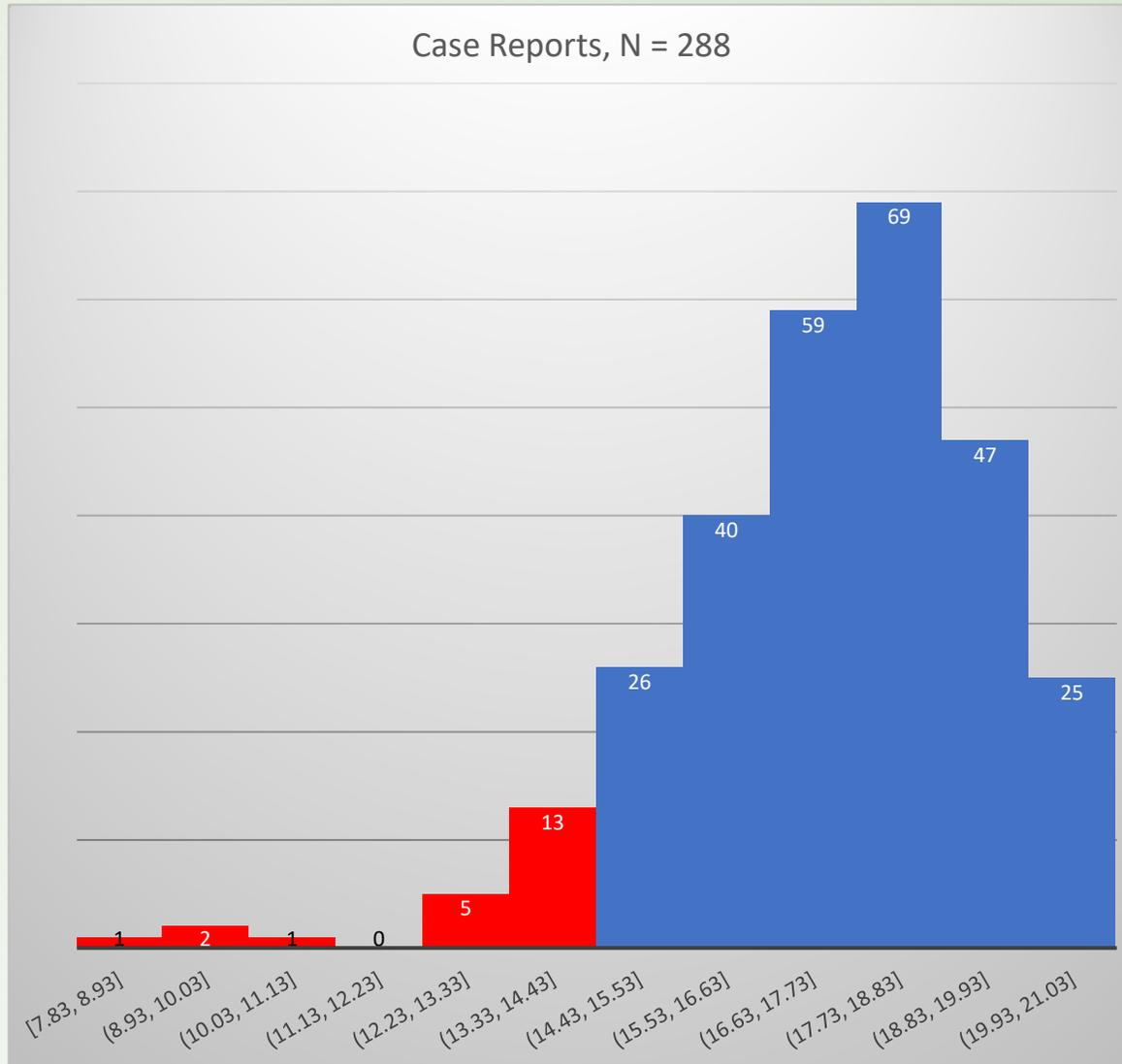
13-16 Will likely be accepted as a **break-out e-presentation** but not of quality for plenary oral session or any competition (Gertie Marx or Best Paper)

17-20 Will be accepted and considered for **Best Paper** (but not Gertie Marx)

20-24 One of the best abstracts this year - will likely be in **Gertie Marx**

24-25 This will change what we know – outstanding study, **Gertie Marx**

Distribution of Scores, 2025



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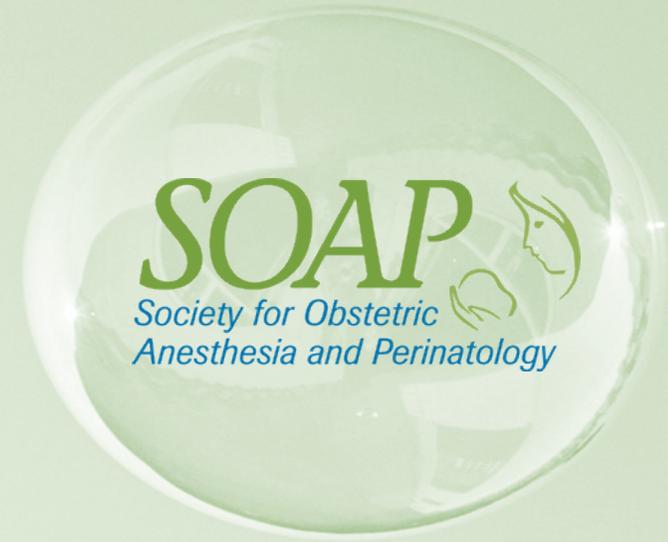
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