### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS TO GCMAS 2016:

### NEW TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

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#### INTRODUCTION

The GCMAS 2016 Program Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts that describe new tools and techniques. Abstracts should describe novel methods that enhance our ability to visualize, measure, and/or analyze the mechanics of muscles, tendons, joints, and/or limb segments. Novel devices that aid gait rehabilitation are also welcomed. Abstracts from vendors are encouraged, but must not contain advertising.

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Two electronic copies must be submitted as PDF files: one copy for publication and one blinded copy for review. The first page of the publication copy should list the title of the paper, the author(s), affiliation(s), and email address of the corresponding author. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. The blinded copy should be devoid of any reference to the authors or affiliations. Please proofread your abstract before submitting it.

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**CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

In this section, provide a succinct statement of the clinical significance of the method or algorithm and its potential relevance to treatment planning.

**METHODS**

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| One or two tables and/or figures may be incorporated within the document. All tables (Table 1) and figures (Fig. 1) must be referenced in the text. All titles, captions, figure legends, and axis labels should be large enough to be readable. For tables, include a brief title above the table. For figures, include a brief caption below the figure. The use of color is encouraged to enhance readability of the figures. Large graphics files may need to be compressed before exporting the PDF file. | Figure1 |

**Table 1:** Tables and graphs may span both columns if necessary (mean± SD).

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| Running Speeds: | **3 m/s** | **4 m/s** | **5 m/s** | **6 m/s** |
| Stride Length: | 2.1 ± 0.3 m | 2.5 ± 0.2 m | 2.9 ± 0.3 m | 3.2 ± 0.2 m |
| Stride Rate: | 0.64 ± 0.12 Hz | 0.69 ± 0.11 Hz | 0.72 ± 0.13 Hz | 0.78 ± 0.12 Hz |

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Citations within the text should be made using numbers [1]. References should include the first author only (followed by et. al. if appropriate), year, journal, volume, and page numbers, and should be formatted as shown below.

#### REFERENCES

1. Halvorsen, K. et al. (1999) Journal of Biomechanics, 32(11):1221-1227.

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**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Ayman N. Gineer and Cee Programmer are co-inventors of a patented device for estimating tendon compliance *in vivo*. Beyda Tester has no conflicts of interest to disclose.