

Guide for Authors

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Types of articles

1. Original Research Papers (Regular Papers)
2. Review Articles
3. Technical Notes

Original Research Papers report original research, not previously published (except by limited disclosure).

Review Articles cover topics of current interest. They may be submitted or invited. Review articles should include a meaningful abstract, but are not required to include Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion. However, the rules regarding numbering sections, formatting and references are similar to those for an Original Research Paper.

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be subsequently published as a full-length paper). The entire submitted manuscript typically should not exceed approximately 12 double-spaced pages.

Submission of manuscripts

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Unnecessary cruelty in animal experimentation is not acceptable. Animal use must be in accordance with the International Guiding Principles for Biomedical Research Involving Animals, obtainable from: Executive Secretary, Council for the International Organizations of Medical Sciences, c/o World Health Organization, Via Appia, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland; or from their website (http://www.cioms.ch/frame_1985_texts_of_guidelines.htm).

Preparation of manuscripts

1. Manuscripts that do not meet acceptable standards will be returned to the authors. Prior to submission, manuscripts should be reviewed by someone with in-depth knowledge of scientific style and English grammar, syntax, semantics and spelling (contact the Editors for a list of persons providing this service). Manuscripts should be written in clear, concise and grammatically correct English and formatted according to the instructions listed below (also consult additional notes regarding style at the end of this document).
2. Pages must be numbered at the bottom right corner and each line must be numbered on the left side.
3. Every page of the manuscript (including abstracts, footnotes and references) must be double-spaced, all margins >2.5 cm, and text left justified.

4. Starting with the Introduction, sections are to be numbered (1. Introduction); subordinate numbering is allowed (e.g. 1.1.), to a maximum of about four levels (1.1.1.1.).
5. Titles and subtitles should be typed on a separate line, without indentation. Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of the title and all subtitles. Leave one blank line before the first paragraph and after the last paragraph of a section, and indent each paragraph.
6. Manuscripts must be organized as follows (may be modified for Review Articles or Technical Notes, after consultation with the Editor):

Title Page (to include):

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- Initials, surnames and professional affiliations of all author(s)
- Current and complete mailing addresses of all authors and affiliate institutions
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Abstract: on a separate page, not to exceed 250 words. The abstract should include the objective, main findings (including means and probability values, as appropriate), and primary conclusion(s) of the paper.

Five keywords (indexing terms): capitalize the first letter of each word or term and separate successive items with a semicolon. Authors are encouraged to consult a standard list of reference terms (e.g., <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html>).

Introduction: should provide a brief context for the research. There should be three parts: a clear, brief description of the nature and extent of the problem; a brief review of the essential literature; and a statement of how the present study challenges, expands or improves existing knowledge. The final paragraph should include the hypothesis or objective(s), but should not include a summary of the findings of the current study.

Materials and Methods: must contain enough information to allow a competent worker to duplicate the study. Materials and equipment should be named specifically, including the manufacturer/supplier, city, state/province (if applicable) and

country. Descriptions of animals should include species, breed, sex, and age as well as (if appropriate) husbandry methods, climate, photoperiod, and geographic location. Experimental methods (including the experimental design) should be comprehensive and logical. The method of statistical evaluation must be clearly described (cite the software used). Indicate treatment and response variables, main effects and interactions, define experimental units and how they were allocated into groups.

Results: should fully describe the outcome, including all information described as collected in Materials and Methods. The use of tables and figures is encouraged, especially for data that cannot be easily described in the text. Emphasize important points in the text, but do not excessively repeat data in tables and figures. Avoid discussion and interpretation of the data in the Results section.

Discussion: includes principles, relationships, and general truths. First refer to the outcome of the present study, indicate how it is similar or different to that previously reported, and discuss your interpretation of the state of knowledge in the area. Theoretical or practical implications of the work should be discussed, and suggestions made regarding future studies. Major conclusions and implications should be stated in a brief, final paragraph.

Acknowledgements: cite sources of funds, materials and assistance.

References: follow style noted below.

Tables: follow guidelines noted below.

Figure Legends: should not be excessively long and detailed but should provide sufficient context that the figure can be interpreted in the absence of the rest of the paper.

Tables

1. All tables should be referred to by consecutive Arabic numerals (e.g., Table 1) in the order in which they are first cited.
2. Avoid excessively large tables and those without no or few significant differences.
3. Each table should be on a separate page (at the end of the manuscript).

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