

General Guidelines

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CATEGORIES OF ARTICLES

- Review articles
- Original research papers
- Case reports/series
- Scientific letters
- Letters to the editor

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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2. Word limit

- Original research papers- 1000-3500 words
- Review articles - up to 1800 words
- Case report/series - 1000-2500 words
- Scientific letters - less than 600 words. One table or graph and not more than 5 references.
- Letters to the editor - 500 – 1000 words.

3. Page numbers should be in the lower right corner

4. Abbreviations should follow index medicus format.

5. Use Vancouver superscript style for referencing.

6. Use generic names for drugs and S I units for units of measurement

7. Manuscripts should be ordered as follows: Title, Authors, Affiliations, Abstract, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgement and References.

8. All articles should include an abstract. The abstract should be in a structured format: background, method, results and conclusion. A maximum of 300-500 words and a maximum of 5 key words is allowed.

9. All the named authors must approve the final manuscript.

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