

Manuscript Submission and Preparation Checklist

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Submission of manuscripts

- Manuscripts, or the essence of their content must be previously unpublished
- Manuscripts must NOT be under simultaneous consideration by another journal
- Declaration of similar work published or submitted to another journal
- Comply with the guidelines of the STARD checklist for the reporting of diagnostic accuracy studies
- All authors must approve the final version of the submitted manuscript

Electronic submission

- Manuscript in MS Word format
- Figures and illustrations provided in jpeg format at 300 DPI, and originals submitted on glossy paper if necessary
- Upon acceptance, authors must provide the original copy of the assignment of copyright

Manuscript preparation

- Typewritten, double-space on A4 paper, margins of 1", pages numbered consecutively
- One original and 3 photocopies of entire manuscript with 4 sets of photographs
- Manuscripts must be accompanied by covering letter signed by all authors
- Title page must contain title, author's correct first name, middle initial and family name, plus 2 highest abbreviated academic degrees in correct order
- Any disclaimers
- Short running title of no more than 40 characters
- Second page must contain each author's department and institute name and address where the study was undertaken
- Correspondence details, including Tel/Fax and e-mail for the corresponding author

Abstract

- Original abstracts must be structured to include, objectives, methods, results and conclusion
- Include date and place of study in methods section of abstract
- Review and Case Report abstracts must be unstructured of not more than 150 words

Introduction

- Include a brief discussion of the general topic, prior work, and statement of study objective
- Introductory section of Case Reports must include the objective and reason for presenting the case

Methods

- Methods must include date and place of study
- Describe the study population, inclusion and exclusion criteria and patient recruitment details
- Describe the data collected and method of collection
- Describe the data analysis and statistical method

Results

- Present results in order of importance in text, table and figure format
- Tables must be double spaced on a separate sheet with a brief title and column title for each
- Figures must be professionally drawn or photographed, or submitted as photographic quality digital prints
- Written informed consent for publication must accompany figures in which the subject can be identified
- Written copyright permission from the publishers must accompany any figure previously published
- Results illustrated in tables and figures must not be repeated in the text

Discussion

- Emphasize the new and important aspects of the study
- Do not repeat data already given in the introduction or results section
- Compare the findings with other relevant studies, discuss study limitations, and explore implications of findings
- Link conclusions to study objective and provide direction for further study

Acknowledgments

- Acknowledgments should list all contributors that do not meet authorship criteria, and any financial support
- All persons must give written permission to be acknowledged

References

- References must be primary source, numbered consecutively in the text and comply with Vancouver style
- Unpublished data and personal communications will not be accepted as references
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- When a citation is referred to in the text by name, the accompanying reference must be from the original source
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Ethical consent

- Manuscripts reporting the results of experimental investigations involving human subjects must include a statement confirming that informed consent was obtained from each subject, after approval of the experimental protocol by a local human ethics committee