

# Instructions to Authors

## Aims and Scope

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They must be subdivided into the following sections:

**Title page** - It must contain:

- a) title;
- b) a short (no more than 40 characters) running head title;
- c) first, middle and last name of each Author without abbreviations;
- d) University or Hospital, and Department of each Author;
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- f) corresponding Author;
- g) phone and/or fax number to facilitate communication;
- h) acknowledgement of financial support;
- i) list of abbreviations.

## Summary

The Authors must submit a long English summary (300 words, 2000 characters). Subheadings are needed as follows: Objective(s), Material and method(s), Result(s), Conclusion(s). After the Summary, three to ten key words must appear, taken from the standard Index Medicus terminology.

## Text

For original articles concerning experimental or clinical studies, the following standard scheme must be followed: Summary - Key Words - Introduction - Material and Methods - Results - Discussion - Conclusions - References - Tables - Legends - Figures.

Case Report should be divided into: Summary - Introduction (optional) - Case report(s) - Conclusions - References (Discussion and Supplementary Figures, Tables and References can be submitted for publication in Supplementary Materials).

## Size of manuscripts

Literature reviews, Editorials and Original articles concerning experimental or clinical studies should not exceed 3500 words with 3-5 figures or tables, and no more than 30 references.

Case reports, Notes on surgical technique, and Letters to the Editors should not exceed 1000 words (Summary included) with only one table or figure, and no more than three references. No more than five Authors are permitted.

## References

References must be sorted in order of quotation and numbered with arabic digits between parentheses. Only the references quoted in the text can be listed. Journal titles must be abbreviated as in the Index Medicus. Only studies published on easily retrieved sources can be quoted. Unpublished studies cannot be quoted, however articles "in press" can be listed with the proper indication of the journal title, year and possibly volume. References must be listed as follows:

### Journal articles

All Authors if there are six or fewer, otherwise the first three, followed by "et al.". Complete names for Work Groups or Committees. Complete title in the original language. Title of the journal following Index Medicus rules. Year of publication; Volume number: First page.

Example: Starzl T, Iwatsuki S, Shaw BW, et al. Left hepatic trisegmentectomy. Surg Gynecol Obstet. 1982; 155:21.

### Books

Authors - Complete title in the original language. Edition number (if later than the first). City of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.

Example: Bergel DIA. Cardiovascular dynamics. 2nd ed. London: Academic Press Inc., 1974.

### Book chapters

Authors of the chapters - Complete chapter title. In: Book Editor, complete Book Title, Edition number. City of publication: Publisher, Publication year: first page of chapter in the book.

Example: Sagawa K. The use of central theory and system analysis. In: Bergel DH (Ed), Cardiovascular dynamics. 2nd ed. London: Academic Press Inc., 1964; 115.

### **Tables**

Tables must be aimed to make comprehension of the written text easier. They must be numbered in Arabic digits and referred to in the text by progressive numbers. Every table must be accompanied by a brief title. The meaning of any abbreviations must be explained at the bottom of the table itself.

### **Figures**

Figures are also graphics, algorithms, photographs, drawings. Figures must be numbered and quoted in the text by number. The meaning of all symbols, abbreviations or letters must be indicated. Histology photograph legends must include the enlargement ratio and the staining method. Legends must be collected in one or more separate pages.

Please follow these instructions when preparing files:

- Do not include any illustrations as part of your text file.
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Only manuscript written according to the above mentioned rules will be considered. All submitted manuscripts are evaluated by the Editorial Board and/or by two referees designated by the Editors. The Authors are informed in a time as short as possible on whether the paper has been accepted, rejected or if a revision is deemed necessary.

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