Instruction for Authors

Title page

The title page should include:

- The name(s) of the author(s)

- A concise and informative title, **No abbreviation in the title.**

- Running title: 40 characters long including spaces.

- The affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s)

- The e-mail address, and telephone number(s) of the corresponding author

- If available, the 16-digit ORCID of the author(s)

Abstract

Do not use citation to references in the abstract.

For original articles the structure of abstract is as follows

- Purpose (stating the main purposes and research question)
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

For other types of articles (e.g. Short communication, Brief report, Case report, ...) a nonstructural abstract is necessary.

Word count for abstract in original articles <= 250 and >= 200and in other types of articles (e.g. Short communication, Brief report, Case report, ...) 100=< and 150<=.

Keywords

Please provide 4 to 6 keywords which can be used for indexing purposes. Please use MeSH terms, Minimum three keywords needed.

Text

Text Formatting

Manuscripts should be submitted in Word.

- Use a normal, plain font (e.g., 10-point Times Roman) for text.
- Use italics for emphasis.
- Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.
- Do not use field functions.
- Use tab stops or other commands for indents, not the space bar.
- Use the table function, not spreadsheets, to make tables.
- Use the equation editor or MathType for equations.
- Save your file in docx format (Word 2007 or higher) or doc format (older Word versions).

Headings

Please use no more than three levels of displayed headings.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter.

Footnotes

Footnotes can be used to give additional information, which may include the citation of a reference included in the reference list. They should not consist solely of a reference citation, and they should never include the bibliographic details of a reference. They should also not contain any figures or tables.

Footnotes to the text are numbered consecutively; those to tables should be indicated by superscript lower-case letters (or asterisks for significance values and other statistical data). Footnotes to the title or the authors of the article are not given reference symbols.

Always use footnotes instead of endnotes.

For original articles:

The original article should be divided into the following sections:

Introduction

Citation to references, tables, figures should appear sequentially, use superscript to cite references. Cite tables and figures in parenthesis.

Methods

Citation to references, tables, figures should appear sequentially use superscript to cite references. Cite tables and figures in parenthesis.

Results

Citation to references, tables, figures should appear sequentially.

Discussion

Citation to references, tables, figures should appear sequentially, use superscript to cite references and cite after punctuation marks. Cite tables and figures in parenthesis.

Conflict of interest

Authors must disclose all relationships or interests that could have direct or potential influence or impart bias on the work. Although an author may not feel there is any conflict, disclosure of relationships and interests provides a more complete and transparent process, leading to an accurate and objective assessment of the work.

Authors' contributions

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Acknowledgments

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Tables

- All tables are to be numbered.

- Tables should always be cited in text in consecutive numerical order.

- For each table, please supply a table caption (title) explaining the components of the table.

- Identify any previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference at the end of the table caption.

- Footnotes to tables should be indicated by superscript lower-case letters (or asterisks for significance values and other statistical data) and included beneath the table body.

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- All figures are to be numbered.
- Figures should always be cited in text in consecutive numerical order (Figure 1, Figure 2, ...).
- Figure parts should be denoted by letters (A, B, C, etc.).
- If an appendix appears in your article and it contains one or more figures, continue the consecutive numbering of the main text. Do not number the appendix figures,
"A1, A2, A3, etc." Figures in online appendices (Electronic Supplementary Material) should, however, be numbered separately.

Figure Captions

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- Figure captions begin with the term Figure., followed by the figure number.
- No punctuation is to be included after the number, nor is any punctuation to be placed at the end of the caption.
- Identify all elements found in the figure in the figure caption; and use boxes, circles, etc., as coordinate points in graphs.
- Identify previously published material by giving the original source in the form of a reference citation at the end of the figure caption.

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