

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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*The Eurasian Journal of Medicine (EAJM)* publishes clinical and experimental work related to the field of medicine. In addition to original material, the EAJM prints reviews, case studies, images of interest and letters to the editor.

## MANUSCRIPT TYPES

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1. Original articles
2. Case reports
3. Letters to the editor
4. Images of interest
5. Reviews

## MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

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Preparation of manuscripts should conform to the updated Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals (<http://www.icmje.org>). **All manuscripts must be submitted electronically.** The manuscript file you submit must be saved as .doc (MS Word document). Original articles should not exceed **4,000** words, not including the abstract, references, tables and legends. Figures and/or tables should be limited to a total of **ten**.

### Original articles

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Original articles should follow the basic structure of abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, references, and tables and figures (as appropriate). Submissions should typically not exceed **400** words for the abstract and **4000** words for the content; they should include no more than **35** references.

### Case Reports

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Case reports should not exceed **2000** words with two tables or illustrations, a short unstructured abstract, and **ten** references. Case reports should follow the basic structure of an unstructured abstract, introduction, case report, discussion, references, and tables and figures (as appropriate). We do ask that authors indicate that they have obtained patient consent.

### Letters to the Editor

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We welcome letters in response to articles published in the EAJM. Submissions must reach us before the next issue is published. They should be a maximum of **500** words, with **one** figure or table and no more than **five** references. Letters to the editor should include a title page and must only concern articles that were recently published in the EAJM. A response to the letter will be requested from the author of the article in question; the letter and the response will be published together if there is a response.

## Images of Interest

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Our image section consists of a case report of **250** words, a few instructional points, a maximum of **two** figures, and **two** references. We do ask that authors indicate that they have obtained patient consent if applicable. Image submissions should also include a title page, keywords and references. No additional legend subtitles for figures are necessary.

## Reviews

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Although they are usually commissioned, we occasionally accept unsolicited review articles.

## MANUSCRIPT TYPES IN DETAIL

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TYPE	WORD LIMIT	ABSTRACT WORD LIMIT	TABLE & FIGURE LIMIT	REFERENCE LIMIT
Original article	4,000 words, not including abstract, references, tables and legends	400 words	10	35
Case report	2,000 words, not including abstract, references, tables and legends	200 words	2	10
Letter to the editor	500 words	N/A	1	5
Image of interest	250 words	N/A	2	2
Review	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

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The manuscript format must be presented in the following order:

1. Title page
2. Abstract
  - a. Objective
  - b. Materials and Methods
  - c. Results
  - d. Conclusion
  - e. Keywords (3 to 6)
3. Main text (tables should be inserted where cited in the text; images must be uploaded as separate files)
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Materials and Methods
  - c. Results
  - d. Discussion
4. Acknowledgements, Competing interests, Funding
5. References

### Title page

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Please provide a concise and informative title of fewer than **150 characters**. Include a list of all contributing authors and their affiliations. Supply full correspondence details for the corresponding author, including phone and/or fax number and e-mail address. Provide a short title for the manuscript (limited to **75 characters**).

### Abstract

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Please include an abstract of **400 or fewer words**. The abstract should be easily understood without reference to the text (see *Ann Intern Med* 1987; 106: 598-604).

The abstract must have four separate, structured paragraphs (Objective, Materials and Methods, Results and Conclusion) that correspond to the research question, materials/patients and methods, results, and the answer the question. If necessary, one or two sentences with background information may be included before the question. The question and answer should be the same as those in the text. Include only a few important values, and avoid using abbreviations or reporting statistics.

### Keywords

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Please provide a list of 3 to 6 keywords. The keywords should be listed alphabetically and in full without abbreviations. Keywords are best expressed as MeSH (Medical Subjects Headings) terms, the controlled vocabulary used by Pub-Med. The MeSH browser available online (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html>) provides a guide to the selection of keywords.

## Introduction

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State the question you asked (or the hypothesis to be tested) and the considerations leading to the formulation of the question. Give only pertinent references. Case reports should also include an introduction section.

## Materials and Methods

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### Study subjects or animals

- Clearly describe how the subjects or experimental animals were identified, including the control subjects (if used). For animals, see *Laboratory Animals*, 1985; 19: 106-108.
- Clearly state the eligibility criteria for cases and controls in observational studies or for subjects in clinical trials.
- All work involving human subjects is expected to have received approval from local ethics committees and the regulatory authorities (when appropriate; for example, for studies involving drug trials).
- Animal experimentation must be performed according to the Helsinki Convention for the use and care of animals.
- The editors reserve the right to refuse work that does not conform to acceptable ethical criteria.

### Study design

- Clearly state the main study objective(s).
- Provide an overview of the main tests or experiments.
- Consider sample size and whether you have enough subjects to reliably address the research question.
- Papers on clinical trials should include details regarding sample size calculation (i.e., expected effect size, power, level of statistical significance and one- or two-sided tests). Sample size should be reproduced independently.

### Methods

- Describe the methods and apparatus in sufficient detail as to allow other researchers to evaluate or reproduce the tests/experiments.
- If the methods have previously been published, provide only a reference or a reference and a brief description.
- Identify drugs and chemicals, including generic name, dosage and route of administration.
- Please provide manufacturer's name and address for equipment, drugs and chemicals. This information should not be presented in a separate section.

### Analysis

- Clearly state and define the main outcome measure(s).
- Briefly state the statistical methods used during the analysis if they are standard. New methods should be described with justification.

## Results

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Keep the Results section brief. Describe the baseline characteristics or condition of the patients or animals. Focus on the important results, i.e., those that help address the research question. Present the majority of the data in figures or tables rather than in the text. Use the text to emphasize or summarize the most important observations.

## Discussion

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At the beginning of the Discussion, summarize the main results and show how they address the research question. Make sure that the conclusions are consistent with the results and are pertinent to the research question. Describe the limitations of the study and/or analysis, and discuss possible implications of your conclusions. Emphasize new and important aspects of the study. Try to explain contradictory or unexpected results or discrepancies with previous findings.

## Acknowledgements

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All acknowledgements should be grouped into one paragraph and placed after the Discussion. Only acknowledge those who have made substantial contributions to the study.

## References

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Number references consecutively in the order in which they first appear in the text. Use full size Arabic numerals in square brackets. List all authors when there are six or fewer. When there are more than six authors, list only first three and add *et al.*

References should conform to the style used in Index Medicus (Vancouver Style), as shown in the following examples:

- Ahn SS, Kim YJ, Hur J, et al. Preparing first-year radiology residents and assessing their readiness for on-call responsibilities: results over 5 years. *AJR Am J Roentgenol* 2009; 192: 539-44.
- Akgun M, Mirici A, Ucar EY, Kantarci M, Araz O, Gorguner M. Silicosis in Turkish denim sandblasters. *Occup Med* 2006; 26: 1234-40.
- Bourbon J, Henrion-Caude A, Gaultier C. Molecular basis of lung development. In: Gibson GJ, Geddes DM, Costable U, Sterk PJ, Corrin B, eds. *Respiratory Medicine*. 3rd Edn. Elsevier Science, Edinburgh/Philadelphia, 2002; pp. 64-81.

Websites should be listed with the references and not in the text. They should only be used when an original citation is unavailable. Citations should be listed as follows:

- WHO. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). [www.who.int/csr/sars/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/index.html). Date last updated: June 1 2004. Date last accessed: June 1 2004.

Work that has not yet been accepted for publication and personal communications should not appear in the reference list.

## Tables

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Tables should be created and inserted into the text document using the "Table" and "Insert Table" functions in your word processing package. **DO NOT supply tables in a separate file.** Tables should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals.

Limit decimals to a sensible number. Large tables should be avoided due to space restrictions; otherwise, they may be split. Please provide a clear footnote for all tables, making sure ALL abbreviations and symbols are defined.

## Figures

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All submitted figures must be numbered and given titles. Whether images, drawings, or graphs, we recommend that no more than four components be used for a given figure (e.g., a, b, c, d). **Images embedded in the .doc file WILL NOT be accepted.** Images should be formatted with a minimum of 300 dots per inch (dpi). Figures should preferably be supplied in **.jpeg**. The preferred image mode for color photographic images is cyan-magenta-yellow-black (**CMYK**). Black and white photographic images should be presented in greyscale.

## Figure Legend(s)

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It (they) should be placed at the end of the manuscript.

## REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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When submitting revised manuscripts, we strongly encourage authors to use the "track changes" feature in Microsoft Word or similar software. Otherwise, corrections should be highlighted in red text.