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No more than 1000 words (3 typed, double-spaced pages) and up to 15 references will be accepted. Original articles. These should be original contributions to the subject. The text should be 3000-5500 words (8 to 16 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 50 references will be accepted.

The article must be subdivided into the following sections: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusions. In the introduction the aim of the study should be clearly summed up.

The materials and methods section should describe in a logical sequence how the study was designed and carried out, how the data were analyzed (what hypothesis was tested, what type of study was carried out, how randomization was done, how the subjects were recruited and chosen, provide accurate details of the main features of treatment, of the materials used, of drug dosages, of unusual equipments, of the statistical method.).

In the results section the answers to the questions posed in the introduction should be given. The results should be reported fully, clearly and concisely supported, if necessary, by figures, graphs and tables.

The discussion section should sum up the main results, critically analyze the methods used, compare the results obtained with other published data and discuss the implications of the results. The conclusions should briefly sum up the significance of the study and its future implications.

Review articles

Generally commissioned by the Editor in Chief or the Managing Editor, review articles should discuss a topic of current interest, outline current knowledge of the subject, analyze different opinions regarding the problem discussed, be up-to-date on the latest data in the literature.

The text should be 6000-12000 words (17 to 34 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 100 references will be accepted.

Case reports

These give a description of particularly interesting cases. The text should be 2000-3000 words (6 to 8 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 30 references will be accepted. The article must be subdivided into the following sections: introduction, case report or clinical series, discussion, conclusions.

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These are intended for the presentation and assessment of new medical and surgical treatments. The text should be 3000-5500 words (8 to 16 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 30 references will be accepted. The article must be subdivided into the following sections: introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusions.

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These are articles on the history of medicine, health care delivery, ethics, economic policy and law concerning angiology. The text should be 3000-7000 words (8 to 20 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 50 references will be accepted.

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These may refer to articles already published in the journal or to a subject of topical interest that the authors wish to present to readers in a concise form. The text should be 500-1000 words (1 to 3 typed, double-spaced pages) not including references, tables, figures. No more than 5 references will be accepted.

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These are documents drawn up by special committees or authoritative sources. The number of figures and tables should be appropriate for the type and length of the paper.

Preparation of manuscripts

Text file

Manuscripts must be drafted according to the template for each type of paper (editorial, original article, review, case report, therapeutical note, special article, letter to the Editor).

The paper should be type written double spaced with margins of at least 2.5 cm on 212·297 mm format sheets (ISOA4). The format accepted is Word. The text file must contain title, authors' details, notes, abstract, key words, text, references and titles of tables and figures.

Tables and figures should be submitted as separate files.

Title and authors' details

- Short title, with no abbreviations.
- First name and surname of the authors.
- Affiliation (section, department and institution) of each author.

Notes

- Dates of any congress where the paper has already been presented.
- Mention of any funding or research contracts or conflict of interest.
- Acknowledgements.
- Name, address, e-mail of the corresponding author.

Abstract and key words

Articles should include an abstract of between 200 and 250 words. For original articles and therapeutical notes, the abstract should be structured as follows: aim (aim of the study), methods (experimental design, patients and interventions), results (what was found), conclusion (meaning of the study). Key words should refer to the terms from Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) of MEDLINE/PubMed. No abstracts are required for editorials or letters to the Editor.

Text

Identify methodologies, equipment (give name and address of manufacturer in brackets) and procedures in sufficient detail to allow other researchers to reproduce results. Specify well-known methods including statistical procedures; mention and provide a brief description of published methods which are not yet well known; describe new or modified methods at length; justify their use and evaluate their limits.

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Sutherland DE, Simmons RL, Howard RJ. Intracapsular technique of transplant nephrectomy. Surg Gynecol Obstet 1978;146:951-2.

- Organization as author

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals. Ann Int Med 1988;108:258-65.

- Issue with supplement

Payne DK, Sullivan MD, Massie MJ. Women's psychological reactions to breast cancer. Semin Oncol 1996;23(1 Suppl 2):89-97.

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- Books by one or more authors

Rossi G. Manual of Otorhinolaryngology. Turin: Edizioni Minerva Medica; 1987.

- Chapter from book

De Meester TR. Gastroesophageal reflux disease. In: Moody FG, Carey LC, Scott Jones R, Ketly KA, Nahrwold DL, Skinner DB, editors. Surgical treatment of digestive diseases. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers; 1986. p. 132-58.

- Congress proceedings

Kimura J, Shibasaki H, editors. Recent advances in clinical neurophysiology. Proceedings of the 10th International Congress of EMG and Clinical Neurophysiology; 1995 Oct 15-19; Kyoto, Japan. Amsterdam: Elsevier; 1996.

ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

- Standard journal article on the Internet

Kaul S, Diamond GA. Good enough: a primer on the analysis and interpretation of noninferiority trials. Ann Intern Med [Internet]. 2006 Jul 4

[cited 2007 Jan 4];145(1):62-9. Available from:
<http://www.annals.org/cgi/reprint/145/1/62.pdf>

- Standard citation to a book on CD-ROM or DVD

Kacmarek RM. Advanced respiratory care [CD-ROM]. Version 3.0. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; ©2000. 1 CD-ROM: sound, color, 4 3/4 in.

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