

# instructions for authors

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## AIMS AND SCOPE

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## EDITORIAL POLICY

The journal publishes editorials, research articles, review articles, clinically relevant studies, special articles, case reports, imaging in oncology, letters to the editor, commentary, and book reviews. All submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by at least two reviewers and, when necessary, a statistician. Authors will be notified of acceptance, rejection, or need for revision within 4-6 weeks after submission.

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**TITLE PAGE.** The title page should include a concise but informative title, the authors' full names, the department/institution and each author's address with the symbol to link authors and their addresses. Also, the title page must include name, address and e-mail of the author to whom correspondence should be addressed, details of source of support in the form of grant, equipment and drugs, word counts for summary and text without summary, and total number of figures and tables.

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When reporting experiments on human subjects, indicate whether the procedures applied were in accordance with the ethical standards of the responsible committee on human experimentation (institutional or regional) or with the Helsinki Declaration (2013) of the World Medical Association. Do not use patients' names, initials, or hospital numbers, especially in any

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Bailar JC III, Mosteller F. Guidelines for statistical reporting in articles for medical journals. Amplifications and explanations. *Ann Intern Med.* 1988;108:266-73.  
Altman DG. Statistic in medical journals: some recent trends. *Statistic Med.* 2000;19:3275-89.

Moher D, Schultz KF, Altman DF, CONSORT Group. The CONSORT statement: revised recommendations for improving the quality of reports of parallel-group randomized trials. *Clin Oral Investig.* 2003;7:2-7.  
Cummings P, Rivara FP. Reporting Statistical Information in Medical Journal Articles *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med.* 2003;157:321-4 (<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/157/4/321>).

Hadživuković S. Statistika. 3rd ed. Beograd: Privredni pregled; 1989.

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Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. *N Engl J Med*. 2002 Jul 25;347(4):284-7.

Rose ME, Huerbin MB, Melick J, Marion DW, Palmer AM, Schiding JK, et al. Regulation of interstitial excitatory amino acid concentrations after cortical contusion injury. *Brain Res*. 2002;935(1-2):40-6.

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The DOI should be cited in a reference as follows: Zhang M, Holman CD, Price SD, Sanfilippo FM, Preen DB, Bulsara MK. Comorbidity and repeat admission to hospital for adverse drug reactions in older adults: retrospective cohort study. *BMJ*. 2009 Jan 7;338:a2752. doi: 10.1136/bmj.a2752.

#### Books and chapter citations

*Personal author(s)*

Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. *Medical microbiology*. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.

*Editor(s), compiler(s) as author*

Gilstrap LC 3rd, Cunningham FG, VanDorsten JP, editors. *Operative obstetrics*. 2nd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002.

*Author(s) and editor(s)*

Breedlove GK, Schorfheide AM. *Adolescent pregnancy*. 2nd ed. Wiecezorek RR, editor. White Plains (NY): March of Dimes Education Services; 2001.

*Chapter in a book*

Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. *The genetic basis of human cancer*. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93-113.

*MSc and PhD Theses:*

Huang W. Illness perception and lymphedema risk management behavior among breast Cancer survivors. Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou [MSc Thesis]. 2018.

Huang W. Illness perception and lymphedema risk management behavior among breast Cancer survivors. Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou [PhD Thesis]. 2018.

#### References to information on the Internet

If the authors feel that such information would be valuable to the readers, the URL should be cited in a footnote.

#### Articles in journals:

Shelby JS, Gavin LJ. Overview of pulmonary resection. UpToDate [Internet]. 2018 (updated 2018 March 16; cited 2018 December 15).

Available from: <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/overview-of-pulmonary-resection>

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*In press / Forthcoming*

Tian D, Araki H, Stahl E, Bergelson J, Kreitman M. Signature of balancing selection in Arabidopsis. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. In press / Forthcoming 2002.

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