

Guidelines for publishing

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1. Introduction

Welcome to Student Medical Journal (SMJ). Our mission is to provide a platform for students to publish their research and contribute to the medical community. This document outlines the guidelines for preparing and submitting manuscripts to SMJ.

2. Article Types

Format of articles

The Student Medical Journal publishes several different formats. In most cases, a strict limit on word count or page number is not imposed, however, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

Original Research Articles

Title: Should be concise and informative. **Abstract:** Maximum of 250 words, structured into Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. **Keywords:** Provide 3-5 keywords.

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Introduce the problem, background, and study objectives.
- **Methods:** Detailed description of study design, population, interventions, and analysis as applied for your manuscript.
- **Results:** Present findings with appropriate tables and figures.
- **Discussion:** Interpret results, discuss limitations, and suggest future research.

Thesis Review

Title: Concise and descriptive. **Abstract:** Maximum of 300 words, summarizing the thesis. **Keywords:** 3-5 relevant keywords.

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Overview of the thesis topic and objectives.
- **Methods:** Brief description of the research methods used.
- **Results:** Summarize key findings.
- **Discussion:** Discuss implications and relevance.
- **Conclusion:** Brief conclusion and future directions.
- **Page count:** 2-6 pages

Review Articles

Title: Informative and specific. **Abstract:** Maximum of 250 words, summarizing the key points. **Keywords:** 3-5 keywords.

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Introduce the topic and purpose of the review.
- **Main Body:** Organize content into thematic sections.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize key findings and future directions.

Research Letters

Title: Brief and descriptive. **Abstract:** Not required. **Keywords:** 3-5 keywords.

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Brief background and objective.
- **Main Body:** Present findings succinctly.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the main message.
- **Word count:** maximum of 1000 words

Methodological Papers

Title: Descriptive of the methodology. **Abstract:** Maximum of 250 words, summarizing the methodology and its applications. **Keywords:** 3-5 keywords.

Structure:

- **Introduction:** Introduce the methodological innovation.
- **Methods:** Detailed description of the methodology.
- **Applications:** Discuss potential applications and advantages.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize the importance and future potential.
- **Page count:** maximum of 6 pages

3. Manuscript Preparation

Formatting requirements

The manuscript should adhere to the following requirements:

- Font: Times New Roman, 11 pt.
- Line spacing: 1.5
- File Format: Submit as a Word document (.docx)

Structure

Title Page: Title, author names, affiliations, and contact information.

Abstract: Structured as per article type.

Keywords: 3-5 relevant keywords.

Main Text: Follow the structure outlined for each article type.

References: Use APA 7th edition format for citations and references.

Tables and Figures: Include as separate files, with legends provided.

Style

- **Language:** English; use clear, concise, and grammatically correct language.
- **Technical Accuracy:** Ensure all technical terms are used accurately.

4. Submission Process

Required Documents

- **Manuscript:** Prepared as per guidelines.
- **Declaration of Consent** from Principal Investigator.

5. Peer Review Process

Review Criteria

- **Originality:** Does the research follow good scientific practice?
- **Methodology:** Are the methods appropriate and well-described?
- **Results:** Are the results clear and well-presented?
- **Discussion:** Are the conclusions supported by the data?

6. Ethical Considerations

Authorship

- **Criteria:** Substantial contribution to conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the research.
- **Responsibilities:** Ensure accuracy and integrity of the work.

Plagiarism

- **Policy:** Zero tolerance for plagiarism. Manuscripts are checked using plagiarism detection software.

Conflict of Interest

- **Disclosure:** Authors must disclose any financial or personal relationships that could influence the research.

Human and Animal Rights

- **Guidelines:** Follow ethical standards for research involving human subjects or animals.
- **Approvals:** Provide evidence of ethical approval from relevant committees.

7. Contact information

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