

# Instructions for Authors

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## A. Editorial Process

Manuscripts submitted to the International Journal of Students' Research (IJSR) must be original and should not be simultaneously under consideration, accepted, or published elsewhere. A quality compliance check is performed on all submissions to ensure adherence to journal policies and assess suitability for publication. Manuscripts deemed appropriate are then subjected to a double-blind peer review process, in which at least two independent expert reviewers evaluate the work while both authors and reviewers remain anonymous. While authors may suggest two to three potential reviewers during submission, the final choice rests solely with the editorial team. Accepted manuscripts undergo professional copyediting for grammar, style, and format. Page proofs are sent to the corresponding author, who is expected to return corrections within three days.

## B. Authorship Criteria

Authorship is based on substantial contributions to all three of the following:

1. Conception/design, data acquisition, or data analysis and interpretation.
2. Drafting or critically revising the article for important intellectual content.
3. Final approval of the version to be published.

Participation limited to funding acquisition, general supervision, or data collection alone does not qualify for authorship. The order of authors should reflect relative contribution and can only be changed post-submission with written consent from all authors.

## C. Manuscript Submission

All manuscripts must be submitted via the online portal: <https://ijsonline.net/index.php/home/about/submissions>

Registration (free) is required for first-time users. Authors can track their manuscripts through the online portal. No fees are charged for submission or editorial processing.

For assistance, contact: [contact@ijsonline.net](mailto:contact@ijsonline.net)

Submissions not conforming to these Author Instructions will be returned for technical correction before peer review.

## D. Manuscript File Requirements

### D1. Title Page (separate file)

Use the Title Page template: [Title Page Template](#). Must include:

- Type of manuscript (e.g., Research Article, Short Communication, Case Report/Series, Review, Letter, Clinical Images, Elective Report, Conference Abstracts, etc.).
- Title.
- Author details (name, highest degree, department, institution, university if applicable, city/country, email).
- Counts: total pages; word counts (abstract if applicable, and main text); total number of figures/tables.
- Competing Interests: disclose potential conflicts related to institutions, products, or entities. If none: "The author(s) declare that they have no competing interests."
- Funding sources: list all support (grants, equipment, drugs, or other resources). If none: "Sources of Funding: None."
- Authors' contributions: describe each author's role (concept/design, literature search, data acquisition/analysis, statistics, manuscript drafting/editing/review).
- Acknowledgements: non-authorship contributions (departmental support, technical help, financial/material support). Include only on the Title Page, not in the blinded file.
- Clinical trial registration (if applicable): registry name, registration number, and URL.
- Statement of Authorship and Approval.

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- Corresponding author details (name, institutional address, email, telephone).

## **D2. Blinded Article File**

Prepare the manuscript using the appropriate template for its article type. Download the correct template below:

- [Original Research](#)
- [Review Article](#)
- [Case Report / Case Series](#)
- [Short Communication](#)
- [Clinical Images](#)
- [Letter to the Editor](#)
- [Elective / Clerkship Report](#)
- [Editorial / Feature Article / Expert Speaks](#)
- [Conference Abstract](#)

The blinded file must contain the complete manuscript text, beginning with the Abstract (if applicable) and ending with the References (including tables). Submissions not prepared using the correct template will be returned for correction.

To maintain anonymity during double-blind peer review, do not include any identifying details (author names, initials, institutional affiliations, or acknowledgements). Page headers/running titles may include only the manuscript title. Non-compliant submissions will be returned for revision.

## **D3. Images**

Submit high-quality color images in JPEG, TIFF, or PNG format, each file under 2 MB. You may reduce file size by adjusting the dimensions (recommended up to 1600 × 1200 pixels or 5–6 inches). Do not zip image files. Legends for all figures must be included at the end of the main article file. For composite figures, label each sub-figure with a capital Roman letter (e.g., 5A, 5B) positioned at the lower-left corner.

## **E. Preparation of Manuscripts**

Manuscripts must be prepared in accordance with the ICMJE Uniform Requirements (October 2008) and written in American English. Specific IJSR requirements are summarized below.

### **E1. Types of Manuscripts Accepted**

#### **Original / Research Articles**

- Word limit: up to 3500 words (excluding abstract, tables, and references); ≤60 references.
- Sections: Abstract (structured, 250 words), Keywords, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, References, Tables, Figure Legends.
- Methodology must describe ethics approval (if applicable), study design, participant selection/description, outcome measures, and statistical methods.
- Report absolute numbers and percentages; avoid repeating full table/figure data in text.
- Discussion: key findings, strengths/limitations, interpretation vs. existing evidence, implications for practice/policy, controversies, future directions; clearly label any new hypotheses.

#### **Review Articles**

- Word limit: up to 3000 words; unstructured abstract ≤250 words; ≤90 references.
- Accepted formats: systematic reviews/meta-analyses (include search/selection/synthesis methods and PRISMA where applicable), scoping reviews, narrative reviews, qualitative reviews, state-of-the-art reviews, mini-reviews.
- Clearly state the review type and methods used (as applicable).

#### **Case Reports / Case Series**

- Word limit: up to 1000 words (excluding abstract and references); ≤15 references.
- Sections: Abstract (unstructured), Keywords, Introduction, Case Presentation, Discussion, References, Tables, Legends.
- Prioritize clear educational value and clinical significance.

#### **Short Communications**

Word limit: up to 1500 words (excluding abstract and references); ≤15 references; Abstract (structured, ≤150 words).

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### Clinical Images

- Word limit: up to 400 words;  $\leq 5$  references.
- Figures: 1–3 high-resolution images with legends.
- Structure: brief introduction (1–2 sentences), description of findings, educational value/discussion, references.

### Letter to the Editor

- Word limit: up to 500 words;  $\leq 5$  references.
- Short, decisive observations or comments—preferably on articles published in IJSR.

### Elective / Clerkship Reports

- Word limit: up to 2000 words;  $\leq 15$  references.
- Suggested structure: Introduction, Description of Elective/Clerkship, Reflections/Learning Outcomes, References. (Abstract not required.)
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### Other Categories (by invitation only)

- Editorials, Guest Editorials, Expert Speaks, Feature Articles, Commentaries, Opinions.
- Word limit: up to 2000 words (unless otherwise specified by the Editor). Abstract not mandatory.

## E2. References

IJSR follows the Vancouver style. Number references in the order in which they are first cited in the text (not alphabetically). In the text, tables, and legends, use Arabic numerals in square brackets placed after punctuation. Journal titles must be abbreviated according to Index Medicus.

General format: Surname (Family/Last Name) of the first author followed by initials, then the surnames and initials of subsequent authors up to six; if there are more than six authors, list the first three followed by “et al.” Title of the article. Abbreviated journal name (in italics). Year; Volume(Issue):Pages.

### Examples:

#### Articles in Journals

1. Parija SC, Ravinder PT, Shariff M. Detection of hydatid antigen in the fluid samples from hydatid cysts by co-agglutination. *Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg.* 1996;90(1):255–6.
2. Roddy P, Goiri J, Flevaud L, Palma PP, Morote S, Lima N, et al. Field evaluation of a rapid immunochromatographic assay for detection of *Trypanosoma cruzi* infection by use of whole blood. *J Clin Microbiol.* 2008;46(3):2023–30.

### Webpages

Atherton J. Behaviour modification [Internet]. 2010 [updated 2010 Feb 10; cited 2010 Apr 10]. Available from: [http://www.learningandteaching.info/learning/behaviour\\_mod.htm](http://www.learningandteaching.info/learning/behaviour_mod.htm)

### Book

Speroff L, Fritz MA. *Clinical Gynaecologic Endocrinology and Infertility*. 7th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2005. Chapter 29, Endometriosis; p.1103–33.

## E3. Tables

- Must be self-explanatory and not duplicate text.
- Maximum size:  $\leq 10$  columns and  $\leq 25$  rows.
- Number consecutively in the order cited in text; include a brief title.
- Place explanatory notes in footnotes, not headings; explain non-standard abbreviations.
- Fully borrowed or adapted tables require permission and acknowledgment.
- Footnote symbols in sequence: \*, †, ‡, §, ||, ¶, \*\*, ††, ‡‡.
- Provide tables with legends at the end of the manuscript, after References.

## E4. Illustrations (Figures)

- Figures must be numbered consecutively in the order cited in the text.
- Labels, numbers, and symbols should be clear, uniform, and legible when reduced for print.
- Use symbols, arrows, or letters in photomicrographs that contrast clearly with the background.
- Titles and detailed explanations must appear in the figure legends, not on the figures themselves.
- Legends: double-spaced,  $\leq 40$  words, numbered according to figures; explain symbols and methods of staining/magnification.

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- Graphs/plots must be accompanied by the numerical data on which they are based.
- Photographs must be trimmed to remove extraneous background.
- Photographs of individuals require written consent for publication.
- Previously published figures require acknowledgement of the source and written copyright permission.
- Final figures for print:  $\geq 300$  dpi,  $1800 \times 1600$  px, in JPEG, TIFF, or PNG.
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### **E7. Revised Manuscripts**

Revised manuscripts must be submitted online following the same process as the initial submission. At this stage, the "First Page" and "Covering Letter" files are not required. Include the reviewers' comments along with a detailed, point-by-point response at the beginning of the revised file. Clearly mark all changes (underline or colored text) and also upload a clean version without markup.

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