

Instructions for Authors

Scope

The Infectious Diseases Society of Pakistan sponsors the Infectious Disease Journal of Pakistan (IDJP). The Journal accepts Original Articles, Review Articles, Brief Reports, Case Reports, Short Communications, Letter to the Editor and Notes and News in the fields of Microbiology, Infectious Diseases; with laboratory, clinical, or epidemiological aspects.

Criteria for publication

All articles are peer reviewed by the IDSP panel of reviewers. The Editors review Correspondence. Authors may also submit the names and contact informations of two persons who potentially could serve as unbiased and expert reviewers for their manuscript, but IDSP reserves the right of final selection.

Submission of the Manuscript

Manuscripts must be formatted according to submission guidelines given below, which are in accordance with the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals" (originally published in N Engl J Med 1997; 336:309-15). The complete document appears at . Please submit one complete copy of the manuscript and all enclosures to The Editor, Infectious Diseases Journal of Pakistan, Department of Pathology and Microbiology, The Aga Khan University, Stadium Road, P.O. Box 3500, Karachi 74800, Pakistan. An electronic copy of the manuscript must also be sent to (masim.beg@aku.edu) . All manuscripts submitted to IDJP must be accompanied by an Authorship Declaration stating that *'The authors confirm that the manuscript, the title of which is given, is original and has not been submitted elsewhere. Each author acknowledges that he/she has contributed in a substantial way to the work described in the manuscript and its preparation'*.

Manuscript Categories

I. Original Articles

Articles should report original work in the fields of microbiology and infection.

Title page

This should list the (i) title of the article, (ii) the full names of each author with highest academic degree(s), institutional addresses and email addresses of all authors. (iii) The corresponding author should also be indicated with his/her name, address, telephone, fax number and e-mail address. (iv) A short running title of not more than 40 characters (count letters and spaces) placed at the foot end of the title page.

Abstract

Abstract should not exceed 200 words and must be structured in to separate sections headed Background, Results and

Conclusions. Please do not use abbreviations or cite references in the abstract. A short list of four to five key words should be provided to facilitate.

Background

The section must clearly state the background to the research and its aims. The section should end with a very brief statement of what is being reported in the article.

Materials and Methods

Please provide details of subject selection (patients or experimental animals). Details must be sufficient to allow other workers to reproduce the results. The design of study and details of interventions used must be clearly described. Identify precisely all drugs and chemicals used, including generic name(s) and route(s) of administration.

Results

Present results in logical sequences in the text, tables and illustrations. Articles can have a maximum of five illustrations (in a combination of figures and tables) per article.

Discussion

Emphasize the new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that follow from them. Do not repeat the details from the Results section. Discuss the implications of the findings and their limitations. Link the conclusions with the goals of the study but avoid unqualified statements and conclusion not completely supported by your data.

Acknowledgments

Acknowledge any sources of support, in the form of grants, equipment or technical assistance.

Please see below for format of References, Figures and Tables.

II. Review Articles

Authoritative and state of the art review articles on topical issues are also published, with a word limit of 2000. These should be comprehensive and fully referenced. Articles should contain an Abstract; Main Text divided into sections, Conclusions and References.

III. Brief Reports

Short clinical and laboratory observations are included as Brief Reports. The text should contain no more than 1000 words, 2 illustrations or tables and up to 10 references.

IV. Case Reports

Instructive cases with a message are published as case reports. Routine syndromes or rare entities without unusual or new features are invariably rejected. The text should contain no more than 1000 words, 2 illustrations or tables and up to 10 references. The authorship should not exceed 3-4 persons.

V. Letter to the Editor

These may relate to material published in the IDJP, topic of interest pertaining to infectious diseases, and/or unusual clinical observations. A letter should not be more than 300 words, one figure and 3-5 references.

VI. News and Views

Informative, breaking news updates in infectious diseases from around the world (approx. 200 words).

VII. Notices

Announcements of conferences, symposia or meetings may be sent for publication at least 12 weeks in advance of the meeting date. Details of programs should not be included.

References

Number references consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Identify references in text, tables and legends by Arabic numerals (in superscript). References cited only in tables or in legends to figures should be numbered in accordance with a sequence established by the first identification of the particular table or illustration. Bibliography should be given in order.

Authors, complete title, journal name (Abbr), year, vol, issue, page numbers. According to "Uniform Requirements of Manuscripts submitted to Biomedical Journals", as cited in N Engl J Med 1997; 336:309-15.

Tables and Figures

Data reported either in a table or in a figure should be illustrative of information reported in the text, but should not be redundant with the text. Each table must be presented on a separate sheet of paper and numbered in order of appearance in the text. Table should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals. Tables and Figures legends should be self-explanatory with adequate headings and footnotes.

Illustrations

Illustrations should be numbered, given suitable legends and marked lightly on the back with the author's name and the top edge indicated. Original drawings may be submitted although high quality glossy photographs are preferable. They should be kept separate from the text. If possible, figures should be submitted in electronic format as either a TIFF (tagged image file format) or JPEG format. Minimum resolution for scanned artwork is:

- Black & white line illustration (eg graphs): 600 dpi
- Black & white halftone illustrations (eg photographs): 300 dpi
- Colour illustrations: 400dpi (note that colour images should be split CMYK not RGB)

Important Notice

Financial support: All authors must disclose any financial support they have received during the course of the study or investigation.

Conflict of Interest: If there is a conflict of interest then this must be disclosed by the author or authors at the end of the article to be submitted.

Ethical Guidelines

All clinical research articles/studies involving human subjects submitted to the IDJP must adhere to ethical guidelines of their institutions and have informed consent from their patients. The Editors may require this statement.

All scientific research that uses animals in their study protocols must include a statement on the ethical treatment of animals during the study.

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