

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The Journal of Oran Faculty of Medicine (JFMO) is addressed to all health actors in a multidisciplinary perspective (Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Basic Sciences, and Social Sciences). Its objectives are to introduce researchers to scientific writing in order to ensure better visibility of their research work. Its mission is to support research in the health sciences, to promote the sharing of knowledge between researchers and practitioners in the field, and to facilitate the exchange of practices between professionals.

The Journal of Oran Faculty of Medicine is half-yearly. It publishes scientific articles such as Editorials, Original Articles, Systematic Reviews, Updates, Clinical Cases, Methodological Notes and "Read for you". It also publishes letters in response to the Journal articles in the Correspondence Section.

Publications are in French or English. They must comply with the instructions below. These are derived from the manuscript submission standards, proposed by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, known as the Vancouver Group (ICMJE) (www.icmje.org).

1. PUBLICATION RULES

1.1. The submitted work must comply with current laws on biomedical experimentation and the ethical recommendations of the Declaration of Helsinki ("WMA Declaration of Helsinki - Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects").

1.2. Manuscripts are submitted to a reading committee whose approval, after any modifications, is necessary for the publication of the article.

1.3. Submitting an article implies that all authors approve the work described.

1.4. If excerpts from other works or copyrighted material are included in the article, authors must provide written permission from the copyright holders and cite the sources of the primary publication in the article. These precautions should also be taken to avoid plagiarism.

2. SUBMISSION

The submission is made exclusively online on the Algerian Scientific Journal Platform (ASJP): <https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/submission/589> after subscribing as author.

Each article submission must include:

- The type of article (systematic review, original article, clinical case, read for you)
 - The designation of the first author, co-authors and the corresponding author.
 - Affiliation, phone numbers and email addresses of all co-authors
 - Manuscript: title, summary and keywords should be provided in French and English; followed by text, acknowledgments, declaration of interest and bibliographical references.
- Tables and figures (diagrams, drawings and photos) must be provided in the same file.

- Usable text file formats are MS Word, Times New Roman, and character 12, double-spaced.

3. MANUSCRIPT

3.1. TYPES OF ARTICLES

The presentation and the maximum length of the manuscript (title page, abstract, references, tables and figures not included) differ according to the type of article:

- **Editorial** (1.500 words, 5 references, no summary). The editorial can draw attention to a current topic or ask a question and provide an answer with arguments.

- **Research article** (2.000 to 3.000 words, at least 30 references, summary in French and English). This is the presentation of original scientific results in a format that allows for understanding and, if possible, reproducing the work. It is accompanied by a structured summary (see section on abstracts). It is divided into five titled sections, including: Introduction/Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusion.

The body of the article includes:

- A short **Introduction** that justifies the work and exposes the problematic and the objectives, recalling briefly the data of the literature.

- In **Materials and Methods**, the inclusion criteria of the study population, as well as group compositions etc. are clearly indicated; the statistical methodology is presented. This chapter does not provide any results. It ends with the presentation of the statistical tests.

-In **Results**: According to their number or type, the results are given in the form of numbers and percentages, averages (with the standard deviation or the confidence interval), medians (with the extremes), probabilities (with the confidence interval if possible). The long enumeration of numbers in the text should be avoided: they should be preferred one or more table (s) or figure (s).

-**Discussion**: This chapter comments on the results, without giving new ones or repeating them, and confronts them with those published in the literature. It starts with a brief summary of the results.

- **Systematic Review** (5.000 words, 80 references maximum, summary in French and English). This section contains in-depth articles that provide a look at recent developments in a topic, current issues or new developments, based on a critical analysis of literature data and the controversies that may be associated with them. It is therefore a question of proposing a critical synthesis of published works on a given subject, leading to useful and constructive proposals.

- **Update**: (2.500 words, 50 references maximum, summary in French and English). The updates deal in depth with recent developments on a chosen subject. Apart from some essential references, the literature analysed is that of the last five years. The adjustments follow the same general instructions as those for systematic reviews, of which they differ in their less exhaustive nature.

- **Clinical case and brief (short) communication:** (1.000 to 1.500 words, 10 references maximum, summary in French and English). After a brief introduction (a few lines), the writing of the clinical case must be structured in two parts:

- Observation should be reported briefly
- The purpose of the discussion is to comment on the case. This discussion must be relatively short and not exceed half of the article. The paragraph ends with the perspectives opened by this observation.

- **Methodological notes** (1.500 words, maximum 30 references). This section is for PhD students (from the 2nd registration) to encourage them to publish. It hosts short texts presenting the methodologies of thesis. Articles must have a structured abstract and include:

- An "Introduction", which takes stock of the state of knowledge and the justification of the study;
- A "Methods" section, which describes the study population, the methods used, and the statistical plan;
- A section "spinoffs of the study", which discuss the different possibilities and the perspectives that they open.

- **Read for you:** (500 words, 3 references) are short articles of commentary or critical analysis of a work, chapter of book or important article published in the national or international literature, in the field of health. An article for "read for you" should include the title, authors and references of the original article. These scientific watch articles are not subject to revisions, they engage the author responsibility.

- **Letter to the Editor** (500 words, 5 references, no summary). Letters to the Editor are to be differentiated from Correspondence. Signed by up to five authors, they may relate to the preliminary results of a study, scientific or professional information. They can also address current topics.

3.2. SUMMARIES AND KEY WORDS

Each article, except the Editorials and Letter to the Editor, must include a summary in French and English, without abbreviation or reference, of 300 words maximum. The abstracts are structured as follows: Objectives; Methods; Results; Conclusions. The keywords (in French and English), 3 to 5, must be relevant and descriptive.

3.3. TEXT

The text is written in a clear, concise and precise style. Each citation must be followed by an Arabic numeral number surrounded by square brackets (for example: [1]). The reference can be quoted several times in the text. In this case, it keeps the same numbering. Possible acknowledgments, conflicts of interest, references, tables, and finally the legends of the figures follow the body of the text.

3.4. TABLES

Each table must be numbered in Arabic numerals and indexed in the text by call (in order of appearance) of its number in parentheses. It is accompanied by a title (placed above) and possibly explanatory notes (below). Four tables are accepted to the maximum.

3.5. FIGURES

The legends must indicate the purpose of the figure and specify the abbreviations. Four figures are accepted to the maximum.

3.6. BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

References are submitted in accordance with the Vancouver Standards (<http://www.icmje.org/>).

Classic periodical article

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[4] Dahdouh A, Chentouf A. Depression: a major public health problem. Juba Edition. Genetic vulnerability to depression May 2016 (65-83), ISBN: 978-9931-531-04-3.

Congress report

[5] Gammage RB, Kaye SV. Indoor air and human health. Proceedings of the 7th Life Sciences Symposium, 1984 Oct. 29-31, Knoxville (TN), Chelsea (MI): Lewis, 1985. p. 69-78.

Thesis

[6] Snouber A. Prevalence of the primary resistance of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis to antituberculosis in the wilaya of Oran [thesis]. Oran: Ahmed Benbella University 1; 2007. p. 1-253.

Reference available in electronic format

[7] Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. *Emerg Infect Dis* [1995 online series]; 1. Available at URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/eid.htm>

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Authors should point out any link of interest that may arise from their work in general by following these recommendations: A conflict of interest exists when an author and / or co-author has financial or personal relationships with other individuals or organizations that are likely to influence their professional judgments about an essential value (good of the patient, integrity of the research...).

5. Plagiarism

A check by anti-plagiarism software is systematically carried out for any submission. Any plagiarism leads to the rejection of the article and the non-consideration of any subsequent submission from the author.

6. Decision of the committee

6.1. Acceptance of the manuscript

A notice of acceptance of the manuscript is sent when the editorial office has considered this acceptance, after the opinion of the reviewers. Authors may still be asked for editorial and / or substantive changes, sometimes necessary for the preparation of proofs of their article. Requiring major changes does not mean that the article is accepted.

The corrected versions of the articles must respect the following indications:

- To be accompanied by a letter containing each of the modifications requested in the reading comments, which states:
 - the modification actually made to the text by the author;
 - or the reason why the latter did not wish to make the requested change, or was unable to do so.
- On the corrected version itself, the modification must be indicated (by means of underlining, highlighting, color characters, etc.)

6.2. Refusal of the manuscript

The Editorial Board reserves the right to refuse manuscripts that deviate from the instructions mentioned above and will notify the corresponding author.

6.3 Proof corrections

The proofs will be sent to the author by e-mail (pdf format) after final acceptance of the article. Only typographical errors can be corrected. No addendum can be made to the manuscript accepted definitively. Authors will arrange for these proofs to be returned to the publisher with the "To-Do" label within 72 hours of receipt. In case of delay, the publisher reserves the right to proceed to the printing.