

## GUIDELINES FOR ANNALS' CATEGORIES OF ARTICLES

### Requirements for categories of articles

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATIONS
<b>Original Article</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific report of the results of original clinical research.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses the IMRAD format (Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion).</li> <li><b>3000 words</b> (excluding abstract, tables, figures and references)</li> <li>Structured abstract: 250 words (see instructions for preparing a structured abstract in website)</li> <li><b>3-5 keywords</b> different from the title, in alphabetical order.</li> <li>Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6</li> <li><b>References: 40</b></li> <li><b>A tweetable abstract</b> in 170 characters or less is encouraged</li> </ul>
<b>Review Article</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides critical analysis on topics of current clinical interest.</li> <li>Systematic reviews are preferred, including details of data sources, inclusion criteria and data extraction and synthesis.</li> <li>Comprehensive narrative reviews are also welcomed.</li> <li>Reviews are generally solicited. Unsolicited reviews must be approved by the Editor first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4000 words</b> (excluding abstract, tables, figures and references)</li> <li>Structured/unstructured abstract: 250 words (see instructions for preparing structured abstract)</li> <li><b>3-5 keywords</b> different from the title, in alphabetical order.</li> <li>Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6</li> <li><b>References: 60</b></li> <li><b>A tweetable abstract</b> in 170 characters or less is encouraged</li> </ul>
<b>Editorial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides analysis and commentary on article(s) featured in the issue of the journal in which they appear.</li> <li>These are generally solicited. Unsolicited Editorials must be approved by the Editor first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1000 - 1400 words</b></li> <li>No abstract</li> <li><b>References: 10</b></li> </ul>
<b>Letter to the Editor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a forum for readers to comment on recently published articles in the journal.</li> <li>Features concise articles such as reports of novel cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1000 words</b> (excluding tables, figures and references)</li> <li>No abstract</li> <li>Tables and figures (total): 1 table or figure</li> <li>No subheads</li> <li><b>References: 10</b></li> </ul>
<b>Commentary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a personal perspective and an expert opinion on a healthcare, medical or ethics topic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1700 words</b></li> <li>Abstract: optional (if included, unstructured form and under 250 words)</li> <li>Tables and figures (total): 4 tables/figures</li> <li>No subheads</li> <li><b>References: 20</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Images in Medicine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Images submitted to “Images in Medicine” should be educational and interesting.</li> <li>• Images must be accompanied by a short clinical description followed by 5 relevant and likely multiple-choice answers. In a separate section, the answer is given followed by a discussion of pertinent points about the case, highlighting why the given answer is the right answer and why the others, though likely, are not.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1000 words</b></li> <li>• Written in the form of a quiz</li> <li>• No abstract</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 figures</li> <li>• No subheads</li> <li>• <b>References: 10</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Clinical Practice Guideline/ Consensus statement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows either of the following reporting guidelines. Includes the relevant checklist on submission: RIGHT <a href="http://www.right-statement.org/right-statement/checklist">http://www.right-statement.org/right-statement/checklist</a> Or AGREE <a href="https://www.equator-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/AGREE-Reporting-Checklist.pdf">https://www.equator-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/AGREE-Reporting-Checklist.pdf</a></li> <li>• Includes local data. Highlights areas where local data are not available</li> <li>• Includes cost-effectiveness studies and results where available</li> <li>• Undergoes peer review by at least one international reviewer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Review Article</li> </ul>

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