

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

## 1. General rules

Submitted manuscripts must:

- a) Provide new interesting, and valid data that guarantee originality;
- b) Be in accordance with the instructions below, which are consistent with the standards of manuscript submission proposed by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), also known as the Vancouver Group (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. *N Engl J Med* 1997; 336: 310-5), the requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals;
- c) Not to have been published, whether in whole or in part, except in the form of summaries;
- d) To comply with the ethical recommendations of the Helsinki Declaration.

*(Official document of the World Medical Association) Adopted by the 18th General Assembly, Helsinki, June 1964.*

Articles must be submitted in Word format ".doc or .docx" on the electronic submission site of the journal to the e-mail address: [ajhs@atrss.dz](mailto:ajhs@atrss.dz). The templates are published on the journal website.

Articles are accompanied by a letter signed by the corresponding author indicating that:

- all authors have agreed to the submission for publication (authorship means an effective contribution to the design of the study or the collection, analysis or interpretation of data and to the critical review of the manuscript);
- the submitted work has not been published or submitted or accepted for publication as an article in another journal;
- the work will not be submitted for publication in another journal before final decision of acceptance or rejection of the manuscript by the journal review editors;
- whether the work was previously disclosed - and by what means (oral or poster communication at a congress, abstract, report, dissertation or thesis, etc.);
- potential conflicts of interest.

## 2. Types of manuscripts

### EDITORIALS (LETTER TO THE EDITOR)

A letter to the editor allows either to give an opinion on an already published article or to open a debate, or to deliver a personal experience. Its publication, after agreement of the reading committee, is made as soon as possible.

It does not exceed three typewritten pages, a table and / or a figure and five references. It is signed by no more than three authors and includes only one address for correspondence.

The length of the text must not exceed 2500 words and 20 references.

### ORIGINAL ARTICLES

The structured abstract should contain: 1) Introduction (current state of the topic and objective (s) of the work), 2) Methods, 3) Results, and 4) Conclusion. The abstract must not exceed 250 words.

The text must not exceed 4500 words and must contain more than 30 references.

### REVIEW ARTICLE

A general review is a critical synthesis of published work on a given theme and leading to useful and constructive proposals. This is not a simple enumeration of works published in the literature. It must be written without bias and does not serve to demonstrate a hypothesis.

The writing of a general review is either requested by the editor to an author, or proposed by the author. In this event, the author should contact the editor in advance of writing to ensure that the topic is of interest to the editorial board and that no similar work is being published.

A review that should not exceed 30 typed pages and can be up to 200 references, and includes an abstract.

### FOCUS

The abstract is unstructured and must not exceed 250 words.

The text must not exceed 4500 words and 60 references.

### SHORT COMMUNICATION

- The structured abstract should contain: 1) Introduction, 2) Results / Case report (s), and 3) Conclusion.
- The abstract must not exceed 150 words.
- The text must not exceed 2500 words and 25 references.

### CLINICAL CASES

- Clinical cases allow publishing one or more original and well documented observations, with didactic value;
- they include a short introduction, reduced observation to significant facts, a concise comment, a conclusion, and an abstract.
- Observation refers to the past tense or present perfect.
- It does not exceed six typed double-spaced pages, two tables or figures and 20 references. It is signed by no more than five authors.

## 3. Presentation of manuscript

### A. Title page

- A precise title that reflects the aims of the study.
- The names of the authors (initial of the first and last names), the complete postal address of departments with indication of the membership (affiliation) of each author.
- The name and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address of the corresponding author to whom requests for changes before acceptance, proofs and reprints will be sent.

### B. Abstract and keywords

Each article must include a summary of up to 250 words, as well as keywords (maximum 5).

For original articles, the abstract must be structured, i.e. include the following subtitles: Introduction and Objectives (or Background and Aims), Subjects and Methods (or Patients and Methods), Results, and Conclusions.

### C. Body text

Authors should ensure that submitted texts are clear and easily understood, accurate, and concise. They must ensure that language is simple, correct, and formal. The abbreviations must be explained when they first appear in the text and then be used in a consistent and invariable way. No abbreviations will be used in the title or summary. In order not to affect the clarity of the text, abbreviation should be limited in number.

### D. Introduction

The introduction is divided into three parts:

- first part that defines the studied topic;
- second part summarizes the previous knowledge and literature background;
- third part that specifies how the issue was addressed in the reported work.

#### **E. Material & Methods (Patients & Methods)**

This section should contain technical, scientific, and human data, accurate and well documented, references to previously described methods and international terminology.

#### **F. Results**

This article section must contain only data, without comment, and be illustrated with tables and figures.

The information in the text should not duplicate the contents of tables and figures. Note that the word "significant" should be used only in the "statistically significant" meaning, giving the value of "p".

#### **G. Discussion**

Discussion meets three objectives whose elements will be exposed successively:

- interpret the results;
- examine the validity of the results and identify their implications (citing references referred to in the text);
- locate the results in relation to previous knowledge and possible future research.

#### **H. Tables and Figures**

Each figure and each table must be understandable independently of the text. No information should be redundant between the text, tables, and figures. Each figure and each table must respond to a specific intention and be called in the text.

Figures representing graphs must have, on their axes, the parameter represented with its unit and scale.

NB. The tables and figures must appear directly on template files.

#### **I. References**

Any formulated statement must be justified by the work itself and by previous work reported elsewhere. The reference must be stated.

The list of references must be exhaustive and complete in relation to the text. Beyond the seventh author cited in the reference, only the first six authors are indicated, followed by the mention "et al."