

GUIDELINES FOR ANNALS' CATEGORIES OF ARTICLES

Requirements for categories of articles

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATIONS
Original Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific report of the results of original clinical research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses the IMRAD format (Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion) 3,000 words (excluding abstract, tables, figures and references) Structured abstract: 250 words (see instructions for preparing a structured abstract in website) 3–5 keywords different from the title, in alphabetical order Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6 References: 40 Provide a summary of up to 80 words in bullet points for a Clinical Impact box A tweetable abstract in 140 characters or less on the key message of the study
Review Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides critical analysis on topics of current clinical interest Systematic reviews are preferred, including details of data sources, inclusion criteria and data extraction and synthesis Comprehensive narrative reviews are also welcomed Reviews are generally solicited Unsolicited reviews must be approved by the Editor first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,000 words (excluding abstract, tables, figures and references) Structured abstract: 250 words (see instructions for preparing structured abstract) 3–5 keywords different from the title, in alphabetical order Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6 References: 60 Provide a summary of up to 80 words in bullet points for a Clinical Impact box A tweetable abstract in 140 characters or less on the key message of the study
Editorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides analysis and commentary on article(s) featured in the issue of the journal in which they appear These are generally solicited Unsolicited Editorials must be approved by the Editor first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000–1,400 words No abstract No subheads References: 10
Letter to the Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a forum for readers to comment on recently published articles in the journal Features concise articles such as reports of novel cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000 words (excluding tables, figures and references) No abstract Tables and figures (total): 1 table or figure No subheads References: 10 Authorship: Maximum of 7 authors

Commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a personal perspective and an expert opinion on a healthcare, medical or ethics topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,700 words Abstract: optional (if included, unstructured form and under 250 words) Tables and figures (total): 4 tables/figures References: 20
Images in Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Images submitted to “Images in Medicine” should be educational and interesting 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000 words Written in the form of a quiz No abstract Maximum of 3 figures No subheads References: 10 Authorship: Maximum of 7 authors
Clinical Practice Guideline/ Consensus statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows either of the following reporting guidelines and includes the relevant checklist on submission: RIGHT http://www.right-statement.org/right-statement/checklist Or AGREE https://www.equator-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/AGREE-Reporting-Checklist.pdf Includes local data and highlights areas where local data are not available Includes cost-effectiveness studies and results where available Undergoes peer review by at least one international reviewer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Review Article