

## GUIDELINES FOR ANNALS' ARTICLE CATEGORIES

### Requirements for Article Categories

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 IMRDC format (Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion and Conclusion)</li> <li><b>Structured abstract: 250 words</b> (see instructions for abstract in Instructions for Authors: <a href="https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/">https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/</a>)</li> <li><b>Main text: 3000 words</b> (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements)</li> <li><b>3–5 keywords</b> different from the title, in alphabetical order</li> <li><b>Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6</b></li> <li><b>References: 40</b></li> <li>Provide a summary of up to <b>80 words</b> in bullet points for a Clinical Impact box (see instructions for manuscript in Instructions for Authors: <a href="https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/">https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/</a>)</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses the IMRDC format (Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion and Conclusion) or narrative review, depending on study design</li> <li><b>Structured abstract: 250 words</b> (see instructions for preparing structured abstract)</li> <li><b>Main text: 4000 words</b> (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements)</li> <li><b>3–5 keywords</b> different from the title, in alphabetical order</li> <li><b>Tables and figures (total): Maximum of 6</b></li> <li><b>References: 60</b></li> <li>Provide a summary of up to <b>80 words</b> in bullet points for a Clinical Impact box (see instructions for manuscript in Instructions for Authors: <a href="https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/">https://annals.edu.sg/instructions-for-authors/</a>)</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</li> <li>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>No headings</li> <li><b>References: 10</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Letter to the Editor</b></p>	<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> (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements)</li> <li>• <b>No abstract</b></li> <li>• Table or figure (total): 1</li> <li>• No headings</li> <li>• <b>References: 10</b></li> <li>• <b>Authorship: Maximum of 7 authors</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Commentary</b></p>	<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>• <b>Abstract:</b> Unstructured form within 250 words</li> <li>• Tables and figures (total): 4</li> <li>• <b>References: 20</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 and 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 and 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 1 international reviewer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Review Article above</li> </ul>

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