

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 (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements) 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"> Uses the IMRAD format (Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion) or narrative review, depending on study design Structured abstract: 250 words (see instructions for preparing structured abstract) 4,000 words (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements) 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 headings 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 (main text content, i.e. excluding abstract, captions, tables, figures, references and acknowledgements) No abstract

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table or figure: 1 • No headings • 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: Unstructured form under 250 words • Tables and figures (total): 4 • References: 20
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 above

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