



## *Information for Authors*

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### *Scope of the journal*

"The Journal of Tehran University Heart Center" aims to publish the highest quality material, both clinical and scientific, on all aspects of Cardiovascular Medicine. It includes articles related to research findings, technical evaluations, and reviews. In addition, it provides a forum for the exchange of information on all aspects of Cardiovascular Medicine, including educational issues. "The journal of Tehran University Heart Center" is an international, English language, peer reviewed journal concerned with Cardiovascular Medicine. It is an official journal of the Cardiovascular Research Center of the Tehran University of Medical Sciences (in collaboration with the Iranian Society of Cardiac Surgeons) and is published quarterly. Papers submitted to this journal which do not adhere to the Instructions for Authors will be returned for appropriate revision to be in line with the Instructions for Authors. They may then be resubmitted. Submission of an article implies that the work described has not been published previously (except in the form of an abstract or as part of a published lecture or academic thesis), that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, that its publication is approved by all Authors and tacitly or explicitly by the responsible authorities where the work was carried out, and that, if accepted, it will not be published elsewhere in the same form, in English or in any other language, without the written consent of the publisher.

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#### ***Brief communication***

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"The Journal of Tehran University Heart Center" publishes a limited number of scholarly, comprehensive reviews whose aims are to summarize and critically evaluate research in the field addressed and identify future implications. Reviews should not exceed 5000 words.

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Letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words and should focus on a specific article published in "The Journal of Tehran University Heart Center" within the preceding 12 weeks. No original data may be included. Authors will receive pre-publication proofs, and the authors of the article cited invited to reply.

### *Submission of manuscripts*

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All manuscripts correctly submitted to will first be reviewed by the Editors. Some manuscripts will be returned to authors at this stage if the paper is deemed inappropriate for publication in "The Journal of Tehran University Heart Center", if the paper does not meet submission requirements, or if the paper is not deemed to have a sufficiently high priority. All papers considered suitable by the Editors to progress further in the review process will undergo appropriate peer review and all papers provisionally accepted for publication will undergo a detailed statistical review.

### *Preparation of manuscripts*

All submitted manuscripts must not exceed 5000 words, including References, Figure Legends and Tables. The number of Tables, Figures and References should be appropriate to the manuscript content and should not be excessive. Authors should comply with the manuscript formatting and the ethical conventions of the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals" issued by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors ( <http://www.icmje.org> ).

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Authors whose first language is not English are requested to have their manuscripts checked carefully before submission. This will help expedite the review process and avoid confusion. Abbreviations of standard SI units of measurement only should be used.

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The Authors should state that their study complies with the Declaration of Helsinki that the locally appointed ethics committee has approved the research protocol and that informed consent has been obtained from the subjects (or their guardians).

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### *Section of the manuscripts*

Original articles should be divided into the following sections: (1) Title page, (2) Abstract and Keywords, (3) Introduction, (4) Methods, (5) Results, (6) Discussion, (7) Conclusion, (8) Acknowledgements, (9) References, (10) Figure legends, (11) Tables, (12) Figures.

### *General format*

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A maximum of six Keywords may be submitted.

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## *Acknowledgements*

All sources of funding and support, and substantive contributions of individuals, should be noted in the Acknowledgements, positioned before the list of references.

## *Reference format*

Number references sequentially and use Arabic number in superscript to cite the reference in the text. All references should be compiled at the end of the article in the Vancouver style. Complete information should be given for each reference including the title of the article, abbreviated journal title and page numbers. All authors should be listed. Personal communications; manuscripts in preparation and other unpublished data should not be cited in the reference list but may be mentioned in parentheses in the text. Authors should get permission from the source to cite unpublished data.

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