

## Instruction for Authors

**1.Aims and scope:** International Journal of Pediatrics is a peer-reviewed, open access journal that publishes original research articles, review articles, and clinical studies in all areas of pediatric research.

**2.Submissions:** The journal accepts submissions presented as an original article, short communication, case report, review article(solicited), or letter to the editor. Manuscript must be accompanied by a covering letter to the editor-in-chief, including title and author(s) name and undertaking that it has not been published or submitted elsewhere. All authors should review the submitted manuscript and the corresponding author should sign the covering letter on their behalf. In case the manuscript was earlier submitted to some other journals and was rejected, the authors must provide full information for proper analysis. Manuscripts submitted in English, must be type written, double-spaced on one side of the A-4 size paper with clear margins on both sides. Tables as well as illustrations should be typed and drawn on a separate paper. Authors are requested to reserve margins of at least 2 cm all around the paper. The figures should be sent in JPEG or GIF format which will produce high quality images in the online edition of the journal.

**3.** The manuscript should include: Title page, Structured Abstract and Keywords, Text (Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion), Acknowledgment and References.

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**Abstract:** All manuscripts must include a brief Abstract intelligible without reference to the main text. Formats and word limits for abstracts are summarized below according to the type of article submitted.

Research Article - structured abstract - 250 word limit

Short Communication - structured abstract - 150 word limit

Case Report - structured abstract - 150 word limit

Letter - unstructured - 100 word limit

Regardless of the focus, all abstracts begin with a clearly defined purpose or objective and end with conclusions and implications for research and practice.

A structured abstract organizes information with descriptive headings that begin flush with the left margin. Incomplete sentences are acceptable in a structured abstract for the sake of brevity.

The structured abstract should be organized as Background, Method (no necessary for case reports), Findings (case presentation for case reports) and conclusion(s).

**Keywords:** 3-7 key words or phrases should be provided which should be selected from the body of the text and not duplicate title words. Key words should be provided below the Abstract to assist with indexing of the article.

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**9. Discussion:** This should emphasize the present findings and the variations or similarities with other works in the field of study. The detailed data should not be repeated again.

**10. Conclusion:** Conclusions should be based on the results.

**11. Acknowledgement:** All contributors who do not meet the criteria for authorship should be covered. It should include persons who provided technical help, writing assistance and departmental head that only provided general support. Financial and material support and conflict of interests must be written in this section.

**12. Tables:** Tables should be self-contained and complement, but not duplicate, information contained in the text. Tables should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals. Each table should be presented on a separate page with a comprehensive but concise legend above the table. Tables should be double-spaced and vertical lines should not be used to separate columns. Column headings should be brief, with units of measurement in parentheses; all abbreviations should be defined in footnotes. Use superscript letters (not numbers) for footnotes and keep footnotes to a minimum. \*, †, ‡ should be reserved for P values. The table and its legend/footnotes should be understandable without reference to the text.

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- 1) report new, pilot tested research methods,
- 2) report on secondary or ancillary results from a larger study,
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- 4) report on a topic that is considered low priority

but would be of interest to some readers of *IJN*. Short communication are limited to 1,500 words including abstract and references.

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### The Final Checklist

The authors must ensure that before submitting the manuscript, they have taken care of the following:

1. Title Pages
2. Abstract
3. Manuscript
4. References

5. Tables, illustrations and figures with their captions

6. Cover letter including Copyright Transfer Agreement and Conflict of Interest Statement signed by all the authors

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