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Submission Guidelines

Manuscripts submitted for consideration and editorial correspondence should be directed to:

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Editorials

Editorial style articles (limited to 2,500 words) will be considered. An abstract is not required. Editorials will normally be requested by the editor; however, we will consider unsolicited manuscripts.

Clinician's Letters

Letter from clinicians (limited to 2,000 words) can be requested by the editor or suggested from potential authors with at least ten years of clinical experience as a practicing orthomolecular practitioner. We welcome suggestions from elder orthomolecular practitioners on particular clinical pearls.

Short Communications

We encourage short communications (limited to 1,000 words) in the form of letters to the editor that stimulate debate and provide relevant commentary, especially on articles published in the journal.

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Original research manuscripts will be considered. Such articles are papers that report clinically relevant investigations or observations within the journal's scope of interests. The abstract should be structured (as described in page two of "Instructions to Authors"), the text should not exceed 5,000 words, and there should be approximately 20 to 40 references. Figures and tables are encouraged and should be included where possible; however, data should not be repeated in both a table and a figure and accompanying text need not reiterate the information provided in tables and figures.

Brief Reports

Brief Reports are condensed articles with a focused message. They should include a brief abstract of no more than 200 words, text of no more than 1500 words, 5-15 references, and two tables or figures.

Case Reports/Series

Case reports provide a summary of a single case or several cases and give a concise review of the literature. Case reports should present unusual aspects of common problems or novel perspectives upon, or solutions to, clinically relevant issues. They should include a brief abstract of no more than 200 words, text of no more than 3,000 words, and there should be approximately 10-30 references. For further advice on writing detailed case reports, please refer to Aronson JK: Anecdotes as evidence. *BMJ*, 2003;326:1346.

Synthesis Papers

We welcome articles of an academic nature that are educational to the orthomolecular community. We also welcome articles that may be hypothesis generating and may create dialogue within the readership. They should include a brief abstract of no more than 200 words, text of no more than 3,000 words, and there should be approximately 10-30 references.

Review Articles

Review papers provide a synthesis of topics related to clinical aspects of orthomolecular medicine. The text should not exceed 5,000 words and have an abstract that does not exceed 200 words. Review papers can be written as focused systematic reviews or more broadly as narrative reviews.

Viewpoints/Opinion Pieces

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Submission Requirements

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References

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For Journal References Cited

1. Pauling L, Itano HA, Singer SJ, et al: Sickle cell anemia: a molecular disease. *Science*, 1949; 110: 543–548. For books cited: 2. Williams RJ: Biochemical individuality. New York, John Wiley & Sons. 1973; 32–36. For papers cited from books: 3. Cameron, E: Vitamin C, Carnitine and cancer. In. eds. Bland J. A year in nutritional medicine. New Canaan, CT, Keats Publ. 1986; 115–123.

Tables and Illustrations

Placement in manuscripts should be indicated with a line break and the entry: Place Table/Illustration 1 here. Include illustrations, tables and photographs on separate sheets, identifying each with number referring to manuscript placement. Illustrations and diagrams on CD must be created using a vector based drawing program and saved in EPS or 300 dpi TIFF file format. Create tables using column tabs rather than spaces. Legends must accompany each illustration. The author will assume the cost if illustrations require re-rendering.

Abstracts

For original research provide an abstract of 500 words or less, which must include the following subheadings: Background, Objectives, Design, Setting, Intervention, Main Outcome Measures, Results, Conclusions, and Trial Registration. All other types of papers require abstracts of 200 words or less, and should not follow the abstract format described here for original research papers.

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