

# Instructions to Authors

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## Focus and Scope

World Journal of Oncology (WJON), published bimonthly, is an international, open access and peer-reviewed journal that publishes original contributions describing basic research and clinical investigation of cancer, on the cellular, molecular, prevention, diagnosis, therapy and prognosis aspects. The submissions can be basic research or clinical investigation oriented. This journal welcomes those submissions focused on the clinical trials of new treatment modalities for cancer, and those focused on molecular or cellular research of the oncology pathogenesis. The types of manuscripts accepted are original article, review, editorial, short communication, case report, letter to the editor, book review.

## General Requirements

All manuscripts should be submitted electronically via our website, submissions via regular mail are not acceptable at the moment. Manuscripts should be double-spaced (including references, tables, and figure legends). There is no word limit for manuscripts, and no limit for number of figures, tables, and references.

Before submitting online, authors are asked to have their manuscript saved in word file and each figure saved as a separate electronic file, preferably named as "figure 1.tif," "figure 2.jpg," etc.

Manuscripts are accepted for consideration with the understanding that they have been submitted solely to World Journal of Oncology and that they have not been previously published, either in whole or in part. World Journal of Oncology is a fully peer-reviewed journal. The editors reserve the right to make editorial changes in all matter published in the Journal.

A cover letter should always accompany the manuscript. It should include the name, mailing address, telephone and FAX numbers, and e-mail address of the corresponding author.

## Types of Manuscripts

The manuscript should be written in English and the editors reserve the right to make appropriate corrections in grammar and style.

### Original articles

Should report original research not previously published or being considered for publication elsewhere. Submission of a manuscript to this journal gives the publisher the right to publish that paper if it is accepted. Manuscripts may be edited to improve clarity and expression.

### Editorials

Though usually solicited, Readers are encouraged to write about any cutting edge topics that relates to clinical medicine study, unsolicited topical commentaries of interest of maximum 3000 words will be welcomed for consideration.

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In-depth reviews of recent developments are welcome, and will undergo peer review. Reviews should have an abstract of up to 350 words.

### Case report

There is no word limit for case(s) report, and there is no limit for the figures, tables, and references in the case(s) report.

### Summary of meetings

Brief of medical conferences in up-to-date topics of oncology and relevant fields will be considered publication in the World Journal of Oncology.

## Preparation of Original Articles

Original articles are full-length reports of original research of clinical medicine. All articles should cover topics relevant to oncology research and practice.

### Title Page

Title: Use no abbreviations. Limit: 150 characters with spaces. Short Title: Limit: 60 characters.

### Authors

Include first and last names of all authors, and name and full location of department and institution where work was performed.

### Grant Support

List grant support and other assistance if applicable.

### Correspondence

Provide name, complete address, e-mail address, telephone number, and fax number of corresponding author.

### Financial Disclosures

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### Structured abstract

Limit: 350 words. Organize according to the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Do not use footnotes, or references.

### Key words

Provide up to 8 keywords.

### Introduction

Should be brief and set out the purposes for which the study has been performed along with relevant previous studies only wherever essential and necessary.

### Materials and methods

Should be sufficiently detailed so that readers and reviewers can understand precisely what has been done without studying the references directly. The description may be abbreviated when well accepted techniques are used. Describe ethical guidelines followed, for human or animal studies.

### Results

Should be presented precisely and directly. Do not include discussion of their importance in this section of the manuscript.

### Discussion

Discussion should be directly relate to the study being reported. Do not include a general review of the topic only. An in-depth and insightful discussion in regarding to the new findings is encouraged.

### References

Number references in the order cited as Arabic numerals in parentheses on the line.

List all authors up to seven, using "et al." when the number is greater than seven.

### Journal Articles

Zargar SA, Javid G, Khan BA, Yatoo GN, Shah AH, Gulzar GM, Singh J, et al. Endoscopic ligation compared with sclerotherapy for bleeding esophageal varices in children with extrahepatic portal venous obstruction. *Hepatology* 2002;36(3):666-672.

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The single most important criterion for acceptance is the originality of the work. However, a decision to accept a manuscript is not based solely on the scientific validity of its content. Other factors may affect decisions, such factors are, the extent and importance of new information in the paper compared with that in other papers being considered, the Journal's need to represent a wide range of topics, and the overall suitability for World Journal of Oncology. The initial editorial decision is usually sent to the author within 3 weeks after submission.

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