

# Instructions to Authors

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## Focus and Scope

Gastroenterology Research is an international journal that concentrates on basic research and clinical practice of gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreas and biliary, alimentary metabolism, nutrition, oncology and related fields. The journal is published bimonthly. All articles are rigorously reviewed. Gastroenterology Research presents up-to-date coverage of physiology, pathophysiology, metabolic studies and clinical reports on the etiology, diagnosis, and therapy of alimentary diseases. Manuscripts should present novel findings addressing significant questions in gastroenterology-hepatology, in the form of original article, review, short communication, or case report.

## General Requirements

Our requirements for submitted manuscripts are in accordance with the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals. For general information about the structure and content of a biomedical manuscript, authors should get familiar with the ICMJE Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts before reading the specific instructions for Gastroenterology Research below.

All manuscripts should be submitted electronically via our website, submissions via regular postal mail are not acceptable at the moment. Manuscripts should be double-spaced (including references, tables, and figure legends). Number all pages. Manuscripts should not exceed 6000 words, including all figures, tables, legends and references; however, Gastroenterology Research does not enforce a strict word limit, exceptions may allow under particular circumstances.

We will also allow no more than 10 figures and tables, with a maximum of 6 panels per figure.

A cover letter should 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. 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 basic and clinical gastroenterology, unsolicited topical commentaries of interest of maximum 3000 words will be welcomed for consideration.

### Reviews

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

Case report will be considered with 8 figures or tables maximum. Maximum length is up to 3000 words with up to 20 references.

### Summary of meetings

Brief of medical conferences in up-to-date topics of gastroenterology and relevant fields will be considered publication on Gastroenterology Research.

## Preparation of Original Articles

### Title Page

Title: Include animal species. 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.

### Structured abstract

Limit: 350 words. Organize according to the following headings: Background & Aims, 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. Cite approval of institutional human research review committee or animal welfare committee. Outline statistical methods used. When describing the results of hypothesis testing, report P values and/or confidence intervals. Using phrases such as "not significant" is not sufficient. Identify drugs and chemicals used by generic name, if trademarks are mentioned, manufacturer name and city are given.

### Results

Should be presented precisely and directly. Do not include discussion of their importance in this section of the manuscript. Tables should be prepared without use of tabs; most table editor programs can be uploaded successfully.

Images: Images can be clinical, pathologic (gross or microscopic), endoscopic, or radiographic. They should be of high quality (300 dpi or greater, clear, and in good focus), and illustrate well the diagnosis. Color files should be submitted in the CMYK color space.

Line art and graphs: any graphs or line art you submit are at a resolution of at least 300 dpi so that they are readable to reviewers.

Image file formats not supported at this time: ChemDraw, CorelDraw, Canvas, FreeHand, Excel, SigmaPlot, and Equation Editor. You may export image files from these programs as PDF, Jpeg, or other acceptable file formats.

File naming convention: Figures should be named consecutively such as "figure 1.tif," "figure 2.jpg," etc., with the file extension appended (.tif, .jpg, .eps, etc). Each figure should be saved as a separate electronic file. Authors must be aware of that color figure printing fee will be incurred. If the manuscript is reviewed with color figures, and the author does not wish to pay for printing color figures, the authors may choose to have their color figures printed in grayscale or black-and-white. Color figures are always free online.

### 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

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

### Journal Articles

Zargar SA, Javid G, Khan BA, Yattoo 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.

Tan PC, Hou MC, Lin HC, Liu TT, Lee FY, Chang FY, Lee SD. A randomized trial of endoscopic treatment of acute gastric variceal hemorrhage: N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate injection versus band ligation. *Hepatology* 2006;43(4):690-697.

(Note: If you prepare manuscript using Endnote, you may opt to keep the field codes when submitting your manuscript)

### Books

Hofmann AF. The enterohepatic circulation of bile acids in health and disease. In: Sleisinger MH, Fordtran JS, eds. *Gastrointestinal Disease*. Volume 1. 5th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders, 1993:127-150.

### Figure and table legends

Please do not embed or flatten the text into the image files. Legends should be in Word file and start from a new page, and numbered corresponding to the appearing order in the text.

## Preparation of Review

Review article should include title page, an abstract (not more 350 words) and an introduction section, followed by the review.

## Preparation of Case Report

Case report requires a title page, an abstract and an introduction, followed by the case report and discussion.

## Decisions

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.

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