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PJAAI welcomes manuscripts on all aspects of Allergy and Immunology in the form of original articles, review articles, case reports, feature articles (clinical practice guidelines, clinical case seminars, book reviews, et cetera), editorials, letters to the Editor, brief communications and special announcements.

Original articles

- ❖ The abstract should contain no more than 200 words with a structured format consisting of the objective/s, methodology, results and conclusion. A manuscript for original articles should not exceed 25 typewritten pages (including tables, figures, illustrations and references) or 6000 words.

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- ❖ Review articles provide information on the "state of the art." PJAAI encourages that reviews not only summarize current understanding of a particular topic but also describe significant gaps in the research, and current debates. The abstract should be from 50 to 75 words and should not be structured. A manuscript for review should not exceed 15 typewritten pages (including tables, figures, illustrations and references) or 4000 words.

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- ❖ PJAAL encourages submission of special articles that summarize and document the proceedings of allergy and immunology grand rounds, which includes presentation of medical problems of a particular patient, evaluation and work-up, treatment and clinical course, discussion of key diagnostic and management points, and commentaries by specialty experts. PJAAL recognizes the importance of this type of article as an educational tool for physicians and health practitioners. The abstract should be from 50 to 75 words and should not be structured. A manuscript for grand rounds should not exceed 25 typewritten pages (including tables, figures, illustrations and references) or 6000 words.

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5. If the paper has been presented in a scientific forum or convention, a note should be provided indicating the name, location and date of its presentation.

Abstract

For original articles, the abstract should contain no more than 200 words with a structured format consisting of the objective/s, methodology, results and conclusion. For feature articles, case reports, interhospital grand rounds, and brief communications, the abstract should be from 50 to 75 words and need not be structured.

Keywords

At least 3 keywords but no more than 6, preferably using terms from the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) list of Index Medicus, should be listed horizontally under the abstract for cross-indexing of the article.

Text

1. Generally, the text should be organized consecutively as follows: Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion, and Conclusion (IMRAD format).
2. All references, tables, figures and illustrations should be cited in the text, in numerical order.
3. All abbreviations should be spelled out once (the first time they are mentioned in the text) followed by the abbreviation enclosed in parentheses. The same abbreviation may then be used subsequently instead of the long names.
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5. If appropriate, information should be provided on institutional review board/ethics committee approval.
6. Acknowledgements to individuals/groups of persons, or institution/s should be included at the end of the text just before the references. Grants and subsidies from government or private institutions should also be acknowledged.

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Krause RM. The origin of plagues: old and new. *Science*. 1992;257:1073-1078. Barry JM. The site of origin of the 1918 influenza pandemic and its public health implications. [Commentary]. *J Translational Med*. January 20, 2004;2(3):1-4. <http://www.translational-medicine.com/content/2/1/3>. Accessed November 18, 2005.

Mokdad AH, Bowman BA, Ford ES, Vinicor F, Marks JS, Koplan JP. The continuing epidemics of obesity and diabetes in the US. *JAMA*. 2001;286(10):1195-200.

More than Six Authors

McGlynn EA, Asch S, Adams J, et al. The quality of health care delivered to adults in the United States. *N Engl J Med*. June 26, 2003;348(26):2635-45.

Authors Representing a Group

Moher D, Schulz KF, Altman D; for the CONSORT Group. The CONSORT statement: revised recommendations for improving the quality of reports of parallel-group randomized trials. *JAMA*. 2001;285(15):1987-991.

Book

Byrne, DW. Publishing your medical research paper: What they don't teach in medical school. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1998.

World Wide Web

The key and critical objectives of JAMA. <http://jama.ama-assn.org/misc/aboutjama.dtl>. Accessed April 4, 2007.

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7. Up to a maximum of five (5) tables are allowed.

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