

The Journal of Sudan Medical Specialisation Board

Guidelines to Authors

The Journal of Sudan Medical Specialization Board (JSMSB) is a peer reviewed, refereed journal that is published quarterly (four times a year). It is the official organ of the Sudan Medical Specialization Board, and published by this institution that has more than 35 specialty boards.

Scope and objectives

Scope: The journal of Sudan Medical Specialization Board is a multi – disciplinary journal that will cover all aspects of medicine, and medical and health sciences.

Objectives:

- To promote the science and art of medical research for the benefit of the public health.
- To document and disseminating knowledge and evidence for better health care.
- To improve the scientific knowledge and stimulate both trainers and trainees for scientific writing.
- To enable health care providers to remain informed in multiple areas of medicine and to provide them with continuing education in basic and clinical science to support informed clinical decisions and ongoing career development.
- To provide information on important issues that affect medical and health care policies.

General information

To achieve its objectives JSMSB invites manuscripts on original scientific research, review articles, case reports, short communications in all areas related to medical and health sciences.

Submission of a manuscript implies that the work described has not been published previously, and that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere; and that its submission for publication has been approved by all authors and institution where the actual work was carried out.

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1. RESEARCH ARTICLE FORMAT

The manuscript has to be submitted in Microsoft Soft word (Microsoft office 2003 or above) in one column. The manuscript shall be as follows:

- Typewritten in 1.5 spaces in A4 sized sheets.
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- Standard International Units should be used throughout the text.

Title, Authors, Affiliations (on the first/title page), Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Acknowledgments (if any) and References. In the last page, legends of Figure and Tables are mentioned.

Title Page

- The title should be as short as possible on the first page and provide precise information about the contents.
- The title should be followed by full names of author (s), affiliations of author (s) and institutional addresses.

Authors and Affiliations

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- The Corresponding Author of the manuscript must be marked with an asterisk *, and should be listed first.
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Abstract

Provide on a separate page a structured abstract of not more than 150-250 words in BOTH English and Arabic language (Non-Arabic speaking Authors are exempted from the Arabic Abstract). The structured Abstract should be informative, briefly present the topic, state the methodology, state the results, and point out major findings and conclusions. An abstract is often presented separately from the article, so it must be able to stand alone. For this reason, abbreviations and references should be avoided and standard nomenclature should be used.

Keywords

There should be minimum of three and maximum of five keywords, and should be arranged in alphabetical order.

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The introduction section should:

- Provide background that puts the manuscript into context and allows readers outside the field to understand the purpose and significance of the study.
- Define the problem addressed and why it is important.
- Include a brief review of the key literature.
- Conclude with a brief statement of the overall aim of the work and a comment about whether that aim was achieved.

Materials and Methods

It is simply a description of your actions during conducting the research.

Results and Discussion

Authors must show the main findings of the research, providing a clear explanation of their significance and relevance. The discussion should contain a critical review of the results in the light of relevant literature.

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This section should state clearly the main conclusions of the research and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance. It should also include any further plans for relevant future work.

Acknowledgement/s

This section should contain a precise and short acknowledgement text.

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There should be no spelling errors\typo in the artwork in the Figures. All the Figures and Tables are to be numbered and should be suitably cited in the text at their appropriate description, e.g., Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 3. Each figure should be sent separately in a high quality image-format (e.g jpeg).

References

Vancouver referencing style should be used.

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