

Journal of Nepalese Society of Critical Care Medicine (JNSCCM)

Author guidelines

Article types:

All the submitted manuscripts shall undergo the peer-review process. Types of articles accepted for submission and their requirements, including word limits, are enlisted below:

Article type	Abstract limit	Keywords limit	Tables/Figures limit	References limit
Original Article (up to 3000 words)	Up to 250 words	Up to 5 keywords	Up to 5 tables/figures (in total)	Up to 50
Review Article (up to 4000 words)	Up to 300 words	Up to 5 keywords	Up to 5 tables/figures (in total)	Up to 90
Case Report (up to 1500 words)	Up to 250 words	Up to 3 keywords	Up to 2 tables/figures (in total)	Up to 10
Editorial (Solicited)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Letter to editor (up to 350 words)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Up to 1 tables/figures (in total)	Up to 5
Clinical image (up to 350 words)	Not applicable	Not applicable	One clinical image	Up to 5
Commentary (up to 1000 words)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Up to 1 tables/figures (in total)	Up to 10

Original articles may include randomized controlled trials, observational studies, surveys and audits.

Review articles may discuss the topics of recent interest in the field of critical care medicine.

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Case reports would contain a series of cases or a single case, that would additionally contribute to the current understanding of disease management.

Letter to editor would address the published article in this journal or comment on recent scientific advances of general interest.

Clinical images should contain original high-quality image of patient or investigation findings (radiographic images, histopathological slides) that would be of relevance/interest in critical care medicine.

Commentaries are focused articles that are commissioned by journal. It either highlights recently published article related to critical care medicine in JNSCCM or other journals or covers an aspect of critical care relevant to the scope of the journal.

General instructions

- Manuscript must be submitted as a soft copy. Submission of hard copy is not accepted.
- Manuscript must be submitted in MS Word format.
- The manuscript, including the title page, abstract, keywords, text, references, tables and figure captions should be written with 12 point font size, double spaced and with 1 inch margin in all sides.
- Figure should be saved as separate file in JPEG format and should not be embedded in the manuscript file.
- Abbreviations need to be minimized and need to be mentioned in full, the first time it is mentioned in the text.
- Manuscript should be written in American English.
- All manuscripts will undergo blinded double-peer review.

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- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

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For all manuscripts reporting data from studies involving human or animal subjects, formal review and approval (or documented waiver) of ethical approval from Institutional Review Committee

(IRC) or Institutional Review Board (IRB) need to be obtained and submitted with the manuscript. All clinical trials need to be registered in a public trial registry.

Reporting guidelines

The journal recommends following guidelines for different article types:

Type of study	Guidelines
Randomized controlled trials	CONSORT
Studies of diagnostic accuracy	STARD
Systematic reviews and meta-analysis	PRISMA
Observational studies in epidemiology	STROBE
Case report	CARE checklist

Submission checklist

Following materials must be submitted:

Cover page:

- Should contain the title of the manuscript, a short running title, total words count of abstract, total word count of manuscript, information of any disclaimers or funding bodies and the corresponding author's full names, qualifications, affiliations, departments, email and addresses of institute affiliated (street, city, country).

Authorship page:

- Should contain in sequence, the information about primary author, corresponding author, and other authors, with authors' full names, highest academic qualifications, affiliations, departments, email and addresses of institute affiliated (street, city, country). Also mention, authorship contribution of each author and their signatures.

Declaration page:

- Need to declare any conflicts of interest, permission obtained (if any previously published materials are reproduced), etc and need to declare that the work is original and is not being submitted nor is under consideration for publication elsewhere. Need to be signed by the corresponding author.

Ethical approval letter:

- Need to be submitted for any work involving human or animal subjects and for multicentric, interventional or international studies.

Manuscript:

- Need to be in accordance with the author guidelines of the journal.

Manuscript format**Title page:**

- Title page should contain the title of the article followed by list of authors. The full name, degree, department and affiliation of all the authors need to be mentioned. The corresponding author's full name, degree, department, affiliation, email and contact number need to be mentioned.

Abstract and Keywords:

- Please refer to the section on Article Types for word limits.
- The abstract should briefly outline the content of the article and any conclusions it may reach. The keywords should include the words a reader would use to search the content of the article.
- For original articles, abstract should be structured and include the following headings:
 - Background and aims
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
- For other type of articles (where applicable), abstract need not be structured.

Body of article:

- For original articles, it should contain following sub-headings:
 - Introduction
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Discussion
 - Conclusion
 - References
- For case reports:
 - Introduction
 - Case Report
 - Discussion

Acknowledgements:

- To be mentioned at the end of manuscript, just before the References

References:

- All the references need to be as recent as possible and pertinent to the manuscript.
- References must be listed in AMA style, using Index Medicus journal title abbreviations.
- References must be cited sequentially (NOT alphabetically) in the text using superscript numbers.
- List all the authors, up to and including six names. For articles with more than six authors, list the first three followed by et al.

- Reference number in the manuscript should be mentioned as superscript and after parenthesis.

Manuscript submission:

- All manuscripts must be submitted online to jnsccm2022@gmail.com

Article processing charge (APC):

- JNSCCM does not charge APC.

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