

INTRODUCTORY PAGES

- Page 1: Running title not to exceed 40 characters (spaces and letters).
- Page 2: Title page (see Sample 1)
 - The title should be 3 lines or 150 characters maximum.
 - See Criteria for Authorship (Sample 2). Please note that there is a maximum of six authors.
 - Full names of authors and highest awarded academic degree. (Do not include honorary degrees.)
 - The author's(s') institutional affiliation and location at the time of the study should be included on the line beneath the author's(s') names. If the author(s) has moved since the study was completed, indicate in a footnote the "present address" for the appropriate author.

The following information, if applicable, should be included as footnoted items (beneath the institutional line of affiliation) to the title page. Order of footnote symbols: a b c d e f

- Department affiliation of each author.
- Present address of any author if different from institution where study was completed.

The following information should be included on the title page without a footnote symbol:

- Conflict of interest:** *On submission, the author(s) must disclose any potential conflicts of interest, whether of a financial or other nature. They must identify any financial arrangement they may have made with a company whose product is prominent in the submitted manuscript or with a company making a competing product. All sources of financial support must be listed on the title page. Commercial affiliations must be disclosed, regardless of whether they are a source of funding.*
 - Financial support (provide full name of funding institution; do not abbreviate); grant number, location (city, state, and/or country).
 - Include name of society, location, and dates if presented at medical meeting.
 - Provide name and address of author for reprint requests with fax number; e-mail should be included.
- Page 3: The capsule of abstract should be double spaced and should describe the *final conclusions* in 30 words or less.

In a prospective, randomized study, no significant advantage was found in the precise timing of hCG administration after pituitary desensitization before ovarian stimulation for IVF.

- Page 4: Structured abstract (see Sample 3)
 - Length: 175 to 200 words (maximum); double-space. (Omit *P* values.)
 - A structured abstract now is required for all articles, including Modern Trends, Case Reports, and Techniques and Instrumentation.
 - Key words. Provide 3–10 key words or short phrases below the abstract that will assist indexers.

MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

- Limit of 1 figure or table for every 3 pages of *double-spaced text* or approximately every 600 words.
- Manuscript includes main headings: **Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion.** (See Sample 4 for headings format.)
- All abbreviations, including Universal Abbreviations, must be written out in the title, abstract, and text where first cited, and at the beginning of a sentence. Abbreviations used in tables, figures, and legends must agree with text. The journal recognizes only internationally approved and accepted units of measure and abbreviations as noted in the "AMA Manual of Style" or "Dictionary of Medical Acronyms and Abbreviations" (2nd edition, edited by Jablonski). (See Sample 5 for Universal Abbreviations that must be used without definition.)
- Generic names must be used for all drugs. Use the trade name only if it is necessary to differentiate among drug forms or if a specific trade preparation was used. If a commercial product is cited, the name and location (city, state, and/or country) of the manufacturer must be included in parentheses.
- Identify patients by number and *not* by initials.

REFERENCES (see Information for Authors for samples)

- Begin references on a separate page and identify in the text by arabic numerals in parentheses in numerical sequence on line of text. Type double-spaced. References appearing for the first time in tables and figures must be numbered in sequence with those cited in the text where the figure or table is first mentioned.

- References must be verified from the original sources and be in proper format. See “Information for Authors” with regard to style and reference limitations. Journal titles must conform to those used in Index Medicus.
- List all authors. If the number of authors exceeds six, give six, followed by *et al.*
- If author’s(s’) own papers are cited as “in press” in the reference list, two copies of such papers *must* be provided. The title of the journal and expected month/year of publication must also be included. Unpublished data and personal communications may *not* be used as references, although references to written, not oral, communications may be inserted (in parentheses) in the text (e.g., J. Colton, personal communication).
- Please avoid citing abstracts as references. Abstracts can be cited as references **only** if they have been published

TABLES (See Sample 6)

- Tables must be double-spaced on separate pages, titled, and numbered with arabic numerals.
- Footnotes must be identified using the following symbols:
a b c d e f
- Omit internal horizontal and vertical lines.
- Data in tables cannot be duplicated in text or in figures.

ILLUSTRATIONS

- See “Information for Authors” for specific dimensions.
- Legends must be double-spaced in consecutive order. Include figures on a separate tiff or eps file. Slides are not acceptable. There is a page charge for color photos, with the exception of color graphs and color charts.
- Provide permission to reproduce previously published material.
- See below for an example of a figure prepared according to the journal format.

GENERAL FORMAT

- The manuscript (text, references, tables, and legends) must be double-spaced with margins of at least 25 mm (1 in). Include the page number on each page.
- Conventional units must be used for linear dimensions and hematologic and clinical-chemistry measurements. Use the degree Celsius for temperatures.
- Recognition of gifts or donations should be included in an acknowledgment section, not in the text. Individuals identified in the acknowledgment should have full names included, degree(s) if applicable, institutional affiliation and location (no abbreviations). Authors are responsible for obtaining written permission from persons acknowledged by name because readers may infer endorsement of the data and conclusions.

EXAMPLE OF FIGURE

