Reviews

Comprehensive evidence-based reviews, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses of the literature are welcomed. For the Pharmacoeconomics, Outcomes and Health Policy section, only systematic reviews and meta-analyses will be considered. Authors should contact the editorial office to discuss the topic area to avoid duplication with previously submitted or accepted manuscripts. For more information about what constitutes a good systematic review, see the PRISMA statement (http://www.prisma-statement.org/index.htm). For further information on reviews, CD Mulrow (The medical review article: State of the science. Ann Intern Med 1987;106:485-488) and AD Oxman et al. (User's guide to the medical literature. VI. How to use an overview. Evidence-based medicine working group. JAMA 1994;272:1367-1371).

The review should include a descriptive and succinct title; a structured abstract; an introduction that specifies the purpose of the review; methods section that identifies the databases that were searched, search terms used, and inclusion/exclusion criteria for identified articles; an assessment of the validity of reviewed studies; and a summary that includes future directions for studies in this area. Each study mentioned in the review should include the study design, a description of the study population (age range, disease/severity), the dose and duration of each treatment administered, and the data and P values to accompany any valid comparisons.

Abstract: 400 words

Text: 5500-6000 words

The abstract should be formatted as follows:

**Purpose:** Briefly provides the frame of reference for the reader and identifies the knowledge gap that the article seeks to address; clearly states the purpose of the research; and identifies the scientific hypotheses and questions being asked.

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**Findings:** Includes study demographics, adverse events, principle data and outcomes, and statistical analyses.

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