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MANUSCRIPT FORMAT

Article Types

The following table shows what types of articles are accepted for publication, and what requirement they may have.

Article Type	Abstract Limit	Keywords Limit	Title Limit
Review Article	400 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
Original Research Article	300 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
Special Issue Article	300 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
Conference Report	300 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
Clinical Case Series	300 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
Clinical Case Report	200 words	3 to 5 keywords	Up to 30 words
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Editorial / Guest Editorial	Not applicable	Not applicable	Up to 30 words
Letter to the Editor	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Up to 30 words
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Obituary	Not applicable	Not applicable	Up to 30 words
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Authors must particularly ensure that their research complies with the commonly-accepted '3Rs': (1) *Replacement* of animals by alternatives wherever possible; (2) *Reduction* in number of animals used; (3) *Refinement* of experimental conditions and procedures to minimise the harm to animals.

Papers will only be accepted for publication if authors can confirm that:

- The research conforms to the standards set out in [EU Directive 2010/63/EU for animal experiments](#) and there is clear indication in the manuscript that this is the case.
- The research proposal went through a process of ethical review prior to the study commencing; this must include a weighing of the likely adverse effects on the animals against the benefits likely to result from the work.
- The potential for application of the 3Rs was rigorously analysed prior to starting, and that every opportunity was taken during the course of the study to implement each of them; this includes analysis of alternative research strategies that could potentially be used to address the research question and that would not involve the use of animals.
- Animal husbandry and care was in accordance with EU Directive 2010/63/EU for animal experiments.
- All individuals involved with the care and use of animals were trained and skilled to an acceptable level of competency, with euthanasia carried out according to contemporary best practice.
- Appropriate anaesthesia and analgesia were used to minimise pain and distress, and humane end-points were defined and implemented where appropriate.

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