

## Instructions to the Authors

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	Total No of Pages	No of References	No of Tables	No of Figures
Original Article	15	40	As per need	As per need
Case Report	4	15	2	2
Letter to Editor	3	5	1	1
Images	3	5	0	2-3
Review Article	10	40	3	3
Commentary	4	10	1	1

### Review Process

Manuscripts will be first evaluated by editorial team and if found appropriate, will be send for peer review process to at least two referees. Manuscripts that are outside the range of interest of IJN readership or that fail to satisfy the technical requirements would be rejected and promptly returned to authors without further review. Manuscript returned **for technical modifications** must be returned back within one-week time. The rejected manuscript would be destroyed. Manuscripts returned to authors for modification **after external review** should be returned back to the editorial office as early as possible but not later than 1 months. The editorial board reserves the right to assess suitability of the language, modify the text, improve the photographs to enhance clarity of presentation without affecting the message being conveyed by the article.

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All manuscripts should be typed double spaced on standard A-4 size paper format. Cite references and figures by **Arabic numbers** in the text. **All weights and measures must be given in metric units**. Avoid use of full stops in the middle of abbreviations (ECG, not E.C.G.). **All clinical trials must be registered** and the name of the registry where the trial was registered should be provided.

**All pages of the manuscript should be numbered consecutively beginning with the title page.**

There should be following **FIVE files** related to manuscript:

1. Covering letter
2. Title page
3. Main body of manuscript
4. Figure(s)
5. Copyright form

### **I. Covering letter**

- Manuscript should be accompanied with a submission letter **by the corresponding author** addressing to editor-in-chief. It should also include
  - description of why the paper should be considered for publication
  - each authors contribution statement
  - any prior publication or 'under consideration' for publication of the manuscript
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**Title page must be separate from the cover letter and main file. It should be arranged as follows and include:**

- **Type of article** (whether original manuscript or case report etc.)
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- 3-5 key words for indexing purpose
- Page count of manuscript
- Words count of abstract
- Number of tables and figures

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**Main body of file should start with title of the manuscript and abstract on same page.** Main file should be arranged as follows:

#### **1. Abstract**

- The abstract should be structured into four paras; introduction, methods, results and conclusions.
- It should be less than 250 words.
- Abbreviations should be avoided.
- There should not be any reference

#### **2. Introduction**

- Introduction should describe the background knowledge, lacunae in the knowledge and why the present study was undertaken.

- It should be brief and not too long.
- Recent references should be provided, including Indian citations.

### 3. Methods

- In original article, particularly in trials, it should include design of the study, setting, inclusion criteria, exclusion criteria, primary and secondary end point, intervention and sample size calculation.
- Method used if already established then a reference is sufficient. Otherwise method should be described in detail.
- It should include statistics applied in the study.
- **It MUST include statement related to ethical clearance of the study.** Even in retrospective studies, it is desirable to take ethical clearance from the institution.

### 4. Results

- For parameter estimates (e.g., relative risks, hazard ratios), use 95% confidence intervals whenever possible rather than P values.
- Do not use “NS” for P values; provide the actual P values.
- P values should have only two significant decimal places, however, lower values (e.g., 0.002) are acceptable.
- Values smaller than 0.001 should be listed as <0.001.

### 5. Discussion and conclusions

- Discussion should be relevant to the aims and results of the study
- Author should restrain from drawing conclusions which cannot be drawn from the study or were not the aims of the study.

### 6. Acknowledgement & funding source

- It is desirable to acknowledge the persons who have not significantly contributed in conduct of the study, rather than including them as co-author.
- Source of funding of study with its reference should be mentioned in this section

### 7. References

- References should be numbered in the order of appearance in the text in **Arabic format**.
- Reference number in the text should be typed as ‘**superscript without parenthesis**’.
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Yoo KH, Norwood VF, Chevalier RL. Regulation of angiotensin II AT 1 and AT2 receptors in neonatal unilateral ureteral obstruction (Abstract). J Am Soc Nephrol 1995;6:1035.

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Author(s), chapter title, book title, edition, editor(s), city of publication and publishers, year, page. Example: Broune WE. The immunobiology of different types of renal allograft rejection, in Contemporary issues in Nephrology, Renal transplantation, ed. Milford EL, Brenner BM, Stein JH, New York. Churchill, 1989 p 45-96.

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- Use superscript letters to indicate footnotes typed at the bottom of the table.
- All abbreviations used in the table should be elaborated below the table to make table self-interpretable.

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- Figure legends should come on a separate page
- Legends should state degree of magnification or scale bars should be used on the photograph.

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- Each figure should be send online separately and not as part of main file. It also should not be pasted in the text of file.
- Figures must be of professional quality.
- Figures should be high resolution (300x300 dpi) in **tif or bmp format**. (Do not senf jpg or gif files).

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