

### For Authors

# JAPM: Manuscript Types and Instructions

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JOURNAL of ANESTHESIA and PERIOPERATIVE MEDI-CINE (JAPM) publishes articles related to research in and the practice of perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine, and presents the information in an understandable and practically useful format.

Exceptions to these instructions are noted below, the peer-review and editorial process is applied to all manuscripts. Both clinical and basic articles will also be subject to statistical review, when appropriate.

## Original Research Article

Original Research Articles are scientific reports of the results of original clinical trials or laboratory researches, which focus on all fields of perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine. Priority for publication is given to those manuscripts with original and novel findings, particularly related to the clinical care and outcome of patients.

The manuscript should include the structured abstract (structured into the following subheadings: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions) and all tables, figures, and appendices that are essential to reporting the study design and findings. The text is limited to 3500 words, with an abstract of no more than 400 words, an Introduction (up to 500 words), Methods, Results, and Discussion, a maximum of 8 tables and figures (total), and up to 50 references.

### Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

A systematic review or meta-analysis is a review of a clearly formulated question that uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select, and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review.

A systematic review or meta- analysis often produces new knowledge, which should be written and submitted as an Original Article with structured abstract, not as a Review Article.

Authors preparing systematic reviews and meta-analyses for submission to JAPM should follow the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses) checklist and must include a PRISMA flow diagram as figure 1 in the manuscript.

## Review Article

Review Articles are usually solicited by the editors, but we also consider unso-

licited manuscripts for publication. Review Articles provide comprehensive, scholarly overviews of important subjects which may be clinical or investigational science in the area of perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine, with the principal (but not exclusive) focus on developments in recent 5 years.

All review articles undergo the same peer-review and editorial process as Original Research Articles. The text is limited to 5000 words, with a structured abstract (structured into the following subheadings: Aim of review, Methods, Recent findings and Summary) of no more than 400 words, a maximum of 8 tables and figures (total), and up to 100 references.

# **Study Protocol**

JAPM supports data sharing proposed by the New England Journal of Medicine and the IC-MJE, and JAPM has an idea that publishing clinical trial protocols is an important part of data sharing, and can help toward the goal of making data sharing a reality.



| Table. JAPM Manuscript Types and Instructions |                          |                         |                      |                     |                  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Section Title                                 | Abstract<br>(Y/N)        | Abstract<br>(Words max) | Text*<br>(Words max) | Reference (no. max) | Color<br>Payment |
| Original Research Article                     | Y, structured abstract   | 400                     | 3500                 | 50                  | free             |
| Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis           | Y, structured abstract   | 400                     | 3500                 | 50                  | free             |
| Review Article                                | Y, structured abstract   | 400                     | 5000                 | 100                 | free             |
| Study Protocol                                | Y, structured abstract   | 500                     | 6000                 | 50                  | free             |
| Case Report Article                           | Y, unstructured abstract | 300                     | 4000                 | 60                  | free             |
| Editorial                                     | N                        | N                       | 2000                 | 20                  | free             |
| Opinion                                       | N                        | N                       | 1800                 | 20                  | free             |
| Medical Image                                 | N                        | N                       | 400                  | 6                   | free             |
| Letter to the Editor                          | N                        | N                       | 1600                 | 10                  | free             |

<sup>\*</sup>Text word counts exclude abstract, references, figure legends, and tables.

JAPM Study Protocol articles can be for proposed or ongoing prospective clinical trial with trial registration number, and should describe comprehensive information about the backgrounds or hypothesis, rationale and methodology of the study. Protocols of randomized trials should include the SPIRIT flow diagram in the manuscript.

All JAPM Study Protocol articles undergo the same peer-review and editorial process as Original Research Articles. The text is limited to 6000 words, with a structured abstract (structured into the following subheadings: Background, Methods and Design, Discussions and Trial Registration) of no more than 500 words, a maximum of 10 tables and figures (total), and up to 50 references.

# Case Report Article

Case Report Articles for JAPM are aimed to describe unusual, instructive or challenging cases, novel anesthetic techniques, novel use of equipment, or new information on diseases of importance to perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine. Any manuscripts submitted for publication should provide new insights for clinicians.

Case Reports are almost never appropriate for describing efficacy of a drug or a treatment which should be demonstrated by adequate and well- controlled studies. The text is limited to 4000 words, with an unstructured abstract of no more than 300 words, an Background (up to 150 words), Case Presentation, Discussion and Take Home Messages (3 to 5 bullet points), and

up to 60 references. The use of tables and figures is encouraged.

### **Editorial**

Editorials usually provide commentary and analysis concerning an article appearing in the same issue of the journal or on changes in journal activities or policies. They may include 1 figure and 1 table. They are nearly always solicited, although unsolicited editorials may occasionally be considered. Editorials are limited to 2000 words, with up to 20 references. Final acceptance of any Editorial, even an invited Editorial, is at the discretion of the Editorial Board.

## Opinion

Opinions articles are intended to offer expert insights into a wide variety of timely, important or controversial topics related to perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine. Opinions should be well focused, scholarly, and clearly presented and must have no more than 5 authors. The text is limited to 1800 words, and usually with one figure or table. There is a maximum of 20 references.

# Medical Image

Images are of great importance for what we do and learn in perioperative, critical care, and pain medicine. Medical Image article consists of a publication- appropriate photograph, photomicrograph, radiograph, or other type image, accompanied by a paragraph or 2 of descriptive text.

Priority is given to importance of the topic,

clarity of the images and message, and aesthetics. Authorship is limited to 3 authors. All images should be submitted as 300 dpi. The text is limited to 400 words. There is a maximum of 6 references.

# Letter to the Editor

The Editor welcomes letters and comments, particularly pertaining to recently published articles

in JAPM, as well as letters reporting original observations and researches. Letters pertaining to a recently published JAPM article should be received no later than 6 month after publication of the article. Priority is given for the importance of the message, novelty of thought, and clarity of presentation. The Editor reserves the right to edit letters in accordance with JAPM style and to abridge them if necessary.

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